

## **RATP Dev USA Selected to Operate Prince George's County Transit Service**

**Fort Worth, TX (June 25, 2020)** – Today, <u>RATP Dev USA</u>, a national leader in public transit, announced it has been awarded the contract to operate and manage <u>Prince George's County (The County)</u>, <u>"TheBus."</u> RATP Dev USA will operate The County's *TheBus* transit system of 28 fixed-route, fixed-schedule transit services. The County selected RATP Dev USA through a national competitive process that awarded the contract to the firm whose Technical Proposal best met the County's requirements as determined by the evaluation criteria and was in the best interest of the County. The initial term of this contract is for five (5) years commencing on July 1, 2020 and continuing in effect through June 30, 2025, with the option to extend for three (3) additional two (2) year periods. With contract services set to begin July 1, 2020, RATP Dev USA and The County have begun transition, with newly appointed General Manager, Sean Smith, and his local leadership team.

"We understand the importance of providing a reliable, safe and efficient transit system for Prince Georgians, " said Prince George's County Executive, Ms. Angela Alsobrooks, "RATP Dev USA has a proven track record for delivering successful operations and maintenance services. The team is eager to provide groundbreaking technologies and services to our County that will serve our residents well."

RATP Dev USA will provide a turnkey service for *TheBus*, directly supervising daily administration and management of operations for the fixed route operating services in Prince George's County. Presently, *TheBus* services more than 10,000 miles throughout the County with 78 peak buses, wrapping around the eastern boundary of Washington D.C. in urban, suburban and rural settings. The County is an economic and cultural powerhouse in its own right, boasting a friendly business climate, an extraordinarily diverse and multicultural population, and a pleasant quality of life.

"RATP Dev USA is very excited partner with Prince George's County, in providing best in class service to the many passengers in the greater D.C. area," said Arnaud Legrand, CEO of RATP Dev USA. "Through our experience in operating fixed route services both in the United States and across the globe, we are confident that we will deliver excellent public transportation for the community, becoming a part of #PrinceGeorgesProud."

Residents of the County have access to an impressive, interconnected public transportation ecosystem – the Metrorail, Metrobus, MARC, Amtrak, and for local travel, *TheBus*. With increasing annual service hours and ridership, it is imperative that *TheBus* continue this pattern of growth to fulfill the mission of the County's Transit Vision Plan. RATP Dev USA is eager to lead The County in accomplishing these goals.

## About RATP Dev USA

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 traveling 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. In North America, RATP Dev transports passengers in over 35 operations across 15 states.

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