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14 of the 50 urban transport projects presented by Jean-Louis Borloo for the *Grenelle de l'Environnement*¹ involve networks currently run by the Transdev group

Through their partnership with the Transdev Group and with the support of the French government, local authorities will be able to implement sustainable urban transport projects which will help design the cities of the future

On 30th April, Jean-Louis Borloo, French Minister for Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Planning, presented 50 sustainable urban transport projects to be implemented in 36 urban areas by 2011 and 14 of these concern networks currently run by the Transdev group. This represents an investment of 300 million of the Government's 800 million contribution towards doubling dedicated-lane public transport in French cities.

Through these projects, Transdev will help fulfil the government's threefold commitment: doubling public transport, opening up difficult inner-city areas and stimulating the economy and employment. With its commitment to the life of the city, Transdev will be an active partner for local authorities in creating sustainable towns based firmly on proximity, quality of life and efficiency, respecting the principles of the *Grenelle Environnement*.

Nowadays, the concept of a 'calm' city is increasingly important for the French. As a developer of sustainable modes of transport, Transdev is helping to devise and propose an urban space where people, their journeys, the rational and controlled use of energy resources and the environment are the focus of a 'softer' city.

For this to become a reality, local authorities can rely on the expertise of Transdev, the group that initiated the revival of the tramway in France, invented the BusWay® concept – bus rapid transit – and is the world leader in the tramway operation.

According to Joël Lebreton, Chairman and Managing Director of Transdev: *"With these dedicated-lane projects, the Group can work alongside urban areas in laying the foundations of the post-Grenelle city. These projects are perfectly in tune with Transdev's values. It has always worked with local authorities to devise people-based public transport solutions that also protect the environment"*.

Focus on the 14 Transdev networks

Of the 50 projects presented, 14 tramway and/or bus rapid transit (BRT) projects involve networks currently run by the Transdev Group in a number of French towns and urban areas, three of which are managed by Transamo, a Transdev subsidiary specialised in providing support in the implementation and operation of big public transport projects.

- **Grenoble:**
 - Opening of line E of the tramway connecting Grenoble city centre to the north of the urban area (scheduled to open in 2014);

¹ Multi-party debate on the environment

- Extension of line B of the tramway serving a key sector of the urban area (scheduled to open in 2012).
- **Montpellier:**
 - Creation of a third tramway line running North-West/South-East serving two inner-city areas that are part of the “*Espoir Banlieues*” initiative [for urban regeneration]
 - West extension of line 1 of the tramway which will connect with the new line (scheduled to open in 2012).
- **Mulhouse:**
 - Extension of line 1 of the tramway to the north of the urban area (scheduled to open in July 2009).
 - Extension of line 2 of the tramway to the east of the urban area (scheduled to open in 2013).
- **Strasbourg:** three-branch extension of line A of the tramway to the west sector of the Strasbourg urban area (scheduled to open in 2014).
- **Metz:** creation of two BRT lines to open up areas of the “*Espoir Banlieues*” initiative and serve the densest residential areas of the urban area (scheduled to open in 2013).
- **Valenciennes:** opening of the “Valway” electric BRT line which will go through the centre of Valenciennes and connect line 1 of the tramway to the north-west of the Valenciennes urban area to Belgium (scheduled to open in 2012).
- **Reims:** new north-south tramway line to improve the service to several areas of the “*Espoir Banlieues*” initiative (scheduled to open in 2011).
- **Orléans:** opening of second tramway line serving the city centre, the historic part of the city and commercial and residential areas (scheduled to open in 2012).
- **Tours (Transamo):**
 - Creation of first dedicated-lane tramway line which will go through the city centre and improve service to areas of the “*Espoir Banlieues*” initiative (scheduled to open in 2013).
 - Opening of a north-south-east BRT line with two connections planned with the tramway line (scheduled to open in 2009 and 2010).
- **Le Mans (Transamo):** creation of tramway line that will serve the SNCF railway station and a priority district of the city (scheduled to open in 2014).
- **Angers (Transamo):** creation of tramway line running north-south serving Angers city centre and an area of the “*Espoir Banlieues*” initiative.
- **Saint-Brieuc:** new east-west “TEO” BRT line which will serve the city centre and the future exchange terminal of the SNCF station (scheduled to open in 2015).
- **Saint-Paul, Réunion:** two BRT lines, one in Saint-Paul and the other in Le Port.
- **Saint-Pierre, Réunion:** creation of four BRT lines, three of which will run from the hilly areas to the town centres and the fourth will link all of the town centres of the coast (scheduled to open in 2013).

About the Transdev Group

- Transdev, subsidiary of Caisse des Dépôts, is the 4th largest private operator of public transport in Europe.
- With 12 tramway networks (Grenoble, Madrid, Melbourne, Montpellier, Mulhouse, Nantes, Nottingham, Orléans, Strasbourg, Tenerife, Utrecht and Valenciennes), 2 networks under construction (Edinburgh, Reims), and 2 metros in operation (Porto, Genoa), Transdev is a world leader on this market.
- Present in 10 countries, in Europe and in Canada and Australia, Transdev provides transport to more than 2 billion passengers a year.
- The Group manages a fleet of over 20,000 vehicles, including 15,000 coaches and buses, 1,000 tramways, 90 metro units, 30 trains, 70 trolleys, 40 river shuttles and 4,000 demand-responsive vehicles, a market on which Transdev is the European leader.
- Transdev employs over 46,000 people and managed a turnover of 3.3 billion euros in 2008.