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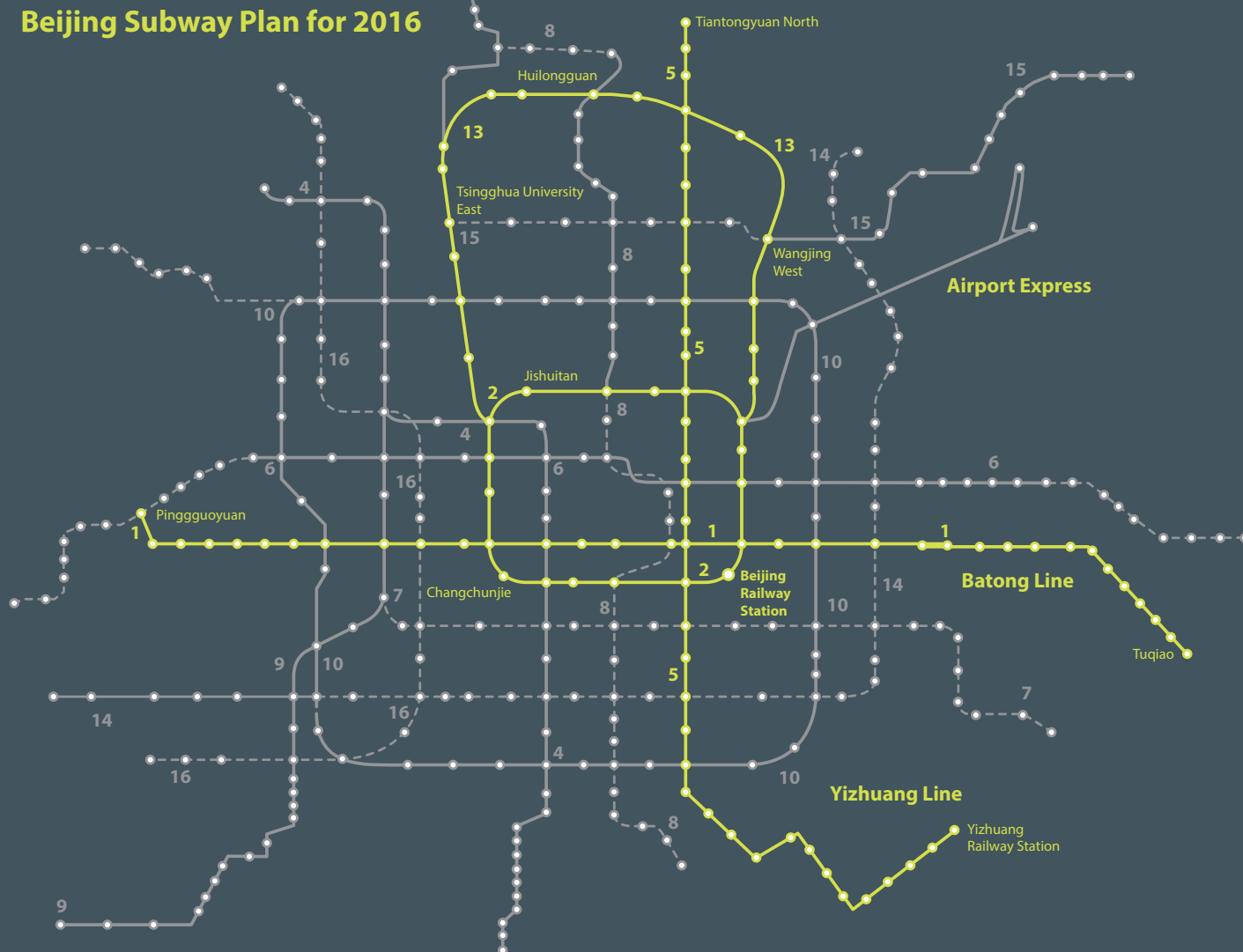


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Beijing Metro is a rapid transit rail system that helps more than 10 million commuters get to their destinations every day. In the run-up to the 2008 Summer Olympics, Beijing Metro decided to provide its busiest stations with a state-of-the-art security system based on Siqua's robust video encoders. In the central control room decoders were installed to deliver selected video streams to analogue monitors. Today, Siqua is upgrading the security system of the remaining lines.

Beijing Subway Plan for 2016



Customer

Beijing Metro (China)

Integrator

ShenZhen Keybridge
Communications Co Ltd.

Technology

IP-based video network

Market

Transportation - Transit

Challenge

Upgrade the Beijing Metro
surveillance system

Solution

Siqua codecs
Siqua switches

The challenge

Anticipating the passenger surge that the 2008 Summer Olympic Games were sure to cause, Beijing Metro decided to upgrade two of its oldest and busiest lines: Line 1 and Line 2. Beijing Metro's primary requirement was to modernise the existing station security systems with the latest and most reliable surveillance technology. This improvement project would affect four stations.

Both the scope and the schedule of this rather extensive project were highly demanding. The undertaking entailed, first of all, that the 1,669 cameras on the network transmit DVD-quality video over an SDH network core to multiple control rooms. The latency of these video streams could not exceed 200 milliseconds and the compression configuration needed to be set to minimise bandwidth levels. The network also needed to be managed by a single system-wide video management software solution. In addition, the software application would have to support Mandarin Chinese in its user interface, and the project had to be completed in time for the Olympics.

The solution

Aware of these obligations Siqua and systems integrator ShenZhen Keybridge Communications accepted this challenging project.

Initially, Siqua's programmers built a customised application using the recently improved Siqua MX software development kit to work around the bandwidth limitations of the SDH core network. Siqua then engaged a translator to allow operations in the software application to be carried out in Mandarin Chinese. Beijing Metro deployed Siqua's environmentally hardened encoders in all its stations and connected them to the SDH network core via Siqua XSNet Ethernet switches. Back at Beijing Metro's control room, decoders were installed to deliver selected video streams to analogue monitors.

The kind of support offered to Beijing Metro and ShenZhen Keybridge Communications is characteristic of Siqua's commitment to close cooperation with local integration partners. And that cooperation hasn't ended yet: today, Siqua is upgrading the security system of the remaining lines.