

Transrapid

Transrapid magnetic levitation track remains in operation until 2010



The Transrapid operates at least until April 2010 on the track in Emsland.

The future of the Transrapid-test track in Emsland is [set] for the next ten months. Until the end of April 2010, testing will continue. "So let's try for the next ten months to the Transrapid international market and sell," said Lower Saxony's economics minister Philipp Rösler (FDP) on Wednesday.

According to Rösler, the [industrial] parties and the federal government and Lower Saxony and the local politicians on the preservation of the line agreed.

Costs will be significantly reduced

The costs of the test track, [which were] about twelve million Euros [US\$16.9B] a year [will be reduced] to 5.4 million [US\$7.6M] for the next ten months. The federal government accepts 2.1 million Euros [US\$2.95M], the largest share of the cost. The district and Lower Saxony participate each [at] 575,000 Euro [US\$808,300]. The rest was of ThyssenKrupp and Siemens, [and] the Bavarian [construction company] Max Bögl account, said Rösler.

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