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Prague's Kalousek-Roman Union



When Tomáš Hudeček of TOP 09 was still in the opposition at Prague city hall, he was one of the biggest critics of the 15T trams from Škoda Transportation. They're poorly designed, he said, and the contract drafted by lawyer Miroslav Jansta was a tunnel job. At about this same time, DP Praha transit company started talking about amending the contract to reduce the number of trams. Shortly after Hudeček became mayor, he insisted on knowing who the true owners of Škoda were. DPP reached a deal last week with Škoda. The number of trams won't be reduced, and the public didn't learn who has been behind Škoda all these years. DPP's mediator, Radek Šnábl, did his damndest but could only get Škoda to budge on some payment-deferral and accessory issues. Šnábl was recommended to DPP by Miroslav Kalousek, who has apparently taken over the job once held by Pavel Bém of protecting Škoda and its owners.

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