

PRESS RELEASE

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Grand Paris Express – Line 17 lot 2 : **NGE and Cimolai Cross Europe's Busiest Motorway**

- *France's fourth-largest construction group, alongside its partner Cimolai, is delivering the elevated section of Lot 2 of Line 17*
- *The viaduct for the future metro now spans the 14 lanes of the A1/A3 motorways, following four nights of works*

NGE (as lead contractor) and its partner Cimolai have reached a major milestone on Lot 2 of Line 17 of the Grand Paris Express, overseen by the Société des grands projets. During overnight operations, the joint venture installed the 200-metre viaduct for the future metro above the A1 and A3 motorways near Gonesse. Carried out during full motorway closures, the complex operation was successfully completed over the nights of 14, 15, 19, and 20 May 2025.

Highly technical and meticulously planned, the operation required a complete closure of the A1 and A3 motorways to ensure safe execution of the works. The viaduct structure was first assembled on a dedicated platform in Gonesse, before being moved into its final position using a launching method over four consecutive nights of traffic interruption.

The structure rests on six piers founded on piles, five of which are located on or adjacent to the motorway lanes.

This motorway crossing follows a series of major technical operations undertaken by NGE and Cimolai on Lot 2 of Line 17. Over the Easter weekend, another key milestone was achieved with the installation of three sections of the future metro viaduct, two of which span the RER B railway line. This operation, also carried out during a temporary suspension of SNCF rail traffic, was completed successfully and on schedule.

A Key Project for Northern Île-de-France

Located in the central part of Line 17, which will connect Saint-Denis Pleyel to Le Mesnil-Amelot in under 25 minutes, this section of the future metro will play a major role in enhancing public transport services for several key economic hubs in northern Île-de-France. These include the areas of Roissy, the Mitry-Compans business park, and Le Bourget, with an expected daily ridership of 60,000 passengers. The line will benefit nearly 565,000 residents and support the sustainable development of this strategic area within Greater Paris.

At a Glance:

Key Figures – Motorway Crossing

- 4 nights of work
- Night-time traffic interruption: 10:30 p.m. to 4:00 a.m.
- 15 collaborators
- Average progress: 7 to 10 metres per hour
- 200 metres in length
- 7 spans

Lot 2 – Line 17

- Client: Société des grands projets
- Consortium: NGE (lead contractor) – Cimolai
- Construction start: April 2022
- €328 million contract (NGE share: 60%)
- 5 km of elevated section
- 3 km of steel viaduct
- 1 elevated station: Parc des Expositions

About NGE

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