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Stadler to deliver four additional hybrid tram-train vehicles to Hungarian Railways

Hungarian passenger service operator MÁV-START Zrt. has exercised its right and called an option from Stadler for four additional bi-mode tram-trains of the CITYLINK family. Base contract for the supply of eight vehicles was signed between the companies in 2017 to serve the first tram-train system in Hungary between the cities of Szeged and Hódmezővásárhely. First eight units are expected to enter commercial service by the Autumn of 2021, while the optional 4 units by the summer of 2022.

Hungarian passenger service operator MÁV-START Zrt. signed a contract with Stadler for the supply of eight bi-mode tram-train vehicles of the CITYLINK type with an option for additional four units in 2017. This option has been exercised now. The new bidirectional vehicles will connect without transshipments the tram networks of Szeged and Hódmezővásárhely. The objective of the first tram-train project in Hungary is to provide a high quality public transportation system for passengers commuting every day between the two cities. The base lot of 8 vehicles would be able to serve a timetable with a 20 minute vehicle frequency, while with the additional 4 units this amount can be reduced to only 15 minutes.

The new tram-trains are able to operate in electric mode under 600 V DC overhead on the tram networks in Szeged and Hódmezővásárhely, and in diesel mode on the mainline connecting both cities. They feature two low-emissions diesel power packs rated at 390 kW. They are also able to negotiate narrow curves of 22 m radius providing the benefit of being used in existing curved streets of city centers. Easy access for different platforms types, without modifying the current height of the platforms, is also ensured by doors located at different heights and the use of different type of sliding ramps.

The fully accessible vehicles, designed and manufactured by Stadler Valencia, are 37.2 m long and 2.65 m wide. They have been designed according to the latest safety standards and have a capacity of 220 persons, 92 seated. The vehicles are low-floor throughout and barrier-free. Spacious interior with a high number of seats and four multi-purpose places for persons of limited mobility such as wheelchair users and parents with prams, full HVAC, CCTV and PIS systems are all features that will optimize the passenger travel experience.

Stadler is a benchmark in the tram-train segment. In addition to this order in Hungary, CITYLINK LRV are running in Karlsruhe and Chemnitz (Germany), Mallorca and Alicante (Spain), Puebla (Mexico) and Sheffield in the UK where, in a year, those vehicles will also start operating in the Wales region. CITYLINK is a modular, barrier-free and low-floor light rail vehicle family specially designed to connect the city center with its metropolitan area without transshipments, providing a safe and highly comfortable ride. It covers tramway applications and full train operations at 100km/h.

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