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## Alstom and its subsidiary NTL open the T6 tram line in Ile-de-France



On Saturday 13 December, Jean-Paul Huchon, President of STIF [1] and of the Ile-de-France region, Pierre Mongin, CEO of RATP, Ana Giros, President of New Translohr (NTL) and SVP of Alstom Transport France, and Olivier Bachelet, CEO of NTL, opened the T6 line of the Ile-de-France tramway, linking the towns of Châtillon and Viroflay.

28 Translohr trams, running on tyres, will operate on the new line. RATP ordered them from NTL in December 2007 [2]. The T6 line serves 21 stations over a distance of 14 km, with 1.6 km below ground. It links six municipalities: Châtillon, Clamart, Fontenay-aux-Roses, Meudon, Vélizy-Villacoublay and Viroflay, and can carry up to 90,000 passengers per day.

The Translohr tram for the T6 line is 46 metres long and can carry up to 255 passengers [3]. It offers unique ease of deployment: the tram installation has a small footprint [4] whilst the trams themselves have an extremely short turning radius (10.5 metres). The additional motorisation systems enable the tram to climb steep gradients (up to 13%), such as the stretch near the Viroflay tunnel [5]. The central-rail guidance system makes the Translohr tram quiet and comfortable.

Operating throughout the world (Shanghai, Tianjin, Padua, Venice-Mestre and soon Medellín) and in France (Clermont-Ferrand and Ile-de-France), 121 Translohr trams are currently in circulation and a further 138 have been ordered worldwide.

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