



RATP Dev USA Selected to Manage Santa Maria, California's Transit Service

Fort Worth, TX (June 7, 2018) – Today, [RATP Dev USA](#), a national leader in public transit, announced it has been awarded the contract to manage Santa Maria Area Transit (SMAT), the transit services for the city of Santa Maria, California. The City of Santa Maria selected RATP Dev USA through a national competitive process that awarded the contract based on best value procurement. Contract services are set to begin July 1, 2018 and will cover an initial period of three years with seven additional one-year options. RATP Dev USA has appointed Ken Smithson to serve as SMAT's new general manager.

"We're impressed with the caliber, experience and resources of RATP Dev USA – from the local management team to the corporate staff," said Austin O'Dell, the Transit Service Manager for the City of Santa Maria. "Mr. Rigler, president of RATP Dev USA, personally introduced himself to SMAT drivers and affirmed his commitment to Santa Maria. I am confident that the City made the right choice. The City looks forward to a successful relationship with our new transit contractor, and working with them to provide excellent public transit services to Santa Maria."

Under the terms of the contract, RATP Dev USA will directly supervise SMAT's daily operations for the fixed route and paratransit operating services in Santa Maria. The contract also includes a janitorial service. Presently, SMAT's fleet consists of seven intercity buses, 10 demand response vehicles and 20 fixed-route buses.

In May, RATP Dev USA acquired Roadrunner Management Services, a provider of transportation services in Southern & Central California markets. With the SMAT contract, RATP Dev USA will further expand its footprint in the California marketplace.

"RATP Dev USA is excited to be part of Santa Maria Area Transit's more than 40-year history of serving the City of Santa Maria, Orcutt and other unincorporated valley communities," said Blaine Rigler, President of RATP Dev USA. "We're excited for the opportunity to participate in Santa Maria's growth and work alongside Santa Maria's transit services manager to provide high quality fixed route and paratransit services."

Located in the central coast region of California, oil and agriculture are big business for the city of Santa Maria. Santa Maria is also known for its valley wineries, Santa Maria-style barbecue, and a rich Chumash Indian heritage. Named an all-American city 1998, Santa Maria hosts the Allan Hancock College and Preisker Park- a draw for unusual birds via the Pacific Flyway. Though only covering an area of about 23 square miles, the relatively large population comprised of students, working residents, seniors, and visitors rely on safe, convenient and reliable transit from SMAT to conduct their daily activities.

To learn more about RATP Dev USA, visit www.ratpdevusa.com.

About RATP Dev

Founded in 2002, RATP Dev operates and maintains urban transportation systems in 14 countries on four continents (United Kingdom, France, Italy, Switzerland, Algeria, Morocco, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, India, China, South Korea, the Philippines, and the United States of America). With more than 1.5 billion passengers travelling 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 employs over 3,800 team members transporting more than 78 million passengers in 18 states and operates a wide range of services.

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