

# Designing a Regional Transport System in Regione Lombardia

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#### **Regional Railways System in Lombardy**

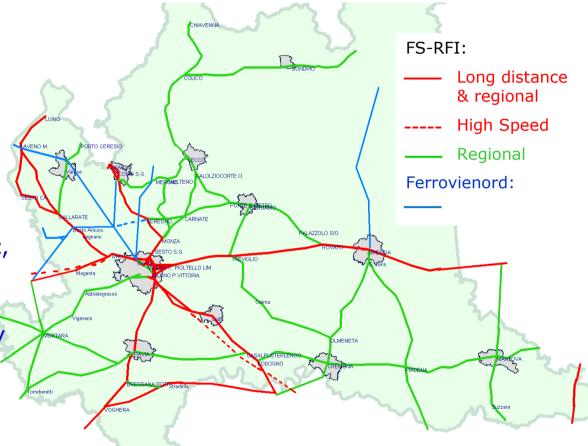
1.920 km of railway network
 400+ railway stations

 2200+ trains per day along 37 lines

36,7 million trains\*km per year
 (16% of Italian regional traffic, +32% since 2001)

600.000 passengers per day

 3 service contracts: LeNORD, Trenitalia, Line S5 (tendered in 2004)





#### New capacity is available on Lombardy network

Important works have been completed on railway network in 2007-09:

- 4 tracks towards Milan city centre on Ferrovienord network, between Milano Bovisa and Milano Cadorna (2007)
- 4 tracks between **Milano** and **Treviglio** (2007)
- The **Passante Ferroviario** is finally completed, after 26 years of work (2008)
- High Speed line **Milano Bologna** (2008)
- 2 tracks between **Milano** and **Lecco** (2008)
- 2 tracks between Milano S. Cristoforo and Albairate, line towards Mortara (2009)
- High Speed line **Milano Novara** Torino (2009)
- 2 tracks in **Castellanza** (connection to Malpensa Airport, 2010)
- New stations:

Camnago (2006), Romolo (2006), Rho-Fiera (2008), Pregnana Milanese (2009), Pozzuolo Martesana (2009), Arcene (2009), Levate (2009), Stezzano (2009), Levata (2009), Albairate (2009), Cesano Boscone (2009), Ferno-Lonate (2009).



#### **New Rolling Stock**

Trains	Used on	Cost	Years
78 Double-decker EMUs AnsaldoBreda <b>TSR</b>	LeNORD, S5	646 M€	2007-2012 (70 delivered)
6 EMUs Alstom <b>Meridian</b>	Malpensa Express (airport connection)	35 M€	2010
16 E-locos Bombardier <b>E.464</b>	Trenitalia	45 M€	2004-2006
2 DMUs Pesa <b>ATR.220</b>	Brescia-Edolo	7 M€	2009
8 DMUs Stadler <b>GTW 4/12</b>	Brescia-Edolo	25 M€	2011 (1 delivered)
11 DMUs Stadler <b>GTW 4/12</b>	S7 Milano-Molteno- Lecco	65 M€	2011 (to be delivered)





- Total cost: 823 M€, fully paid by Region (funds from State and Region itself)
- Rolling stock bought by regional network manager (Ferrovienord), which is independent from Railway Operators (frameset compatible with tendering of railway service)

## **Designing the Service**



#### **Guidelines: Moving Always, Moving Everywhere**

- "Moving" everywhere, not only towards Milan
- "Moving" always, not only in peak hours
- "Moving" people, not train and buses
- Building a system, not just a set of trains

- □ Frequency for short distance trips
- □ **Speed** for medium distance trips
- Offering a system of services not only single trips:
  - coordinated timetables
  - coordinated information
  - unique fare system

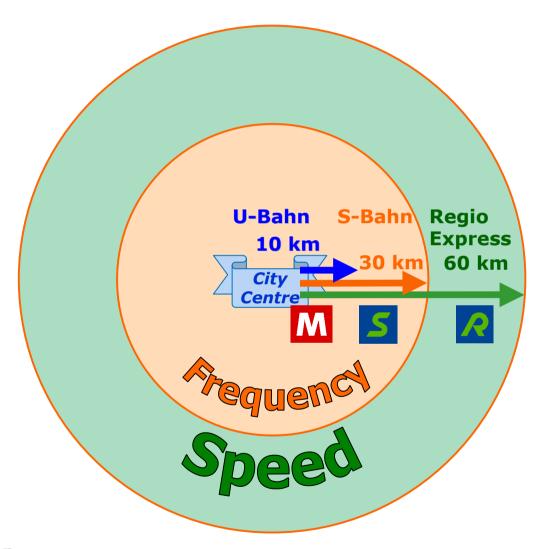


Public transport is truly effective if:

- it is available during the whole day
- it reaches every place
   (with a sequence of connected services, when necessary)



#### A Structured and Ordered System...



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...able to offer the best performances for each kind of trip

- More frequency when it is required (closer to the city centre)
- More speed when it is important (running far away from the city centre)



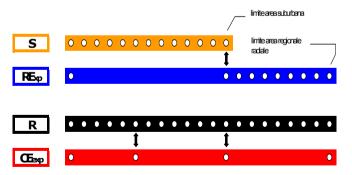
#### ... Coming from Our Past

The structure of Regional Railway Service first appears in Transport Masterplan of Lombardy Region issued in **1982**. when building of Passante Ferroviario was started (finished in 2008!)

The Masterplan already defined a hieracy of railway services for regional connections:

- the suburban service ("comprensoriale", presently the S-lines), for areas closer to Milan, stopping in each station, with a fixed frequency of at least 30 minutes;
- the regional service ("regionale", presently
  RegioExpress), to connect Milan with areas beyond the
  suburban border, travelling without stops in the
  suburban area and then stopping in the other stations;
- the direct service ("interpolo", presently
   CityExpress), to connect main regional stations, with
   few intermediate stops.





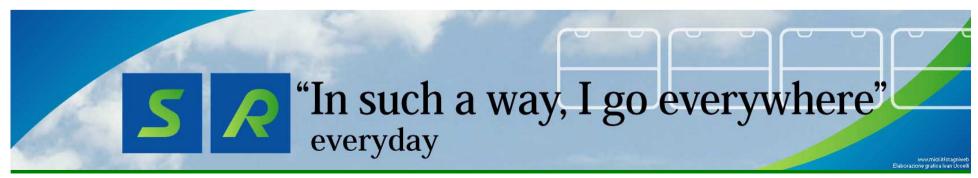
#### Railway Is for Everybody!

Railway cannot work fine "by itself".

We have to respect some rules of good design (and common sense!).

- timetable planning (clock-face scheduling, symmetry, ...)
- minimum level of frequency and trains per day (otherwise it can't be effective)
- minimum level of performance (e.g. speed)
- timetable rails infrastructure (in this order, not the opposite!)
- selling a unique system (and not presenting multiple public transport system in competition against each other)
- true competition towards private car (and not between railway and railway)

If these rules are respected, railway is truly useful for all citizens.



## The S-Bahn: a Suburban Network for the Metropolitan Area

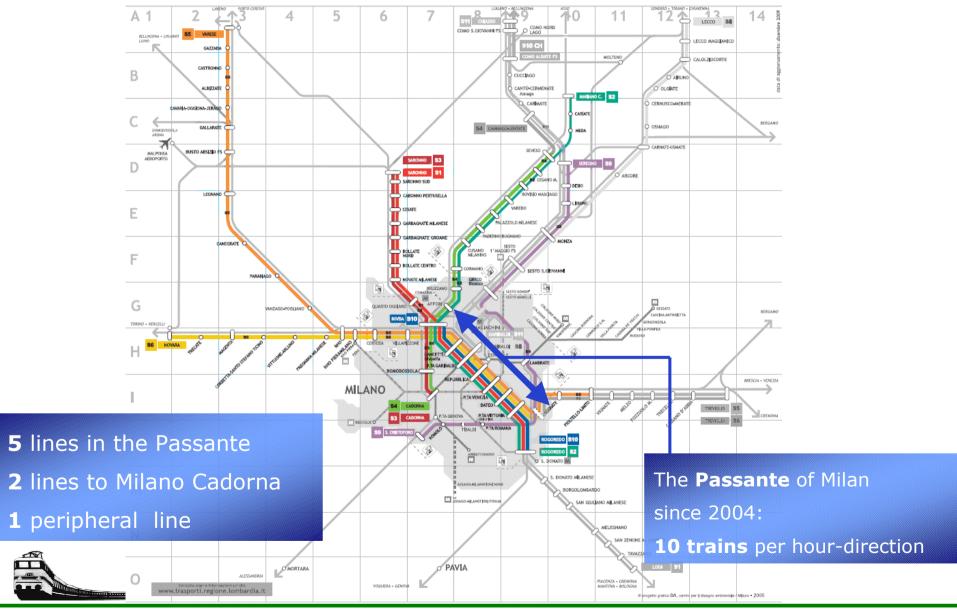


#### S-Bahn... a Train Similar to an Underground System

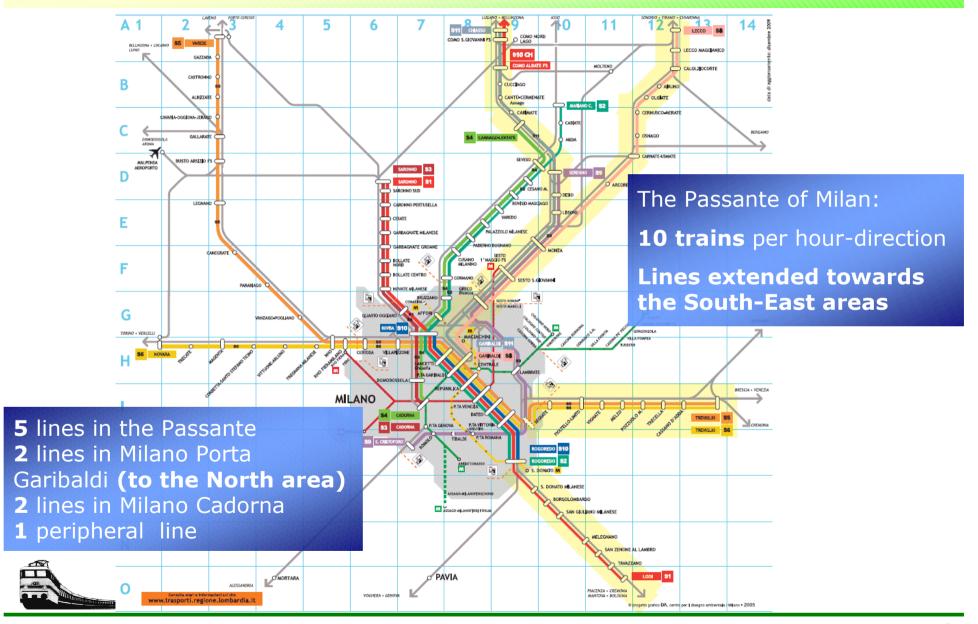
- 12 S-Lines designed as a suburban system around Milan
  - ✓ direct access to city centre and connection to the underground network
  - ✓ frequency of 30 minutes
  - ✓ running all the day, all days in year
  - ✓ easy connection with other trains and buses
- new rolling stock, suitable for suburban service
- specifically designed information
- a simple and unique fare for the whole regional system
  - First S-Lines running since December 2004
  - The network is almost completed in 2010



#### S-Bahn, December 2004: Setting up the System



#### S-Bahn, December 2009: towards the Goal



#### The Final S-Bahn System

**S1** Saronno - Mi Passante - Lodi **S2** Mariano C. - Mi Passante **S3** Saronno – Mi Cadorna **S4** Camnago - Mi Cadorna **S**5 **Varese – Mi Passante – Treviglio S**5 Novara - Mi Passante - Treviglio **S7** Lecco — Besana — Monza — Mi Garibaldi (to be introduced) 53 Lecco - Carnate - Monza - Mi Garibaldi **S9** Albairate — Milano — Monza — Seregno — Saronno S<sub>10</sub> Albate — Chiasso — Bellinzona — Biasca 💶 S11 Chiasso — Monza — Mi Garibaldi **S12** Varedo — Mi Passante - Melegnano (to be introduced) **S13** Mi Passante — Pavia (to be introduced)

## The R-Lines: An Added Value for the Whole Region



#### **R-Lines...** for the Whole Region

- ☐ improved network around Milan (2 & 4 tracks instead of 1 or 2)
- the S-Bahn system now travelling along the the suburban stations

No need to stop in intermediate "S" stations for regional services.

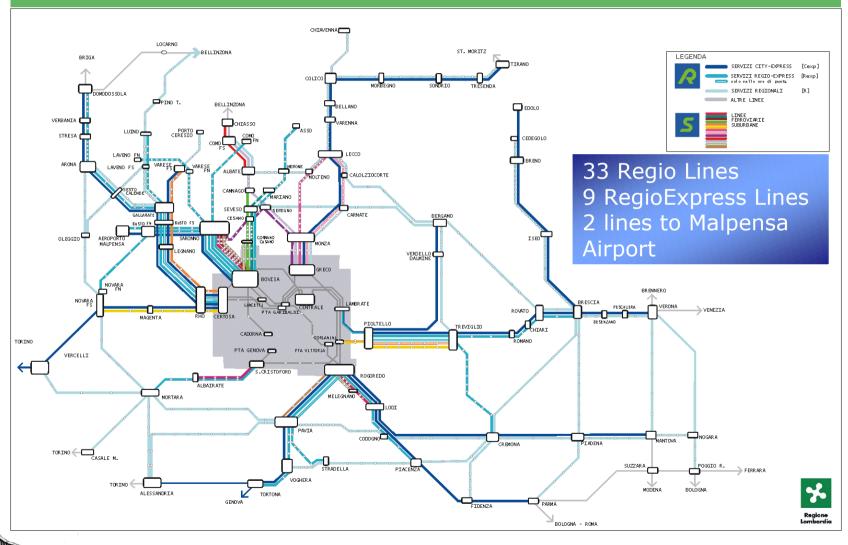
This permits a new design also for regional trains, in order to obtain faster connections for the whole Region

- → City Express: for fast connections among main cities
- → Regio Express: for faster connections of peripheral areas towards Milan
- → **Regio**: for "traditional" services in non-suburban areas



#### **R-Lines**

## SERVIZIO FERROVIARIO REGIONALE Schema dei servizi - scenario 2009



## **Designing the Timetable**



#### **An Ordered Timetable**

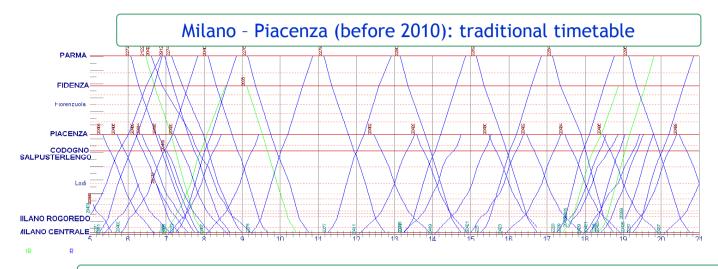
When train meet in some stations, further connections are available, if the timetable is well-structured.

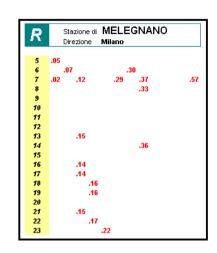
Timetables in Lombardy have been designed "in an ordered way":

- → trains arrive and leave hub stations in such a way to maximise the number of connections;
- → as the frequency is constant, the same connections are available along the whole day, every hour or every 30 minutes.
- → as the timetable is **symmetric**, the connection works in both directions and with the same changing time

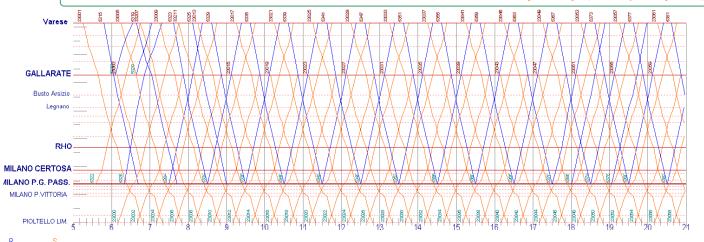


#### **An Example of Ordered Timetable**







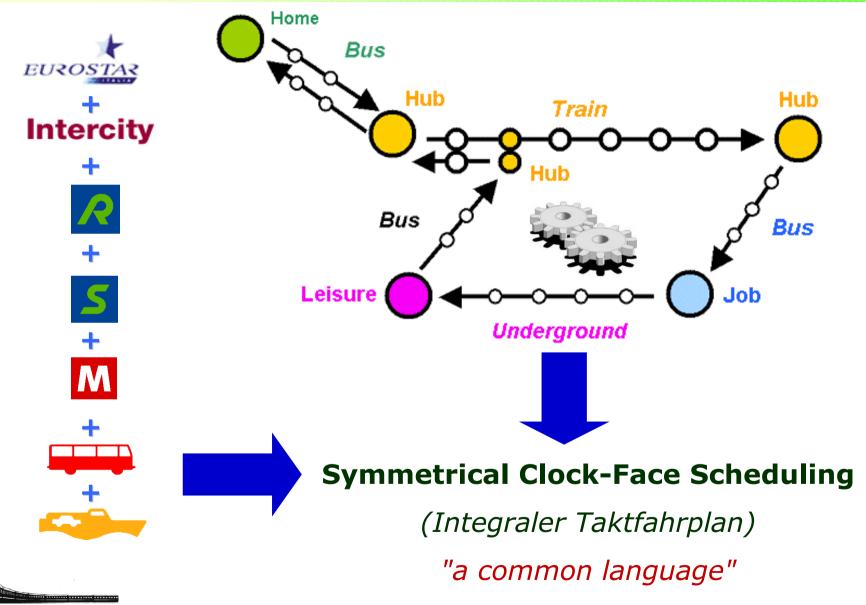


<b>S5</b>	stazione di direzione	PARABIAGO Milano	
6			.57
7		.27	.57
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#### The Hubs, Gears of the System

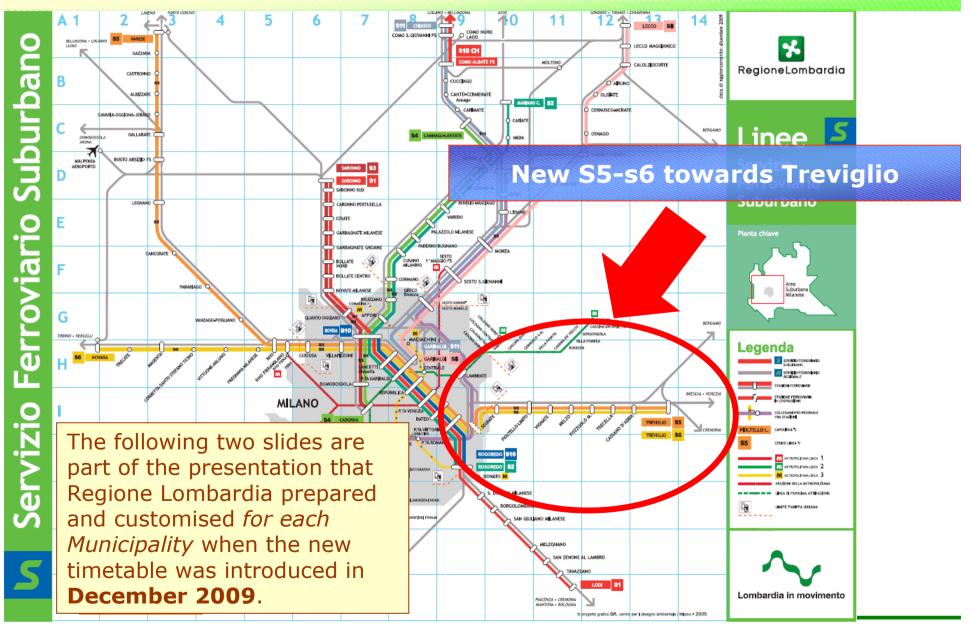




## Describing the Service: Easy and Understandable



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- New lines S5 Treviglio-Milano Passante-Varese, S6 Treviglio Milano Passante Novara
  - all trains stop in <u>all</u> stations between Treviglio and Segrate (suburban area)
  - then they travel through the Passante and stop in <u>8 stations inside the city</u>
     of <u>Milan</u>
  - they cross <u>all 3 underground lines</u> (M1 M2 M3)
  - finally they go on towards <u>Rho Fiera, Rho</u> and <u>Gallarate/Varese</u> or <u>Novara</u>
  - ⇒ **96 trips per day** Treviglio → Milano Passante → Rho→ Novara/Varese



Stations of Milano Lambrate, Centrale, Greco Bicocca
 can be reached by changing train in Pioltello or Milano Garibaldi



#### **How Is the Service Changing in...**

As the suburban service is introduced (December 2009), in Melzo there are:

- an S5 train every 30 minutes,
  - from early morning to midnight,
  - everydays during the week

and in peak hours a train every 15 minutes (as the sum of S5 and S6 lines)

along all stations between Treviglio - Mi Passante - Rho, towards Varese/Novara

**©**Easy to remember timetable

From **Melzo** to Milan, train leave at minutes: .57 - .12+ - .27 - .42+

**Example:** 7.57 – 8.12 – 8.27 – 8.42 (+ peak hours only)

- ②All trains stop in all stations
- ©Trains run at same frequency towards Treviglio and Milano



#### **Identifying the Service at First Sight**

- Identifying the service by means of a coordinated image is fundamental for a successful service.
- The symbol, the **name** and the **colour** of the line are present in <u>all labels and inscriptions referring to suburban lines</u>: stations, trains, timetables and brochures
- A similar task has to be accomplished for regional services, which cover the whole regional network
- An symbol, a **name** and a **map of regional services** are planned to be used in the future.



#### **Identifying the Service in the Station**



#### **Identifying the Service on Board**













## **Examples and Applications**



## An Easy System New Clock-Face Scheduling (Taktfahrplan)

## **Before and after December 2008**

Verolanuova station

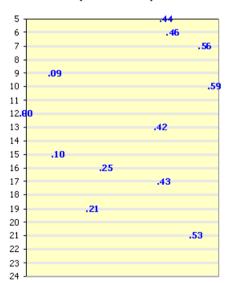
(diesel branch line)

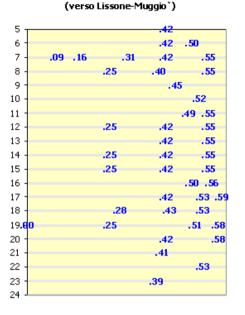
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#### After

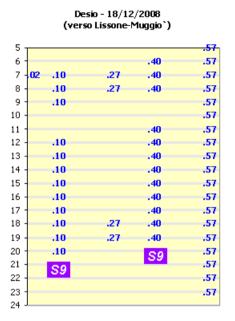
Verolanuova - 18/12/2008

Verolanuova - 9/12/2008 (verso Manerbio)





Desio - 9/12/2008



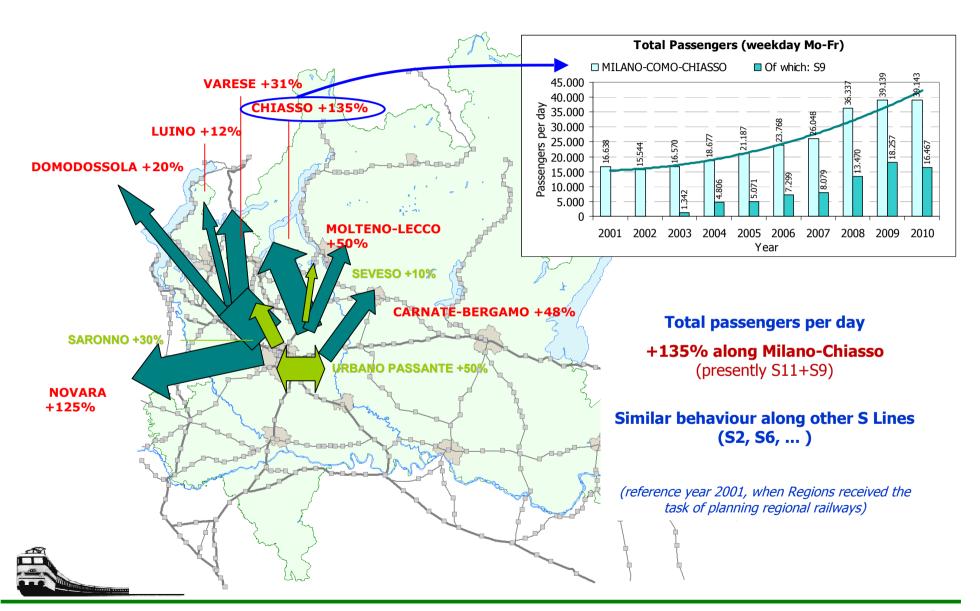
#### **Before**

After

**Desio station** (S-Bahn)



#### Some Results: Milano - Chiasso +135% Passengers



#### Learning more:



Thank you for your kind attention and... have a nice trip!