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More hydrogen trains for the State of California

The State of California and Stadler today have signed a landmark agreement marking a significant step towards a sustainable, emissions-free future for the Golden State. Under this transformative contract, Stadler will provide the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) and Caltrans with four state-of-the-art hydrogen-powered trains, with an option to acquire up to 25 additional train sets.

A partnership between Stadler and the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA) paved the way for the creation of the very first hydrogen-powered train in North America. The groundbreaking vehicle was unveiled to the world at two international events: InnoTrans 2022 and APTA EXPO 2023, capturing the attention of industry partners, transit agencies, rail enthusiasts and environmental advocates alike.

Stadler's new hydrogen train has undergone extensive testing in both Switzerland and the USA, affirming its exceptional performance and reliability. The successful trials have led to an unprecedented decision by CalSTA and Caltrans to embark on this innovative path alongside Stadler.

The contract, signed today, represents the next phase in the collaboration, introducing a further developed SBCTA model with enhanced transport capacity. It demonstrates Caltrans' unwavering commitment to investing in cutting-edge technology that will help California meet its ambitious zero-emission rail mandate.

«Stadler's goal is to help make travel in North America environmentally-friendly through the vehicles and services we provide. Only very few rail lines in the US are electrified, which is why solutions like the FLIRT H₂ are so important here.» says Ansgar Brockmeyer, EVP of Marketing and Sales, Stadler Group.

Martin Ritter, CEO Stadler US says «Our design of the battery fuel cell train is changing the US rolling stock industry for alternative propulsion systems, combining the typical Stadler top quality and reliability. We're driving innovation that's not just transforming railways, but the very essence of sustainable transportation in America.» He adds «This contract is a testament to our relentless pursuit of sustainable, eco-friendly transportation solutions, and we are thrilled to play a pivotal role in California's journey towards a cleaner, greener future.»

As California's next big rail investment unfolds, the deployment of these hydrogen trains across the state is poised to revolutionize the rail industry while significantly reducing carbon emissions. Stadler's unrivaled expertise in alternative drives positions the company at the forefront of sustainable transportation solutions. California's commitment to a zero-emission rail network, coupled with Stadler's innovative technology, marks a groundbreaking partnership that will have a lasting impact on the environment and the future of rail transportation.

About Stadler

Stadler has been building trains for over 80 years. The provider of mobility solutions in rail vehicle construction, service and signalling technology has its headquarters in Bussnang, eastern Switzerland. It has a workforce of around 13,500 based in various production and engineering locations as well as more than 70 service locations. The company is conscious of its social responsibility for sustainable mobility and therefore stands for innovative, sustainable and durable quality products. The product range in the field of mainline railways and city transport includes high-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and suburban trains, metros, tramways and trams. Stadler also manufactures main-line locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages. It is the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry *Follow Stadler on [LinkedIn](#), [Xing](#) and [Facebook](#).*

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