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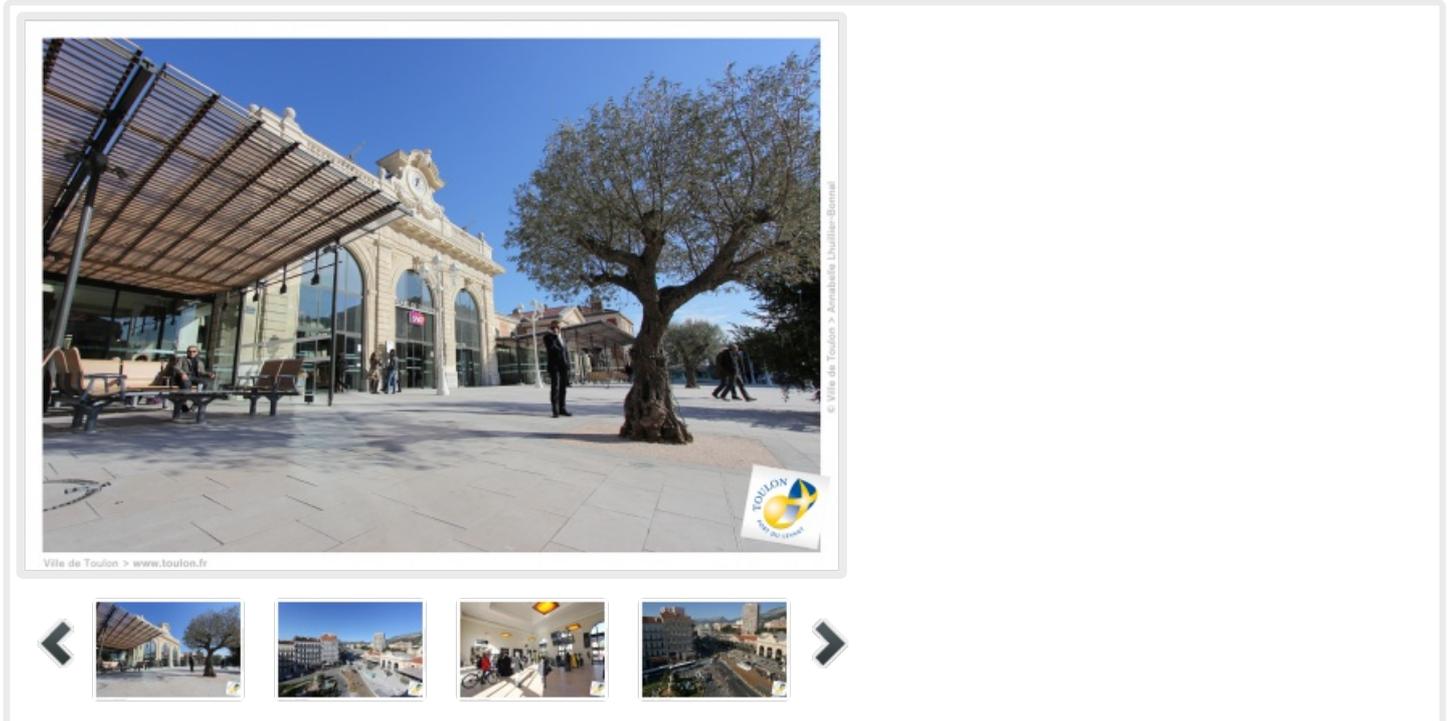
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## The new railway station : an outstanding achievement

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After several months of works, the entirely renovated railway station was inaugurated on Thursday, November 28th.

A complement of the coach station and the essential element of the Multimodal Interchange Hub, this total requalification (buildings and access roads) designed by the SNCF's Stations and Connections branch is the result of a close partnership between the State, Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur Region, the General Council of the Var Department, TPM urban area, the City of Toulon, the French Railroad network and the SNCF (French National Railway Company).



As the vast and sparkling square leading to the travelers' building testifies, the construction site, started in the last term of 2011, took place in due time and Toulon can boast a station worth of the capital of the first French tourist department: a new modern bright and comfortable structure ready to welcome about 4 million travelers per year.

### A spectacular rehabilitation

The development of Louis Armand parking lot (204 parking spaces) and several drop-off lanes facilitate traffic near the station. Besides, 44 new parking spaces have just been fitted out nearby by the City, at the corner of Antoine Bonnet and Auguste Berthon streets.

Implanted in a High City undergoing a full renewal, the station (dating back to Napoleon 3rd) benefited from a spectacular rehabilitation, while preserving the identity of the district.

The renovation of its historic ceiling as well as the creation of two 200 m<sup>2</sup> summer halls, appear among the key points of this realization. Inside the building, the refitting means doubling the accommodation facilities (from 384 m<sup>2</sup> to 630 m<sup>2</sup>), and the installation of numerous glazed facades illuminating the place.

### Accessible platforms in June, 2014

"No other station of this size has been delivered in 4 years. We can be proud of it", said Gilles Ballerat (Gares & Connexions SNCF).

"In June, 2014, when all the works are completed (raising of the platforms to make them accessible to all, lighting system, elevator and pedestrian footbridge), we will have a high quality Multimodal Interchange Hub, in connection with Varlib and Mistral network", guaranteed Marc Giraud, 1st deputy chairman of the General Council representing Horace Lanfranchi.

### The mobilization of all the partners

For mayor Hubert Falco the station finally reflects the ambitions of Toulon, a tourist area in the heart of an urban area with 450,000 residents: "I particularly wish to pay tribute to the SNCF's people in charge at national level as well as to the former manager of the Post Office who took care of the demolition of Building 11 and of that of the disused mail sorting center. This magnificent achievement was born thanks to the mobilization of all the partners. Welcoming the millions of travelers who pass in transit here, without incidents in spite of the works, was a great performance".

"This lively stopping-off place will also allow to open up Toulon City's urban area as well as the Var department. It is a top priority for public policy", reminded Michel Vauzelle, president of the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region.

Find out more

- Global amount of the rehabilitation of the station: €26,68 m
- Global amount of road works: €1 m

**Key figures:**

3,600,000 travelers per year in 2010

4,750,000 travelers per year expected in 2020

34,031 trains in 2011, among which 10,910 TGVs (Very High Speed Train)

2 accesses to the Interchange hub from the East and the West

A main drop-off lane, situated in the West of the station, offers 20 short duration parking places, managed by Effia stationnement. A secondary drop-off lane in east of the station.

Louis Armand carpark with 204 parking spaces managed by Effia stationnement welcomes the visitors

A multimodal and tourist welcome area at the heart of the station (Information Point)

**The stages of the project:**

- 2005: realization of the coach station, the first phase of the Multimodal Interchange hub
- 2009: demolition of the former mail sorting center
- 2010: signature of the funding partnership agreement of the Multimodal Interchange hub of Toulon
- 2011: demolition of Building 11 and start-up of the works and fittings of the station.

## Actualités

### Christmas festivities in Toulon <sup>[1]</sup>

On the last Friday of November, the city put on its winter clothes. A magical moment which will repeat itself every evening, until early January.

### Beaches in sight! <sup>[2]</sup>

Nested between the green Mount Faron and the clear Le Mourillon waters, Toulon offers its attractions to tourists and local summer vacationers.

### The countdown has begun for the Formula 1s of the sea <sup>[3]</sup>

An unprecedented event in Toulon's harbor, on February 19th the America's Cup was the subject of a press conference gathering actors, orga

### Toulon is more active than ever <sup>[4]</sup>

Considered as stubborn, figures are an invaluable information source.

### Opening of a new university residence <sup>[5]</sup>

As part of Toulon's of urban renovation project and further to the requalification of Ilot Baudin neighborhood, Portalis residence has welcome



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