

## **RATP Dev & TfL launch fully electric route 94 bus service**

**RATP Dev, in partnership with Transport for London, today launched its first fully electric London double-decker bus route, with West London's iconic route 94 making the full transition. These new buses will take West London residents to the heart of the capital on cleaner, greener buses 24 hours a day. The new fleet will see zero tailpipe emissions on the route, contributing towards reducing the capital's carbon emissions and efforts to improve air quality.**

The move boosts London's growing electric bus fleet by a further 69 buses.

Speaking at the launch, **Catherine Chardon, Managing Director of RATP Dev London, said:** "These new buses will support TfL and London's strategy for a greener city. It is the second step in our garage network electrification strategy". **Mehdi Sinaceur, Chairman of RATP Dev UK at RATP Dev:** "Electrification is one of the key transformations that RATP Dev is helping our London companies with, leveraging our Group experience".

**Claire Mann, TfL's Director of Bus Operations, said:** "London is a leading world city at the heart of global innovation and it is the latest green technology, like electric double decks, that will help tackle the air quality crisis and climate emergency. These new buses, first introduced on north London's 43 and 134 routes last year and now on west London's 94 route, are marking a major moment on the road to a fully zero-emission fleet. With more electric double-deck buses to follow, and all new single-deck buses required to be zero-emission from next year, buses are helping to bring the capital's air inside legal limits."

**Heidi Alexander, Deputy Mayor for Transport, said:** "At City Hall we are doing everything in our power to tackle London's toxic air crisis and the climate emergency. I am delighted to launch the third route in London which will exclusively use electric double-deck buses and, with many more set to follow by the end of the year, we are continuing to make real progress towards improving air quality in the capital. Today's initiative forms part of our plan to make London's entire bus fleet greener and cleaner, which is set to reduce bus NOx emissions across the capital by an average of 90 per cent by October 2020."

Buses on the route also feature innovative new safety features in line with TFL's world-leading Bus Safety Standard guidelines and will be involved in the trial of an acoustic vehicle alerting system (AVAS) that alerts road users to the presence of quieter running electric vehicles.

In late 2018, RATP Dev announced the upgrade of its Shepherd's Bush depot in London, to run electric vehicles contributing to zero-emissions travel within the city. This 11kVA electric vehicle charging infrastructure contributes to significantly increasing TfL's electric bus capacity. This is part of the company and TfL's stated ambition to convert its fleet to 100% clean buses. Route 94's conversion takes the proportion of electric buses at the Shepherds Bush depot to over 50%.

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

- 29 new, fully electric buses will be introduced on the 24-hour route 94 bus service from Acton Green to Piccadilly Circus via Westfield, Notting Hill and Oxford Street
- Almost all of the route's 63 drivers, alongside 111 more drivers as cover, have been type trained on the new vehicles. 189 people in the depot have also been trained on the new vehicles.
- 114 vehicles are on site the Shepherds Bush depot, with 65 now fully electric (36 single deckers + 29 double deckers)
- In London there are 280 fully electric buses
- The AVAS system generates a sound at speeds below 12mph.

## **ABOUT RATP DEV**

Founded in 2002, RATP Dev operates and maintains urban transportation systems in 12 countries on four continents (United Kingdom, France, Italy, Switzerland, Algeria, Morocco, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, China, the Philippines, and the United States of America). With more than 1.5 billion passengers travelling on its networks every year, RATP Dev demonstrates every day its extensive and renowned expertise in a wide range of mobility services, ranging from rail, regional express rail, tramway, to bus,

cable car and sightseeing activities. RATP Dev leverages in France, outside of Paris, and across international markets the technical expertise and experience of RATP Group, the leader in driverless and tramway operations and operator of the Paris network, one of the largest public transportation networks in the world.

## **ABOUT RATP GROUP**

With sixteen million journeys every day across the planet, RATP Group is one of the leading urban transport operators in the world. The Group operates in twelve countries on four continents through its RATP Dev subsidiary and each day runs eight modes of transport: metros, urban and inter-city bus services, tramways, rail, sightseeing, cable cars, maritime shuttle services and transport on demand. The Group is also present across the entire spectrum of new mobility services in partnership with four other modes (electric scooters, car-sharing, car-pooling and driverless shuttle services). As a widely-hailed expert in infrastructure management and engineering, the Group also fields a broad range of urban services through its subsidiaries in real estate management and engineering, operating retail facilities, fibre-optic technologies, customized passenger information and innovative ticketing solutions. RATP has been running one of the densest multimodal networks in the world for over seventy years in Paris and around the French capital. Thanks to its 63,000 staff members RATP Group designs, implements and runs mobility solutions and innovative services each day for sustainable and more human towns and cities.

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