



New tunnel in Castellanza

The new tunnel in Castellanza – which is about to be completed – will increase the number of connections with Malpensa airport, and at the same time reduce overall travel time, thereby making a step forward as regards Gronda Nord line. As a matter of fact, along Novara – Saronno – Seregno line, the trains running from east to west and vice versa, will be able to bypass Milan and ease the congestion of railway traffic around the city. The tunnel shall be opened in 2009.

On the whole, approx. € 140 million were invested for the works in Castellanza (laying below ground level, RFI-FERROVIENORD connections, new railway station and related facilities).

Action 1: integrated contract work for engineering works (laying below ground level) in Castellanza: two dead-hole single-track tunnels fitted with a mechanised shield (ref. Lot 1)

Estimated works duration: July 2007.

Invested capital : € 48 million.

Action 2: Busto Arsizio railway feeder – engineering and railway works aimed at reactivating the so-called X feeder (one-track line from Busto FS railway station to Busto FERROVIENORD), road works and engineering works concerning the new Z feeder (one-track line from Busto FS railway station to the new railway station of Castellanza FERROVIENORD)

Estimated works duration: spring 2008

Invested capital: € 4.6 million.

Action 3: completion of the works along Rescaldina-Busto stretch, trench engineering works and artificial gallery, new bridged railway station in Castellanza, road works with new underpasses and flyovers, line construction works, track equipment, electric traction, signalling and telecommunication systems, new power substation (ref. Lot 2). This action is aimed at building a double-track between Rescaldina and Busto Arsizio, which is key to increase the number of connections with Malpensa and reduce travel time, as well as to open the new Gronda Nord Novara-Saronno-Seregno line.

Estimated works duration: early 2009

Invested capital: € 70 million.

