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**Panoramic Coaches**

I was shocked and dismayed to see the news item in the September Notepad that SBB is planning to withdraw their panoramic coaches. These cars have been the highlight of many of my standard gauge travels in Switzerland, and in Europe as well.

But I am confused by the explanation you offered. What do you mean by “conversion to IE operations”? And no matter what the rationale for withdrawing them from international service, why couldn't they continue operating within Switzerland? Perhaps the Society should consider purchasing one!

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