

PRESS RELEASE

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Keolis secures a new contract in Nîmes

- **Nîmes Métropole has awarded Keolis the contract to operate the *Tango* public transport network. The contract will begin on 1 July 2024 and run for six and a half years, generating total revenue of €314 million.**
- **Keolis will support Nîmes Métropole in its commitment to public transport and the energy transition. The new contract includes the launch of a BRT¹ line (tram'bus), a new transport-on-demand service, adapting the depots to use new energy sources and installing solar panels.**

The Nîmes Métropole local authority has approved the choice of Keolis as the new delegated body responsible for operating urban public transport. The *Tango* network, which serves 39 municipalities, will continue its development with the launch of **a new T5 “tram’bus” line** in 2025 and the extension of the current T4 line in 2027. To increase the network’s attractiveness, Keolis is committed to increasing the service speed of the **BRT lines** and extending its coverage, deploying a **dynamic transport-on-demand service** for the hospital, the main economic centres and the TGV stations, including night-time services. From January 2025, it will be possible to book this service up to an hour before departure.

Extending the city’s commitment to sustainable mobility, work to adapt its vehicles for the energy transition will be amplified. With support from Keolis, the target is to achieve **a fleet in which 86% of vehicles will use alternative fuels** by 2030, with a mix of electric and biogas-powered vehicles, together with all the diesel vehicles converted to biofuel. The fleet’s transition will reduce CO2 emissions by 30% by 2030.

To support the local authority’s ambitions, Keolis has also produced an ambitious plan to renovate buildings, which will help to reduce their electricity consumption by 60% by 2029. The transport operator will support the city by adapting depots to new energy sources and installing **over 4,700 m of sunshades equipped with solar panels** at the bus and light vehicle park.

To facilitate access to the network and enhance the passenger experience, Keolis will roll out an **Open Payment system**² across the whole network by 2025, together with a mobile sales office that will set out to meet residents and tourists throughout the area.

These initiatives, together with a proactive, personalised plan to win and retain new customers, will help to increase passenger numbers by more than 21% over the course of the contract.

¹ Bus Rapid Transit

² Card payments made via the on-board ticket checking machines

Key figures for the network

<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 8 million km covered per year- 15 million passengers carried per year	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- 17 BRT buses, 15 articulated buses, 56 standard buses, 15 midibuses, 18 minibuses, 89 coaches, 11 vehicles for people with reduced mobility- 348 employees, including 238 drivers
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[About Keolis](#)

Keolis is a pioneer in developing public transport systems and works alongside public authorities who want to enhance shared mobility systems to grow the appeal and vitality of their regions. A world leader in operating automated metro and tramway systems, Keolis and its partners and subsidiaries Cykleo, EFFIA, Hove, Keolis Santé, Kisio and support the core business with innovations offering new and bespoke shared mobility solutions for modes including trains, buses and coaches, trolleybuses, on-demand transport, transport for people with reduced mobility, driver and sea shuttle services, bikes share services and long-term rental, car sharing and fully electric driverless shuttles. In France, Keolis is the second largest provider of parking management solutions through its subsidiary EFFIA, and the country's leader in medical transport since the creation of Keolis Santé in July 2017. The Group is 70%-owned by SNCF and 30%-owned by the Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec (Quebec Deposit and Investment Fund) and employs 68,000 people in 13 countries. In 2023, it posted revenue of €7.0 billion.

* Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, France, India, the Netherlands, Qatar, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

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