



**Press Release**

## Veolia Transportation Awarded Seven Year Extension in Seattle

Company continues long term partnership with King County Metro

**Seattle, WA - December 6, 2011 – Veolia Transportation secured a seven year extension with King County Metro that will allow the company to operate Paratransit service through 2018.**

Veolia began operating the King County Metro Accessible Service Program (ADA) contract in 1996. Starting as one of five providers with just 39 Paratransit vehicles and 45 employees, the service has grown over the last 15 years. Veolia now operates 75% of the ADA service in King County, utilizing a fleet of 248 paratransit vehicles, and 388 management, drivers, and support staff. The remaining 25% of ADA service is operated by a local non-profit organization.

“We see this extension as a testament to the trust and confidence King County Metro has in Veolia and its team in Seattle”, said Transit Division President and COO Ken Westbrook. “Their hard work, loyalty and dedication, and their commitment to provide safe, reliable and superior quality service to the residents of King County is apparent to our client and to us.”

Regional Vice President Ron Bushman stated, “This contract is a true example of superb teamwork between our local team and the support teams throughout the company.”

The contract extension was effective August 2011 and runs through July 31, 2018.

### **About Veolia Transportation**

Based in Lombard, IL, Veolia Transportation is the largest private-sector operator of multiple modes of transit in North America, including bus, rail, paratransit, shuttle, and sedan and taxi services, via its Transit, Rail and On-Demand Divisions. Veolia Transportation is committed to setting the standard in safe and sustainable mobility solutions through partnerships with cities and transit authorities.

The company is part of the Veolia Environnement companies in North America, with 30,000 North American employees, providing sustainable environmental solutions in water management, waste services, energy management, and passenger transportation.

### **About Veolia Transdev**

Veolia Transdev is a subsidiary of Veolia Environment and Caisse des Dépôts, the parent company of Veolia Transportation and the leading global private sector company in sustainable multi-modal mobility. Veolia Transdev works with the public transport networks of regional and local authorities from pre-planning stages through to daily operation – including project management and design. With 119,000 staff across 27 countries, the group operates 60,000 vehicles and 26 light rail networks.

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