New Equipment for Boston!

After last year’s record breaking winter, Keolis and the Massachusetts Bay Transport Authority (MBTA) recently unveiled their plan to combat the winter conditions in Boston: around 50 new pieces of new snow removal equipment to keep the commuter rail running. The new machines total almost nine million USD and include all types of vehicles, from small tractors to larger heavy-duty ones built specifically to sweep the snow off the rails. It is part of the “winter resiliency plan” announced by the Massachusetts Governor earlier this year. Keolis Commuter Services will also add a new passenger information centre and a weather desk, and has already started training employees to perform snow related duties.

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CONTINENTAL EUROPE

Sweden: New Contract in Skogsblomman

On November 5, Keolis Sverige announced a new contract win in Skogsblomman (North of Stockholm). This is the second recent win in the Värmland region, as Keolis won a tender in Karlstad just last month. Starting on July 1, 2016, Keolis will operate around 40 additional buses, all of which fossil free. This new contract will run for five years (with a possible two-year extension) and will be official after the ten day appeal period is over.

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Norway: Contract Extension and Phase 3 Begins in Bergen

Keolis Norge’s contract to operate the Bybanen, or light rail service in Bergen, was recently extended to July 2018 (with a possible additional one year extension). Phase 3 is currently under construction and includes a large new depot and seven kilometre line extension that contains six new tunnels and seven new stations, including the Airport Terminal. The new fully covered stabilizing area will be one of Keolis’ biggest in Europe: 40 trams can be held on eight tracks covering a length of 300m. In the next few months, eight new Stadler trams (42m long) will arrive to bring the fleet total to 28 trams.

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FRANCE

EFFIA Parking Signs a New Contract in Southern France

The city of Marseille (Southern France) signed a new contract with EFFIA to manage ten public car parking lots in Marseille for a total of 1,050 parking spots. This seven-year contract started on October 26 and will have cumulated revenue of eight million euros. EFFIA plans to invest 1.14 million euros to improve the accessibility, signage and parking equipment.

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The ‘Climate Train’ Travels France as COP21 Nears

Leading up to COP21 which will begin on November 30 in Paris, SNCF, together with a group of scientists, launched the “Climate Train.” From October 6 to 25, this train aimed to explain the challenges, impacts and solutions relating to climate change. The train welcomed aboard partners who were mobilised around environmental issues and stopped in the French cities of Lille, Dijon, Tours and Caen where local exhibitions were organised around themes relating to preserving the planet. Keolis’ subsidiaries joined these events where they showcased their initiatives in environmentally friendly multimodal transport.

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AUSTRALIA & NZ

G:link Light Rail Transports Thousands at Supercar Races

The Castrol Gold Coast 600 (V8 Supercars) races are held for three days in the Gold Coast each autumn. This year, the V8 races took place from October 23 to 25 and G:link, Gold Coast’s light rail system, transported over 160,000 passengers throughout the event. Over 850 trips were completed during these three days with over 10,000km driven.

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UNITED KINGDOM

Keolis and Amey Welcome Metrolink Shortlisting

A joint venture partnership of Keolis and infrastructure asset management specialist Amey has been shortlisted to tender for the operation and maintenance of Greater Manchester’s Metrolink tram network, when the current franchise expires in July 2017. Keolis will be the majority partner in the bid (Keolis 60% / Amey 40%) and will use the existing trading name of KeolisAmey, drawing on its strong partnership with Amey on the Docklands Light Railway. Keolis will combine its national and international expertise to submit a first class offer for the ten year franchise to the PTA (Transport for Greater Manchester) in Spring 2016.

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CORPORATE

The KeoShare Contest Begins Next Week!

The KeoShare contest opens on November 16. Get ready to connect to the Group’s collaborative platform and win! Individually: get an iPad; as a community: become the most collaborative community; as a subsidiary: represent your city, region or country! You can learn more about the competition by watching the introduction video and by reading the rules in the Contest Community, which opened on Monday, November 9. In KeoShare, sharing is winning!

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Happy DIWALI, the “Festival of Lights”, to all of our colleagues at Keolis Hyderabad!

Nesma and Keolis Partnership Video

Keolis and its partner in the Middle East, NESMA, recently released a video which celebrates the collaboration and highlights the strengths of each company. Click here to view.