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Nantes: renewal of the public service delegation contract for the urban public transport passenger network until 2016

The Transdev Group is the historical transport partner of SEMITAN, the company responsible for operating the public transport network of the Nantes Métropole, the urban community of the city of Nantes.

Following a call for tender process, Nantes Métropole has just renewed its contract with SEMITAN, backed by the TRANSDEV Group, for seven years with effect from 1st January 2010.

"We are delighted that Nantes Métropole has chosen to renew SEMITAN's public service delegation contract, thereby strengthening the partnership between the Group and SEMITAN," announced Joël Lebreton, Chairman and CEO of the Transdev Group.

The new public service contract is ambitious both in terms of the level of activity and turnover, expected to increase by 40%, and the steady development of the transport service provided to customers.

The "Chronobus" is here!

During the period of the contract the BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) will operate on 10 "Chronobus" routes. They will benefit from specific road improvements, with some designated bus lanes, and stops will display real time passenger information. These "Chronobus" routes will help to strengthen transport provision in the urban area by providing a high-frequency service. Every six minutes during the rush hour.

Pay for travel at the end of the month

The ease of access and user friendliness of public transport in the urban area remains a strategic priority for SEMITAN, which has 67,000 season ticket holders.

Reliance on the expertise of the TRANSDEV Group is fundamental to the partnership with SEMITAN. It is the case for ticketing technology, which will open up new horizons to the benefit of the SEMITAN customers during the course of the public service contract.

For example, it will be possible to travel anywhere you like carrying a smart card, with no contact for validation, and without having to pay any more than the cost of the journeys taken, with the total price payable at the end of the month being no higher than it would be with a monthly season ticket.

Nantes, France's pioneering town of the modern tramway

It was in Nantes in 1987 that the "modern" tramway appeared in France with its own tram lane. Its example was to be followed in lots of urban areas. It was again in Nantes in 2006 that a new kind of BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) appeared with the introduction of the first BusWay® route.

Within the framework of the new public service delegation contract, Nantes Métropole and SEMITAN will continue to keep the transport network as a showcase at the forefront of the urban area.

About the Transdev Group

- Transdev, a subsidiary of Caisse des Dépôts, is the 4th largest private operator of public transport in Europe.
- With 10 tramway networks (Grenoble, Madrid, Melbourne, Montpellier, Mulhouse, Nantes, Nottingham, Orléans, Strasbourg, Tenerife, Utrecht, Valenciennes), 2 new networks under construction (Edinburgh, Reims), and 2 light rail metros in operation (Porto, Genoa), Transdev is a world leader in this market
- Present in 9 countries and 3 continents, in Europe, Canada and Australia, Transdev provides transport for more than 2 billion passengers every year.
- The Group manages a fleet of more than 20,000 vehicles, including 16,000 coaches and buses, 500 tramways, 90 metro units, 30 trains, 110 trolley buses, 50 river shuttles and 4,000 transport on demand vehicles, a market in which Transdev is the European leader.
- Transdev employs over 46,000 people, managing a turnover of 3.3 billion euros in 2008.
- Transdev relies on its global transport chain and its unparalleled experience of public-private partnerships to support local communities with their projects.