

## Press release

# RATP Dev wins eight new contracts in Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes and Switzerland

**Paris, 28 September 2021—RATP Dev, through its subsidiaries ALPBUS, CTLB, and HelvéCie, has secured eight new contracts in France and Switzerland for three cross-border lines, two intercity and two school transportation services, and the renewal of a contract for an urban transportation network.**

**ALPBUS** is the new operator of Haute-Savoie's cross-border coach lines, on behalf of the Groupement Local de Coopération Transfrontalière des Transports Publics (Local consortium for cooperation in cross-border public transportation).

Starting mid-December, it will be running lines from Annecy, Thonon-les-Bains, and Sallanches to Geneva and its airport. These services meet a major demand for daily cross-border travel in an area of Haute-Savoie home to nearly 335,000.

The three lines concerned—T71, T72, and T74—will be fully integrated into the commercial structure of the Geneva public transport network (TPG), with which RATP Dev is expanding a partnership already in place for operation of the Annemasse transportation network and the Salève cable car.

The Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes regional council has also awarded ALPBUS two new contracts for regular lines serving the tourist population: Line 73 departs from the Moutiers road transport hub and stops at the winter resorts of Val Thorens, Les Ménuires, Courchevel, and Méribel. Line 74 departs from Annecy and takes travellers to the winter sports resorts of La Clusaz and Le Grand Bornand.

A supplementary fleet of 80 new vehicles will be dedicated to these operations, including 27 running on natural gas (NGV). The latter complement the trial electric coach already deployed within the Arve valley. Seventy new employees are being on-boarded. ALPBUS will eventually boast a staff of 140 employees.

This summer, the Grand Lac conurbation authority in Aix-les-Bains, with over 75,000 residents, reaffirmed its trust in RATP Dev and its subsidiary **CTLB** by renewing the existing contract, awarded in 2014, for operation of its Ondéa lines. The seven-year renewal marks a new phase in the activity of the transportation network, which will be streamlined and enjoy



improved coverage and service frequency. The goal is to increase passenger volumes by the end of the contract period. Also in the works are the launch of innovative tools for passengers, including an open payment system for purchasing and presenting fare with bank cards and a real-time intermodal transportation app.

**HelvéCie**, the Swiss subsidiary of RATP Dev, has expanded its activity through two school transportation contracts awarded for the cantons of Vaud and Fribourg, in effect since the start of the school year in September. A fleet of 52 vehicles is dedicated to these operations. HelvéCie's *École Internationale de Genève* transportation contract has also been renewed, bearing testimony to the high quality of service it offers.

These positive developments are the fruit of trust and demonstrated expertise. They reflect the long-standing commitment of local teams, as well as the capacity of RATP Dev to offer local authorities, whatever their needs, practical support meeting the highest international standards.

**Jean-Pierre Philibert, Regional Director, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes/Switzerland:** "Trust is established locally—through teams, their attentiveness, and our will at RATP Dev to tailor our offerings. As a historical transportation services provider with an international reach, our expertise defines us and allows us to assist transportation networks of all sizes through targeted, practical, cost-effective solutions."

#### **About RATP Dev**

Founded in 2002, RATP Dev operates and maintains urban transportation systems in 13 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 the 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.

In France, RATP Dev operates networks in forty-some *départements*, cities, and towns, including Bourges, Boulogne-sur-Mer, Vierzon, Charleville-Mézières, and Annemasse.