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## **Veolia Transportation Wins Contract Extension in Tempe Tempe City Council Unanimously Approves Contract Extension**

Chicago, IL - The Tempe City Council unanimously approved a contract extension for Veolia Transportation to continue to operate the fixed route service there. The announcement was made by Veolia's President and CEO Michael Griffus at corporate headquarters last week. This extension will run through March 31, 2009 and is expected to generate approximately \$20 million in revenue.

In making the announcement Griffus complimented the Veolia Tempe team saying, "The Tempe team has worked very hard in the last year, moving operations into a new facility and working with our Tempe client in a seamless start to their new Orbit service and the addition of two express routes earlier this summer. General Manager Jack Pisano and his team have worked tirelessly to make service happen safely and efficiently." Griffus went on to say, "Our client has been very pleased with Veolia's performance in Tempe and we're looking forward to further demonstrating our extensive management and operations skills with additional startups later this year."

In December 2008 Veolia Tempe will begin operating an additional route which will be acquired from Veolia Mesa. Acquiring this route will increase Veolia Tempe's staff from 438 to 500. They currently operate 164 fixed route buses and cut-a-way vehicles.

On September 2, 2007 Veolia moved into Tempe's new facilities; the first "green" transportation facility in the state of Arizona. The Administration building is Gold LEED certified and the Maintenance building is Bronze LEED certified.

### **About Veolia**

Veolia Transportation is the largest private operator of bus, BRT, rail, paratransit, shuttle and taxi businesses in North America. The company has over 16,000 employees and operates some 150 contracts for cities in the U.S. The company has over 100 years of operating experience in the U.S. and also owns SuperShuttle, America's leading airport shuttle service, and a number of taxi operations. The company's mission is to enhance quality of life in cities and combat global warming by improving public transportation.

Veolia Transportation is part of Veolia Transport, the world's largest private operator of multiple modes of public transit, including bus, rail, paratransit, shuttle, ferry, and taxi services. Veolia Transport operates contracts for 5,000 city transit authorities in 27 countries, and transports 2.5 billion passengers per year. The Company operates some of the most sophisticated networks in the world, including Stockholm, Melbourne, Bordeaux, Rouen, Las Vegas, Phoenix, Denver and San Diego. (<http://www.veolia-transport.com/en/>)

Veolia Transport is a division of Veolia Environnement, a world leader in environmental services. The company provides tailored solutions for municipal and industrial clients in four complementary segments in 62 countries: water management, waste management, energy management, and freight and passenger transportation. ([www.veolia.com](http://www.veolia.com)) (Paris Euronext: VIA and NYSE: VE)

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