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**Stadler US Grand Opening - The future of Rail manufacturing in Utah**

**Stadler celebrates Grand Opening of new Salt Lake City train manufacturing site. Guests included Governor Gary Herbert, Lt. Governor Spencer Cox, Senator Orrin Hatch and US Ambassador to Switzerland Ed McMullen.**

Stadler US Inc. celebrated the newly constructed train production facility in the northwest quadrant with invited guests. Among the attendees were Utah Governor Gary Herbert, Utah Lt. Governor Spencer Cox, Senator Orrin Hatch, Mayor Jackie Biskupski, US Ambassador to Switzerland Ed McMullen and Minister Counselor Daniel Freihofer. Also offering remarks during the celebration were Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of Stadler Rail Group Peter Spuhler, Stadler US President and CEO Martin Ritter and President and CEO of the American Public Transportation Association Paul Skoutelas.

As part of the celebration, Stadler re-enacted the historic meeting of the trains at Promontory point with the company's own electric and diesel trains for CalTrain and TEXRail.

«Today it is a great pleasure to present a car body of the first double-deck train being manufactured for the USA as well as the last FLIRT for TEXRail. To a high degree, these trains were built right here in Salt Lake City», said Peter Spuhler.

«It seems fitting that as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad that we also celebrate the grand opening of Stadler Rail's new U.S. headquarters and manufacturing facility in Utah», said Utah Governor Gary Herbert during his remarks.

«The American Public Transportation Association and its more than 1,500 member systems and businesses applaud Stadler's investment in the future of public transportation. The new U.S. production facility strengthens our industry and advances modern mobility in America», said Paul Skoutelas, President and CEO of the American Public Transportation Association.

After about 18 months of construction, the new production facility near the airport was completed this year. All operations were transferred from the leased Warm Springs site to the new site last month. The current building, 230,000 square feet in size, is located on a 62 acre site in the North West quadrant and consists of multiple halls, measuring 45,000 square feet each.

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## **About Stadler**

*International rail vehicle construction company, Stadler, is headquartered in Bussnang in Eastern Switzerland. Founded in 1942, it has a workforce of over 8,500 based in various production and over 40 service locations. Stadler provides a comprehensive range of products in the heavy and urban transport segments: High-speed trains, intercity trains, regional and commuter heavy rail trains, underground trains, tram trains and trams. Stadler also manufactures main-line locomotives, shunting locomotives and passenger carriages, including the most powerful diesel-electric locomotive in Europe. It is the world's leading manufacturer in the rack-and-pinion rail vehicle industry.*

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