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Summary

The Metropolitan Municipality in Istanbul is preparing to announce a tender to build the first air-train in Istanbul. Municipality officials state that they will allocate 5 billion Turkish Liras (\$2.2 billion) in the 2014-2015 budget for this project.

Project Description

The İstanbul Metropolitan Municipality has invested billions of liras on transportation projects in the last decade to overcome heavy traffic problem of this 17-million person city. Recent transportation projects include: new metro lines, the 3rd bridge over Bosphorus connecting Anatolia and Europe sides of the city, new highways, and a tunnel below sea connecting the two continents. The new mode of transportation planned is an air-train system that consists of the following eight routes: Beyoglu-Sisli (3.6 miles), Zincirlikuyu-Besiktas-Sariyer (2.8 miles), Levent-Gultepe-Celiktepe-

Levent (3.4 miles), Atasehir-Umraniye (6.5 miles), Sefaköy-Kuyumcukent-Airport (4.5 miles), Maltepe-Basibuyuk (2.2 miles), Kartal Seaside-D 100-Tuzla (3.1 miles) and Sabiha Gökçen Airport-Formula (4.8 miles).

Out of these eight routes, two project consultancy phases have already been tendered on August 20, 2014, and Tekfen won the tender for the consultancy services for these two projects. Tekfen, a major engineering/construction firm based in Turkey that has worked on metro projects, has agreed to partner with a foreign company that is experienced in air-tarin projects. The Municipality will be announcing a third route on February 2, 2015, again for the engineering and design part of the project. For all these tenders, 240 days will be given to the awarded company to complete the engineering and design.

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