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MTR and Nobina sign agreement for bus-for-rail services

MTR and Nobina have signed an agreement regarding bus-for-rail services for the Stockholm commuter train system. The agreement enters into force on 11 December 2016 and runs for a period of 10 years, with an option for an additional four years. The agreement functions as a framework in which volumes and other details will be determined by infrastructure developments in the Stockholm region in the coming years.

“I am pleased with this agreement which ensures the provision of transport services for our shared customers in the event of scheduled commuter train cancellations as well as emergencies. We have chosen to cooperate with Nobina since we have jointly arrived at a customer-focused and efficient manner of organising and implementing bus-for-rail services,” says Dan Hildebrand, CEO of MTR Pendeltågen.

Nobina has broad experience of successfully operating bus-for-rail services. An example of this is the commuter train cancellations during this summer, when Nobina was responsible for providing the lion’s share of bus-for-rail services and did so with a high level of customer satisfaction. In the agreement with MTR, bus-for-rail resources will increase in order to provide the customer with a quicker response in the event of disruptions in commuter train services.

“Nobina currently provides bus transport in all directions around the inner city of Stockholm on behalf of SL. This provides us with favourable conditions for promptly and efficiently identifying routes for replacement buses in tough situations. We regard our cooperation with MTR as an important factor for ensuring provision of the entire journey for our shared passengers – irrespective of whether everyday alignment between bus and train is involved or whether the dimensioning of bus-for-rail services is involved in cases of disruptions,” says Jan Bosaeus, MD Nobina Sverige AB.

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