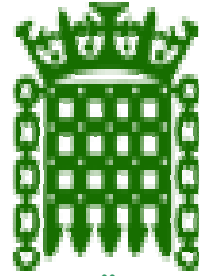




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New trams for Luas light rail



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A €36.5 million order for seven new Luas trams has been announced ahead of a planned extension of the system's Green Line.

Alstom will supply new, longer Citadis trams before the end of 2017 to coincide with the launch of the extension.

The new vehicles will be 54.6 metres long, compared to the 43 metres of the current fleet, increasing capacity for an extra 60 passengers.

Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport Paschal Donohoe TD said: "Placing the order for the new trams today, is another important step in this project.

"The new trams will carry more people and allow the Luas Cross City extension to provide a frequent, efficient and integrated transport option for the city centre and all the way to Cabra."

New tram stops being built for the Luas Cross City will be longer to accommodate the new trams. Existing platforms will also be extended.

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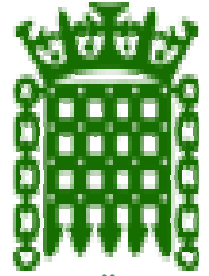
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Alstom to deliver seven additional Citadis trams to Lyon, France



The seven new Citadis trams are in addition to the ten ordered in 2011. Photo: courtesy of Alstom. 25 November 2015

Alstom has received a €20m order to deliver seven Citadis trams to Sytral (Syndicat des Transports de l'Agglomération Lyonnaise), the transport authority of Lyon, France.

The new order is an exercise of an option on a €33m contract signed in 2011 for ten trams.

The new light-rail vehicles (LRVs) will add to the existing fleet of trams operating on the 61km network. Since 1998, Sytral has ordered 92 Citadis LRVs and owns one of the biggest tram fleets in France.

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The new low-floor Citadis trams will be identical to those in operation on line T3.

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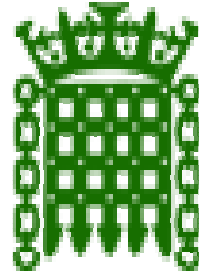
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The 43m-long trams will have a capacity to carry 400 passengers and be equipped with air-conditioning and CCTV.

Alstom France senior vice-president Jean-Baptiste Eyméoud said: "This new order is undeniable proof of the trust placed by our historic client in Alstom's Citadis.

"The Sytral can be sure of using high-quality, tried and tested material as it benefits from a return of experience of over 2,000 Citadis sold to 50 cities worldwide."

The LRVs will be assembled at the company's La Rochelle plant in France, with motors delivered from Ornans, bogies from Le Creusot, traction equipment from Tarbes, electronics from Villeurbanne and design work carried out at Saint-Ouen.

In October 2012, Alstom delivered the first of 12 high-capacity Citadis bidirectional trams to Sytral and in November that year they replaced the existing 32m vehicles on the T3 Line to provide additional capacity on the 14.6km route from Part-Dieu to Meyzieu.

These trams are around four times quieter than car traffic, generating noise levels that are 5dBA lower.

The Citadis trams operate at an average speed of 70km/h and are capable of running on multiple electric power systems with or without overhead cables.

At the end of last year, Sytral revealed details of its €1bn 2015-2020 investment plan, which aims to increase system capacity over the next six years.

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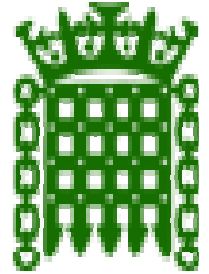
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New trams ordered for Gold Coast light rail extension



Photo: Bombardier.

Bombardier is to supply four more trams to Australia's Gold Coast as the city moves forward with plans to extend its light rail network.

The \$25 million (€17 million) order represents an option on the original contract for 14 trams which was signed in 2011.

Gold Coast Light Rail Transit system (GCLRT) plans to use the new vehicles on the planned northern extension of the line between Southport and Helensvale.

The city hopes to complete the extension ahead of the 2018 Commonwealth Games, which it is hosting.

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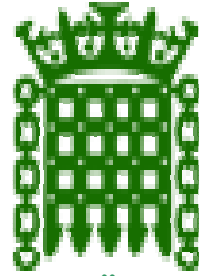
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GoldLinQ chief executive Phil Mumford said: "The yellow and blue trams have become synonymous with the Gold Coast and the new light rail vehicles required for Stage 2 are due to arrive from August 2017.

"These trams are designed specifically for the Gold Coast and will ensure the same high quality passenger experience and service frequency is maintained as the system expands."

Bombardier is a member of the GoldLinQ consortium which was responsible for the design and construction of the network as well as its ongoing operation and maintenance.

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