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On 6 December 2006 Metronet Rail unveiled the look of tomorrow's new air-conditioned Underground trains, which will run on four of the 12 lines on the London Underground – the Metropolitan, Circle, District and Hammersmith & City lines. These new trains will deliver:

- Increased capacity – at least 25% increase.
- Faster journeys – a 15% reduction in journey time.
- More frequent trains – 21% more trains per hour on the busiest sections.
- More spacious trains – 9% greater capacity.
- A seventh carriage for all Circle and Hammersmith & City Line trains – 17% extra capacity.
- Better reliability.
- Enhanced comfort with wider walkways and bigger seats.

This is the first time that these lines will have had a complete fleet replacement.

The key projects underlying the programme are:

- A bigger fleet of 190 new faster, longer, larger air-conditioned trains – the first arriving on the Metropolitan Line in 2009.
- New signalling and control system, allowing trains to run faster and closer together.
- A new control centre.
- Upgraded track layouts.
- Upgraded power system.
- Depot and stabling expansion and modernisation.