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Nobina Signs New Long-Term Contract for Replacement Bus Services for VR Mälartåg

Nobina has signed a new agreement with VR to deliver both planned and emergency replacement bus services for Mälartåg across the entire Mälardalen region. The new contract will commence in December 2026 and run for up to ten years. The partnership represents a deepening of the collaboration between Nobina and VR, with a continued focus on reliability, scalability, and passenger information.

The assignment includes end-to-end responsibility for replacement transport during both planned track maintenance and unforeseen disruptions to rail traffic. The solution covers Mälartåg's entire geographic operating area and is based on an established collaboration model for preparedness, operational coordination, and rapid activation of resources, with a particular emphasis on real-time passenger information — a model that has proven successful in previous partnerships.

“We are very pleased with the continued confidence shown by VR. Replacement bus services are a critical part of the travel experience when unexpected events occur, and through this agreement we have the opportunity to build a robust, passenger-focused delivery together over the long term,” says Martin Pagrotsky, MD of Nobina Sweden.

VR also highlights the established cooperation and looks positively on the next phase:

“We already have a successful collaboration with Nobina regarding replacement traffic for Norrtåg, which VR operates in northern Sweden. Therefore, it feels reassuring that Nobina will also manage replacement services for Mälartåg when we take over that assignment later this year,” says Haris Habul, Train Division Director, VR Sweden.

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