

Île-de-France Mobilités selects Keolis to continue operating the T9 tram line and awards it a further 28 bus lines



Following a competitive tendering process launched by Île-de-France Mobilités, Keolis has been selected to continue operating tram line T9 and appointed to operate 28 additional bus routes in the Seine-Orly area. This contract, known as concession agreement 47 (DSP 47 in French), will run for seven years starting on 1 August 2026, with an optional two-year extension.

Having already won contracts to operate lines 16, 17 and 18 of the Grand Paris Express, including the management of the Saint-Denis Pleyel station, and the 42 bus lines of DSP 9 in the Marne et Brie area, Keolis is thus consolidating its foothold in Paris and its nearby suburbs across several transport modes.

A major multimodal network at the heart of Greater Paris

DSP 47 covers 34 municipalities in the Grand-Orly Seine Bièvre administrative authority, which encompasses Ivry-sur-Seine, Vitry-sur-Seine, Orly and key districts of Paris (primarily the 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th arrondissements). This densely populated and strategically significant corridor is home to 2.7 million people.

Keolis will operate 28 bus routes in this area:

- 16 daytime bus lines currently operated by RATP, of which 6 run entirely inside Paris (lines 27, 47, 62, 83, 89 and 91). Among these, line 62 (Porte de Saint-Cloud – Porte de France) and line 91 (Gare Montparnasse – Gare du Nord) are the two busiest bus routes in the capital.
- 5 routes previously part of DSP 22 Bords de Marne, currently operated by Keolis.
- 7 Noctilien night bus routes departing from Paris, as well as the management of the Châtelet – Les Halles Noctilien bus station, the nerve centre of the night bus network in Île-de-France. With these additions, Keolis will operate 35% of the entire Noctilien network.
- Optionally, the TZen 5 BRT route, running predominantly in a segregated bus lane between Paris' 13th arrondissement and Choisy-le-Roi.

New routes to boost local transport provision

Tram T9, operated by Keolis since its launch in 2021, will remain a cornerstone of the mobility offer between Paris and Orly, carrying around 100,000 passengers daily. The contract also includes the launch of the new orbital bus line 386 in July 2027 between Bagneux and Vitry-sur-Seine, as well as a better alignment of the service offering with the needs of the region.

A strong commitment to a safe, efficient and attractive network

Keolis will draw on approximately 1,900 members of staff, working across five operations depots, one of which solely dedicated to TZen 5 in Choisy-le-Roi. The fleet will comprise 424 vehicles, including electric buses, compressed natural gas (CNG) buses, and HVO biofuel vehicles. It will also include 22 Citadis trams for line T9 and 28 bi-articulated 24-metre electric buses for the TZen 5. Keolis will also step up its night-time presence at Châtelet – Les Halles, deploying control and security teams to guarantee the safety and security of Noctilien passengers.

A personalised welcome for each employee and an attractive social framework

To ensure a smooth transition, Keolis will work closely with Île-de-France Mobilités and the outgoing operator, thereby ensuring continuity of service for passengers. Keolis will also draw on its expertise in technical and social transition to guarantee the network operates effectively from the very start of the contract. Keolis has developed strong expertise in taking over large-scale networks, offering tailored support to each employee, maintaining existing pay conditions and providing an attractive social framework.



"This new contract awarded to us by Île-de-France Mobilités – whom I warmly thank for their continued trust – marks a further milestone in reinforcing Keolis' position in the Île-de-France region. After having been awarded the operation of three Grand Paris Express metro lines, the Saint-Denis Pleyel station and 42 bus routes in the Marne and Brie area, we are proud to continue operating tram T9 and to extend our remit to include nearly thirty iconic bus routes serving central Paris and Val-de-Marne. Building on our proven expertise in managing complex, high-density networks both in France and abroad, we are committed to delivering passengers a reliable, safe and high-quality mobility experience, while ensuring a smooth transition for all employees in a caring, considerate approach based on dialogue."

Marie-Ange Debon, Chairwoman of the Keolis Executive Board

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1,900

Staff

7

year of contract +
an optional 2-year
extension

444

Vehicles

30

Services operated





About Keolis:

Keolis is a pioneer in the development of public transport systems and works alongside public authorities wishing to leverage shared mobility in the aim of enhancing the appeal and vitality of their communities. As the world leader in the operation of automated metro and tram systems, Keolis transports 9 million passengers every day and draws on a potent and open innovation policy with all its partners and specialist subsidiaries - Cykleo, EFFIA, Hove, Keolis Santé and Kisiso – to support its core business and develop new, innovative and bespoke shared mobility solutions for modes including trains, buses and coaches, trolleybuses, on-demand transport, services for people with reduced mobility, river and sea shuttle services, bike share services and long-term rental, car sharing and all-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 70,000 people across 13 countries*. In 2024, it posted revenue of €7.7 billion.

*Keolis is historically established in France and has additionally developed operations in Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, India, the Netherlands, Qatar, Sweden, the United Arab Emirates, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

About Keolis in Île-de-France :

In the Île-de-France region, Keolis has around thirty operating subsidiaries and employs nearly 7,000 people. The Group runs 500 bus routes, including approximately 15 express lines and ten on-demand transport (ODT) services. Keolis also operates tram line T9 and tram-train lines T4, T11 and T14, and is preparing for the operation of three out of four Grand Paris Express metro lines (16, 17 and 18), as well as the CDG Express rail service to Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport.

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