

Keolis strengthens its foothold in the driverless vehicle market

- **Keolis orders four new autonomous shuttles as part of its expansion of driverless vehicle operations**
- **Keolis is now a minority shareholder of Navya, one of the main manufacturers of autonomous electric shuttles**

Keolis, an innovative leader in sustainable and connected mobility, has confirmed its commitment to the driverless vehicle market with the purchase of four new Navya autonomous shuttles for operation in France and other parts of Europe.

Keolis has also taken a minority share in Navya, as part of a €30m capital increase announced by Navya in early October 2016.

These developments build on the preferential partnership Keolis signed with Navya earlier this year, and the subsequent launch of the [NAVLY trial in Lyon, France](#). This was the world's first public transport service using autonomous electric shuttles and started operating in September 2016.

Keolis is keen to see autonomous vehicles become a part of everyday mobility. They are eco-friendly and safe, and make it possible to provide public transport to poorly served areas or not at all, or for people with reduced mobility, on-demand 24 hours a day. They provide a sustainable solution for first and last mile journeys, in assisting people getting to and from transport hubs.

Keolis is looking at the possibility of using these vehicles for a range of locations initially mostly in airports, hospitals, university campuses, tourist attractions, industrial sites and shopping centres. It is currently working on 10 different autonomous vehicle projects around the world.

The first two Navya shuttles ordered by Keolis are expected by the end of 2016. The remaining two are scheduled for delivery in the first half of 2017.

Keolis is one of the world's leading public transport operators. The company is majority owned (70%) by the French state railway SNCF, the other shareholder being Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec (CDPQ). Present in 16 countries* with 56,000 employees, Keolis develops tailored mobility solutions (automatic metros, tramways, trains, buses, coaches, ferries, self-service bicycles) adapted to local environments. The Group offers solutions and services via its subsidiary, Kisio. It is also the second leading car park operator in France thanks to its subsidiary EFFIA. In 2015, Keolis transported 3 billion passengers and generated 5 billion euros in revenue.

*Originally established in France, Keolis has expanded its operations to Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Germany, India, Middle East, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, UK and USA.

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