

CAF secures double train order in São Paulo

SPANISH manufacturer CAF is celebrating after winning two major contracts for new trains in the Brazilian city of São Paulo.

The trains are being funded through loans totalling \$US 1.26 billion which have been secured by the state of São Paulo. The World Bank

has agreed to loan \$US 645 million and the Japanese Bank for International Cooperation will lend \$US 630 million. The state treasury has also committed Reais 1 billion (\$US 629 million) and the municipal government of São Paulo has promised the same amount.

Some of the money will be used to fund improvements to signalling and communications, allowing shorter headways.

The state government is negotiating further loans worth around Reais 2 billion, which will help fund the extension of metro Line 5 and the construction of Line 6.