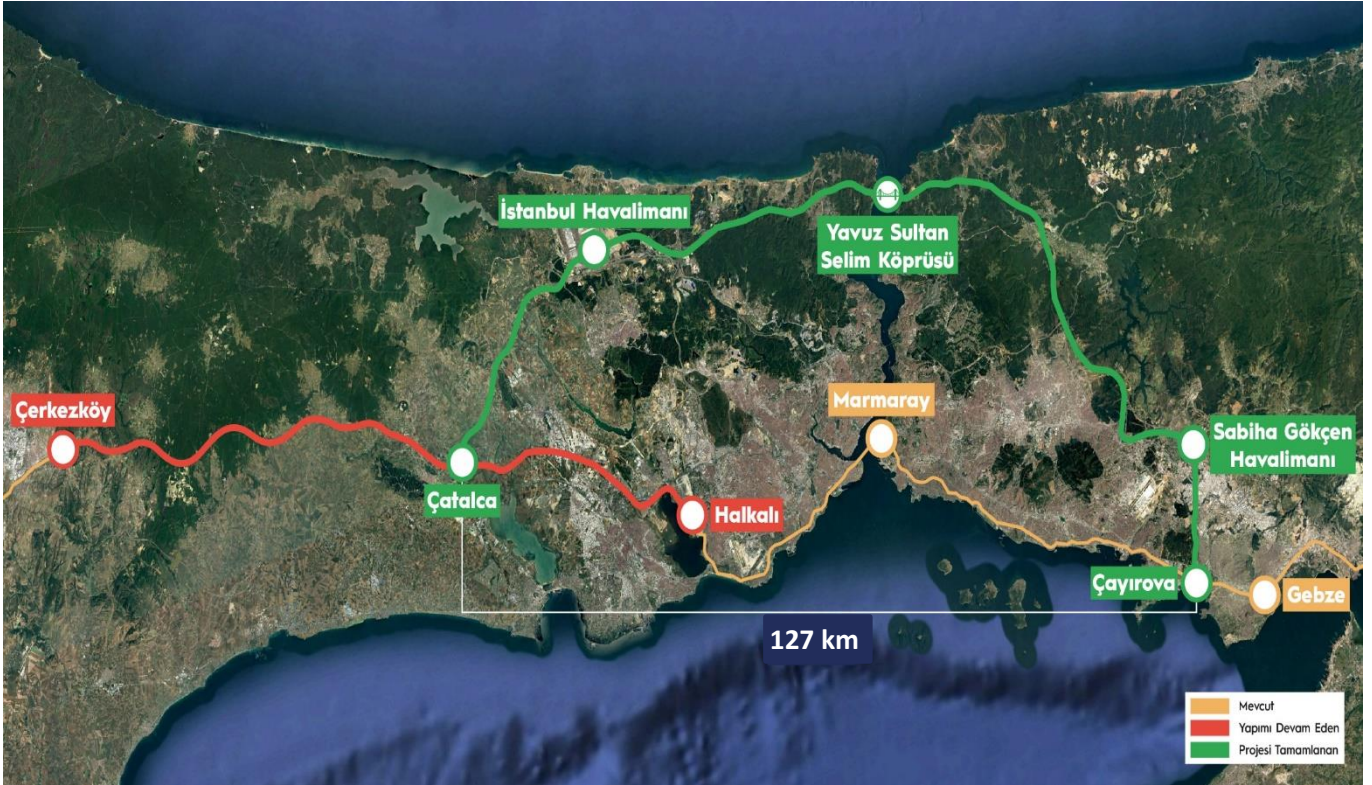


ISTANBUL NORTHERN RING RAILWAY PROJECT (INRAIL)



The Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Türkiye has secured financing from the World Bank through the Ministry of Treasury and Finance to finance the cost of the INRAIL Project.

- The project is co-financed by the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Islamic Development Bank, and OPEC Fund for International Development.
- The project will finance the construction of a new railway line designed to bypass the congested metropolitan area of Istanbul and establish a high-capacity overland link across the Istanbul Strait.
- The line is designed as a double-track, electrified, fully signalling-equipped, and mixed-use line suitable for both passenger and freight transport, with a maximum annual freight capacity of 50 million tons.
- The proposed railway line will originate at Çayırova station on the Asian side and terminate at Çatalca station on the European side, crossing the Istanbul Strait by utilizing the existing right-of-way reserved for the railway on the Yavuz Sultan Selim Bridge (YSS Bridge), also known as the Third Istanbul Bridge, located at the northern end of the Istanbul Strait.
- Considering the four lots together, the total scope of works under this procurement package comprises the design and construction—including electrification—of 122.3 km of double-track main line and 4.7 km of single-track connection lines; 5 double-tube TBM tunnels with a total length of 36.2 km; 22

double-track NATM tunnels with a total length of 23.3 km; 17 cut-and-cover tunnels with a total length of 3.7 km; two viaducts and 40 bridges with a total length of 22.1 km; stations; and ancillary works. However, the signaling and telecommunications works for the entire line will be executed under a separate tender.

Financing Status:

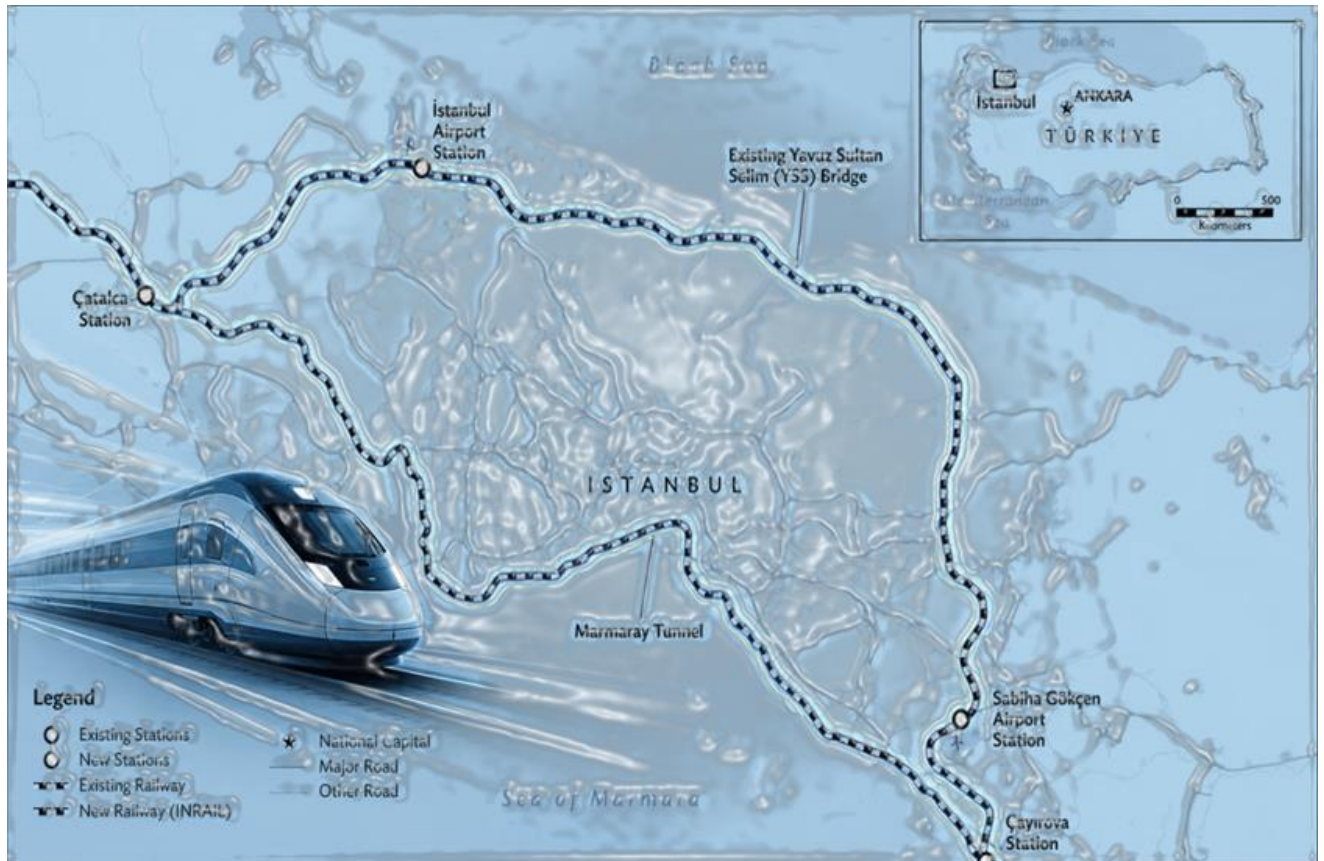
Project	Financing Institution	Amount Provided
Istanbul Northern Ring Railway Project (INRAIL)	World Bank (IBRD)	2,000,000,000 USD
	Asian Development Bank (ADB)	1,500,000,000 USD
	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)	1,500,000,000 USD
	Islamic Development Bank (IsDB)	750,000,000 USD
	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)	500,000,000 USD
	OPEC Fund for International Development	500,000,000 USD
Total		6,750,000,000 USD

About the Project Route:

- The project will commence from the Çayırova section of the Marmaray line and connect to Çatalca via Sabiha Gökçen Airport, the Yavuz Sultan Selim Bridge, and Istanbul Airport. At Çatalca, the line will integrate into the Halkalı-Kapıkule High-Speed Railway Line, where construction works are currently progressing rapidly.

Current Status:

- The General Procurement Notice (GPN) was published on the World Bank website on February 13, 2026, and in the Official Gazette on February 27, 2026. The Specific Procurement Notice (SPN) was published on July 21, 2026, and technical and financial proposals for all construction work lots will be collected on October 14, 2026. Additionally, tenders for consultancy services, lender consultancy, and client advisory services have been launched, and the processes are currently ongoing.





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INRAIL (Istanbul North Rail Crossing Project)



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PROJECT INFORMATION



Tender Date: -



Contract Date:
Site Handover Date: -



Contractor: -



Project Cost
(Including VAT): 372.349.286.000 ₺



Extensions:



Start-End
Date: 2026-2029



PROJECT INFORMATION



Contract Price:



Contract
Duration:

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project route branches off from the Marmaray line at Çayıröva on the Anatolian side, passes through Sultanbeyli and Sancaktepe after Sabiha Gökçen Airport (Pendik), then heads north, connecting to the European side via the Yavuz Sultan Selim Bridge, reaching Istanbul Airport (Arnavutköy), and continuing to connect to the Halkalı-Kapıkule line in Çatalca.

This railway line will alleviate the freight and passenger transport bottleneck on the Marmaray line and will also provide a connection between Sabiha Gökçen Airport and Istanbul Airport.

PROJECT STATUS

Project studies have been completed, and approval has been obtained from the Ministry of Treasury and Finance to conduct a tender for external financing. Loan agreements were signed with the World Bank (IBRD) on April 14, 2026, and with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) on June 25, 2026, and negotiations are ongoing with other international financial institutions that will provide financing. The tender announcement for construction was issued on July 21, 2026.