



RATP DEV NORTH AMERICA WELCOMES ROBERT SMITH AS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS, WEST REGION

FORT WORTH, TX (August 22, 2017) - RATP Dev North America, the North American subsidiary of the global transportation provider, [RATP Dev](#), today announced the appointment of Robert Smith, former Chief Transit Officer (CTO) of the Chicago Transit Authority, as the Senior Vice President of Operations for the West Region of RATP Dev Bus Division. As part of his new position, Robert will be leading RATP Dev's operations and business development in the western continental United States. Based in Fort Worth, Texas, Robert will be working closely with RATP Dev's key clients in Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, and California.

"As the CTO and CEO of two of the nation's major transit authorities, Robert brings years of executive management experience that will prove invaluable as RATP Dev continues to expand our presence across the country," said Blaine Rigler, Vice President of Bus Services for RATP Dev North America. "He has a proven track record as a successful leader with a strong background in operations management and are thrilled to have him as a part of the team."

Robert comes to RATP Dev from the Chicago Transit Authority, where he served as the Chief Transit Officer and directed operations for nation's second largest transit agency. Prior to his work in Chicago, he was the CEO of the Maryland Transit Authority in Baltimore, and served as the Vice President of Operations (East Area) at National Express Corporation, one of the premier transportation firms for school districts in the US and Canada. Throughout his career, Robert has successfully managed a wide variety of transportation services, including bus, subway, light rail, commuter rail, and paratransit services.

"I am excited to be joining RATP Dev to help build on to this world-renowned organization here in North America," said Robert Smith. "I have spent much of my career managing transit agencies in the public sector, and believe I can lend my expertise to further help RATP Dev address the needs of larger public transit agencies. I feel our industry is at a point where we need to align ourselves with public sector partners and use innovation and new technologies to better our services and make us more effective. From what I have seen at RATP Dev, I believe that our visions are completely aligned, and I look forward to the future."

Robert will be overseeing all of RATP Dev's current operations in the western region, and will be thoroughly involved in new business development to help expand into other states in not only bus operations, but metro and light rail as well. Additionally, Robert will be collaborating with his colleagues in the East and Central regions to assist with ongoing national projects that assist in further building RATP Dev's presence throughout all of North America.

For more information on RATP Dev, feel free to visit www.ratpdevamerica.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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