

Alstom and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport launch upgraded Plane Train service in time for world soccer competition

- First brand new Innovia APM R vehicles enter passenger service as part of the fleet's renewal and expansion.
- Infrastructure upgrades will increase capacity and shorten wait times before soccer matches get underway.
- Project supports long-term growth and reliability at the world's busiest airport.

8 June 2026 – Alstom, global leader in sustainable and smart mobility, and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (ATL) today announced the introduction of next-generation vehicles and strategic infrastructure upgrades to the Plane Train system. The milestone marks a significant step forward to increasing the system's capacity both for long-term growth and the short-term imperative of accommodating soccer-related traffic this summer.

Four state-of-the-art automated people mover (APM) vehicles entered passenger service Friday. These are the first of 63 Innovia APM R cars that Alstom is manufacturing for the airport to modernize and expand its fleet. The larger fleet, combined with guideway improvements, will let the airport run trains more frequently, reducing wait times and crowding for travellers.

"We committed to increasing the capacity of the Plane Train before Atlanta began hosting soccer matches this month, and we are proud to deliver on that commitment," said Michael Keroullé, President of Alstom Americas. "Today's news is another important milestone in our decades-long partnership with the City of Atlanta, and part of the transportation legacy of this tournament. This project will help passengers and employees move around the airport more quickly and comfortably for years to come."

An extraordinary partnership

Alstom built and installed the Plane Train 45 years ago and has operated and maintained it ever since. The fast, efficient, driverless Innovia APM system is critical for the functioning of the world's largest airport, connecting seven concourses and two terminals across a 2.8-mile underground system. Running around the clock and every day of the year, the system transported a record 95 million passengers in 2025. Earlier this year, Alstom secured a new contract to [continue to serve the system for at least another five years](#).

The third-generation Innovia APM R vehicles bring modern performance to existing APM systems without requiring extensive retrofits. The new cars are quieter, easier to maintain and more energy efficient than earlier models, and offer passengers improved lighting, updated video information screens, and advanced door safety systems with obstacle detection. Manufactured in West Mifflin, PA, the new trains will replace older vehicles and expand ATL's total fleet to 73 cars. In tandem, Alstom completed key infrastructure upgrades to improve the system's performance. A new turnback along the guideways lets trains switch direction without impeding the train behind it. As a result, trains can safely run every 90 seconds during peak periods, compared to every 107

seconds as in the past. Once the full fleet arrives, ATL will be able to operate as many as 15 trains at a time—up from 10 or 11 today—and transport more passengers per hour. Alstom also refurbished 13 guideway switches to increase their reliability.

An industry leader

A market-leading solution for more than 50 years, the driverless Innovia APM is an efficient transportation solution, specially designed to offer quick and convenient service for travellers between airport terminals, to and from airports, or within cities. Alstom has supplied more than 30 APM systems globally, 13 of which are currently operating in the world's busiest airports.

Alstom is the leading rolling stock and rail services provider in the U.S., having delivered more than 12,000 new or renovated vehicles for domestic rail agencies and airports, including those in New York City, Chicago, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Boston, Washington, D.C., San Francisco and New Jersey. Alstom also manufactured the first high-speed trains made in America and is the number one private rail operator in the country, moving millions of passengers each day for more than 10 rail and airport customers.

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