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### **RATP Dev USA Begins Operations as New Contract Provider for *TheBus***

**Largo, MD** – The Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T) selected a new contractor, RATP-Dev USA, for the County's transit system, known as "TheBus". Effective, July 1, 2020, RATP-Dev USA will assume day-to-day control over the County's transit operations and maintenance functions. This multi-year contract includes a five-year base period and two option periods of three years each.

This change builds upon the new direction the County is taking to reimagine transit services so that it better meets the needs of County residents and to implement new transportation options for neighborhoods beyond the fixed route network. RATP-Dev USA is committed to improving the passenger experience through reliable service and enhanced maintenance protocols.

"We understand the importance of providing a reliable, safe and efficient transit system for Prince Georgians," said Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks. "RATP Dev USA has a proven track record for delivering successful operations and maintenance services, and they will provide groundbreaking technologies and services to our County that will serve our residents well."

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, RATP Dev USA will be responsible for all aspects of the fixed route system including maintenance of the 97-bus fleet. Service will be provided through a combination of traditional 'big' buses and smaller, more flexible vehicles that will enhance service efficiency. Extensive safety, cleaning and social distancing protocols are in place that will provide for a safe transportation experience for riders and operators.

"A well-functioning and efficient transit service is a win-win for residents, commuters and employers in the County. It provides mobility for workers, students, and seniors and improves the quality of life for communities throughout the County. Our residents expect and deserve a first class, customer service focused transit system, and I am excited to welcome RATP Dev USA as our partners in delivering it," said DPW&T Director Terry Bellamy.

RATP Dev USA has managed and operated transit systems throughout the U.S. since 1972, and today supports over 40 cities and communities throughout North America.

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