Showdown looms for Expo bid

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A Metro delegation is in Paris this week to try to save the Metro deal for Expo 2000 and to prepare for a showdown bid for the 1998 Winter Games.

"The line is a vital extension of the existing Metro system," Ted Nolan, managing director of the Metro. "It is also a crucial part of our long-term development plan." Nolan added that the Metro system is already overcrowded and the new line would be the first step in solving the problem.

The Metro deal was agreed upon last year and is expected to be signed in Paris next week. However, the French government has indicated that it may not support the Metro deal, which could put the Expo bid in jeopardy. The Metro has already spent millions of dollars on plans and construction, and a cancellation could be a disaster for the company and the city.

The Metro is one of several companies vying for the Expo bid. Others include the Toronto Transit Commission and the Montreal Metro. The Expo is scheduled to take place in 1998 and is expected to attract millions of visitors.

The Metro deal is seen as a major coup for the company and could be a significant boost to its reputation. However, the company will have to overcome several challenges, including the possible cancellation of the Expo bid, to realize its goals.

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Dale M (3 years)

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