

RATP Group is awarded the contract for the operation of the metro, funicular and tramway network in France's second-largest city



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Paris, 28 March 2024 – SYTRAL Mobilités, the public transport authority for the Lyon metropolitan area and its territories, has entrusted RATP Group with the contract to operate the metros, tramways and funiculars of Lyon's TCL network (Transports en Commun Lyonnais). The contract comes into effect on 1 January 2025 and also includes the operation of Lyon's Rhônexpress airport link and future river shuttle service. RATP Dev, RATP Group's subsidiary, will assist SYTRAL Mobilités in achieving its goal of making the Greater Lyon's public transport exemplary, sustainable, and inclusive.

Following the vote of the SYTRAL Mobilités Board on March 28, the transport authority confirms the awarding to RATP Dev of the contract to operate TCL's 'heavy modes'. This contract includes:

- Four metro lines, of which two are automated, 102 metro trains and 44 stations along 70 km of tracks, carrying 50% of the network's daily ridership;
- Seven tramway lines, 107 tramways, and 128 stations along 71 km of tracks;
- Two funicular railway lines;
- The Rhônexpress airport link, comprising 6 trains and 4 stations over 13 km of tracks.

From January 2025 and for a contractual term of 10 years, RATP Dev will be responsible for the operation and maintenance of the rolling stock, as well as maintaining the infrastructure and the security of the TCL network.

From June 2025, RATP Dev will also manage—hand in hand with Yachts de Lyon—the operation and maintenance of the upcoming river shuttle service. This sustainable mode of transport is expected to ferry 560,000 passengers annually.

Working with SYTRAL Mobilités and in close collaboration with the operator of the buses and trolleybuses, RATP Dev will draw on RATP group's expertise to ensure a seamless transition and a continued high-quality service offer every day.

Hiba Farès, RATP Dev's CEO says: "We are honoured to earn the trust of SYTRAL Mobilités. We will support our client in the implementation of an ambitious transport policy, one that serves development needs while taking social and environmental considerations into account. Alongside the employees of the TCL network, we will provide recognized expertise in metro and tramway systems, with the goal of making SYTRAL Mobilités' vision for the Lyon metropolitan area and territories and its residents a reality". She adds: "My congratulations to all the teams from RATP Dev whose commitment has convinced SYTRAL Mobilités. It is that same commitment that we are harnessing today to serve the people of this city and its surrounding territories".

World-class expertise in high-density urban rail network management

By selecting RATP Dev, SYTRAL Mobilités has chosen a global leader in the operation and maintenance of automated metros and high-capacity networks.

Together with the TCL teams, RATP Dev will support the major transformations planned by SYTRAL Mobilités over the coming years, in particular the automation of Line A, modernisation of Lines C and D, the launch of tramway lines T9 and T10, as well as the extension of Line T6.

To accelerate the network's decarbonization, RATP Dev will help provide a clean electricity supply for the network, with priority given to local production. The company will also put in place a measuring tool to monitor its environmental impact, in support of SYTRAL Mobilités' commitments.

RATP Dev builds upon an extensive community of experts in urban rail transport, specialising in the design and continuous modernisation of rail networks, and the management of complex projects. At the service of our clients, with a relentless focus on passenger satisfaction and operational performance, and with constant attention to the teams, communities and the environment, RATP Dev is committed every day, all over the world.

This contract joins a long list of references including Sydney, Riyadh, Doha, Belgrade and Greater Paris.

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Backed by over 70 years of experience operating the ultra-dense Paris network and a diverse portfolio of expertise in various regions and cultures, we offer our clients and their passengers custom-fit mobility solutions that cater to the specific challenges of individual cities.

Our 24,000 employees, spread out across 15 countries in over 100 subsidiaries, are passionate, driven, bold, and transparent in their commitment to transporting passengers every day, connecting communities, promoting smart and helpful innovation, and contributing responsibly to social and economic development.

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