

Nexus plans for a new Metro train fleet

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Nexus, the public body which owns and manages the Tyne Wear Metro, today issued the following statement about its programme to order a £362m new train fleet.

The procurement of our new fleet is an ongoing process, and we have made no decision about who might be awarded the contract to design and build new trains. We will not comment on any details of the respective bids from the final three companies involved – Hitachi Rail, Stadler or CAF – at this stage. The successful bidder will be announced in the new year when we have completed detailed and thorough evaluation.

The successful bidder will design, build and maintain a fleet and maintenance facilities that will serve Metro for 35 years, as well as a new depot constructed at the existing site in Gosforth, Newcastle.

Our detailed specification takes account of consultation with more than 3,000 Metro passengers in 2016 and 2017, followed by market engagement with train builders to refine the plans.

The three shortlisted bidders are challenged to design trains which will operate efficiently and robustly, supplying a step change in Metro availability and performance, with a bright modern appearance.

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