

Trenord and Expo: “Extraordinary plan, also for commuters”

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Three hundred and seventy nine trains per day, with 180,000 seats, 180 extra journeys, for a total of 1.5 million additional kilometres. These are the numbers revealed by Trenord's CEO, Cinzia Farisè, that relate to the plan with which regional transport is getting ready for Expo. “Every day, at least **40,000 people will choose the train to travel to the World Fair,**” Farisè explained, “and this is why we've implemented an extraordinary plan that will also bring benefits for the ordinary service.”

The expansion will affect many lines of the regional service and will enable passengers to reach the Rho site from every town in Lombardy, “with a maximum of one change,” with a widespread service that will bring one train through that station “**every three minutes, like the underground.**” **Click here**, to read the complete plan of the extraordinary service for Expo.

COMMUTERS – The new Trenord guide looked upon Expo “as an opportunity to speed up the service, also for our commuters,” and for this reason, “we've reorganised the whole My Link Point at Cadorna Station; we've redone the entrance of the railway link at Garibaldi Station, creating a genuine piazza, and we've invested a lot on security.” Indeed, on the one hand, an extraordinary plan against graffiti on trains has begun, and on the other, **security on the carriages has been enhanced with dedicated staff constantly travelling on them.** This has all been accompanied **by the renewal of the fleet, by interventions to improve punctuality** and by the launch of a new app. “In the next few days, the new service will enable passengers to monitor the progress of trains, receive information and purchase tickets and season tickets directly from their smartphones.”

THE REGION – This important investment included a substantial contribution from the Region. “Without out help,” the President of Lombardy, Roberto Maroni, explained, “not only would the expansion not have taken place, but we would have had to cut services and increase ticket prices; it would have been chaos.” However, in view of Expo, the Region’s financial contribution has led Maroni to rejoice. “We came, willing to guarantee the maximum efficiency of our rail transport.”

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