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CABS FOR NEW TRAINS

RMT secures agreement on driving cabs for new stock

Following lengthy and ongoing discussions between RMT and LU, we have finally received confirmation that the new Piccadilly Line trains will be built with a driver's cab, and that these cabs will remain for the entire lifespan of the trains.

Driverless Trains

In 2011 the company produced a vision for a "Deep Tube Railway" which included trains not equipped with a driving cab. It stated that: "Cab space forms part of the car interior for passenger accommodation but can be used for direct control."

Naturally, this was a cause of great concern to Train Operators which is why our union refused to accept this vision of a driverless future.

'Reformable' Cabs

One of the original suggestions was that the new trains could be built with a reformable train cab which could be removed upon completion of an automatic signalling system. Our union was concerned that this plan

undermined both the safety of the railway and the job prospects of drivers.

Union Gains Agreement on Cabs

Following the input of our Upgrades and Tier Two Health & Safety Reps, we have finally received confirmation from the company that the new trains will be built with driving cabs, that the cabs will not be reformable, and that they will remain for the entire lifespan of the stock. This was set out in a recent letter from Martin Boots, Head of HR to our Regional Organiser, John Leach, and is great news for all of us.

Our reps are still in consultations regarding design features of the new trains which are expected to be introduced sometime in the mid 2020s.



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Once again, our union has led the way in the struggle to defend jobs and the health, safety and welfare of our members. This is why it pays to belong to the largest and strongest union in the transport industry.

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