

Hitachi Rail to deliver new generation trains for Naples Metro Line 6 in €200m deal

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Hitachi Rail has been awarded a contract to supply new generation trains for Naples Metro Line 6 by the Municipality of Naples. The €200 million contract will see Hitachi Rail manufacturer 22 trains for the line.

Measuring a total length of 39 meters and with a capacity of 290 passengers, the trains will be equipped with Automatic Train Protection (ATP). The technology will ensure both safe operation of the trains, as well as an innovative air conditioning system designed to guarantee high levels of comfort for passengers in all seasons.

Hitachi Rail will manufacture the new trains at its factory sites in Pistoia and Naples. Phase one of the contract will include the construction of the first six new bidirectional metropolitan trains. The first six trains will enter service from 2026, and will contribute to progressively increasing service frequency, helping to grow capacity and comfort for passengers.

“Hitachi Rail is committed to providing sustainable and innovative mobility solutions worldwide,” said Luca D’Aquila, COO Hitachi Rail Group. “We believe that public transport, and in particular urban transport, plays a crucial role in bringing people and communities closer to an integrated and increasingly

sustainable mobility ecosystem. Our reliable, safe and comfortable transport systems can encourage the greater use of green mass transport, helping to drive a modal shift away from private transport, delivering increasingly connected and green cities”.

The Mayor of Naples, Gaetano Manfredi, said: “It is a fundamental step to enhance rail transport in the city with the latest generation trains that guarantee efficiency and safety to users. The Administration’s efforts to equip the city with an increasingly articulated and technologically advanced transport system continue”.

“In the summer of this year, line 6 will be opened for use in the Mostra-Municipio section using the existing trains, 25 meters long and with a capacity of 200 passengers, maintained as mechanics and electronics and enhanced with safety instrumentation to protect the march,” said the Councilor for Mobility Edoardo Cosenza.

“By summer 2026 we will have the gradual transition to the new 39-meter trains and a capacity of 290 passengers as per the contract signed with Hitachi, improving carrying capacity and comfort. Subsequently, there will be a gradual transition to new trains in double composition (580 passengers) with a frequency of 4.5 minutes. Line 6 will involve the large basin of Bagnoli, Fuorigrotta, Chiaia and then Posillipo, making it connected with Piazza Municipio with an interchange on Line 1.”