

Rail Freight

- 7 regional directorates are established in TCDD Tasimacilik's organization at Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir, Sivas, Malatya, Adana and Afyonkarahisar.
- UND: Truck queues at Kapikule border reaches 5 km in weekdays, upto 20 km during weekends. A truck departed on Friday can cross to Bulgarian side in Tuesday.
- **Article: Tariff advantage disallowed**
- **Article: Competition on Europe traffic**
- **Article: BTK shines out at Logitrans**
- **Article: Antalya to connect to European trains**
- **Article: Rail connection from Izmir to Europe to open**

Rail Industry

- TCDD Tasimacilik increased repair tariff between 50-100%.
- Flexiwagon inked MoU with Tüdemsas for production of pocket wagons to be used in Sweden.
- VAT will be applied as %1 for loco and wagon lease in Turkey.
- Transist 11th Istanbul Transportation Congress and Fair will start on 8th of October at Istanbul Congress Center.
- Tulomsas will produce 10 hybrid shunting locos for TCDD Tasimacilik. First delivery in 2019.
- Yavuzlar Vagon which is dealing with manufacturing and repair of passenger coaches at Sakarya requested concordatum.

Metros and Trams

- CRRC signed a contract worth \$500 million for the supply of metro cars for Mecidiyekoy-Istanbul airport metroline.
- Kocaeli tram Akcaray carried 1 million passengers in October.
- Turhan: Gayrettepe-Istanbul Airport metro will be commissioned in late 2019. Istanbul Airport-Halkalı metro will be commissioned in 2020.
- Commission date for Sabiha Gokcen Airport-Tavsantepe metro is announced as Oct 29, 2019.
- Turhan: We'll soon open tender for Big Istanbul Tunnel.
- **Review: Kocaeli Akcaray tram**
- Uysal: Transportation has the biggest share in investment budget of Istanbul. TL 6 bn, 54% of all.
- Izban suburban train workers will go on strike on Dec 10.
- Izmir tram reached 75k daily ridership at Konak tram, and 35k at Karsiyaka tram.
- Samsun tram hit the record by carrying 73 717 passengers on Friday.
- Marmaray is close to opening. Job posting by TCDD Tasimacilik for 81 loco drivers to use Marmaray suburban trains.
- Tender for electrification and signalization of 25-km-long Gaziantep suburban train project. Deadline 900 days.
- **Review: Gaziantep suburban project: Gaziray**

Infrastructure

- Gulermak-Alsim Alarko consortium is awarded for Cerkezkoy-Kapikule stretch, the first phase of Halkali-Kapikule high speed rail.
- **Review: Halkali – Kapikule high speed line.**
- Tekirdag Port, which is also used by Tekirdag-Derince rail ferry, will be operated by Ceynak Logistics for 36 years.
- TCDD and Meteorology Office started cooperating for weather forecasts and warnings via SMS and email.
- Elsitek is awarded signalling of 81-km-long Halkali-Cerkezkoy railway. Project is worth TL 31.3 mn. Deadline 450 days.
- Turhan: Deadline is 2019 1Q for Marmaray, end of 2019 for Ankara-Sivas YHT, 2020 for Ankara-Usak YHT and 2021 for Usak-Izmir YHT.
- **Article: Is Istanbul ready for trains?**
- Ulukisla-Yenice railway will be closed due to tunnel works between Nov 26-Dec 5. Connected shuttle service is organized for Erciyas Express passengers.

Passenger Trains

- **Article: Baku-Ankara train in 2019 summer.**
- Izmir Mavi is back on his original route. It departs from Ankara and Izmir today.
- Train crash at Sivas Bostankaya. Divrigi-Sivas train hit a freight train during shunting. Light injuries reported.

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