

PRESS RELEASE

RATP Group reaches a new milestone in the operation and remote supervision of autonomous mobility in Île-de-France

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From mid-September until the end of 2026, RATP Group is trialling a free service in Le Plessis-Tréville, in the Val-de-Marne department, with two autonomous electric shuttles operating simultaneously on public roads. Open to the public, the trial allows the Group to test a complete autonomous mobility system, combining the vehicles, their simultaneous remote supervision, and their integration into a shared urban environment, with a view to eventually operating a service without an onboard safety operator.

A free trial service open to the public

Two Milla Car shuttles, developed from electric Renault Master vehicles, operate simultaneously along a 4.7 km round-trip route with nine stops in Le Plessis-Tréville (94). They can reach speeds of 30 km/h and travel at an estimated average speed of 15 km/h along a varied urban route.

The route mainly serves areas not covered by regular services, while providing connections nearby with routes 206, 207, and 208b. However, the trial is not intended as an immediate forerunner of a new regular service. Its purpose is to assess safety, operational performance, public acceptance of the service, and, for the first time, the simultaneous operation of two remotely supervised autonomous shuttles.

Each shuttle can carry up to seven passengers, who must remain seated and wear their seat belts throughout the journey. The service is free, requires no advance registration, and is open to adults and accompanied minors. The trial will run until 31 December 2026 at the latest.

A decade of experience in autonomous mobility

The world's second-largest public transport operator, RATP Group has been conducting increasingly complex autonomous mobility trials since 2016, giving it expertise across all the components of a supervised autonomous system: operations, safety, supervision, and the management of interactions with the surrounding environment.

Île-de-France, the Group's historic home, is a natural testing ground for the mobility solutions of the future. Projects developed in Val-de-Marne, such as SMACS in Le Plessis-Tréville and the autonomous bus on route 393 between Sucy-Bonneuil and Créteil, together with shuttles operated in Vincennes, Paris, and internationally in Al-Ula, illustrate the wide range of use cases being developed. Drawing on this expertise, RATP Group is preparing to operate these future services and supporting transport authorities in their deployment.

"With ten years of trials behind us, we have developed recognised expertise in operating autonomous mobility services. The SMACS project demonstrates our ability to integrate vehicles developed by manufacturers into a complete, safe, and supervised system. This expertise means that we are ready to support transport authorities in the future deployment of autonomous services tailored to local needs."

Gilles Tauzin

Director of Innovation, RATP Group



SMACS trial in Le Plessis-Tréville: key figures:

- 2 autonomous electric Milla Car shuttles, based on Renault Master vehicles
- a 4.7 km loop with 9 stops
- up to 7 passengers per shuttle, in addition to the safety operator
- a maximum speed of 30 km/h and an estimated commercial speed of 15 km/h
- a shuttle every 20 to 30 minutes
- real-time shuttle locations available via QR code
- 3 partners brought together within the consortium: RATP Group, as project coordinator; ISFM-MILLA, supplier of the autonomous vehicles; and UTAC, an accredited body responsible for assessing the system with a view to its approval. The project is funded by BPI on behalf of the French government, France Relance, and France 2030

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