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## **MTA LOANS ATLANTA STATE-OF-THE-ART COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS BUSES FOR USE DURING 1996 OLYMPICS**

Chances are that many of the spectators at tonight's opening ceremony of the 1996 Olympic Summer Games in Atlanta probably used state-of-the-art compressed natural gas (CNG) buses to travel to the venue site, loaned to Atlanta by the MTA.

"The MTA is proud to have loaned these new compressed natural gas buses to our sister transportation agency in Atlanta for use during the Olympics," said MTA Board Chairman Larry Zarian. "We have heard nothing but good remarks about them and hope visitors will utilize them to get around the various Olympic venues in Atlanta."

MTA loaned a total of 60 CNG buses to Atlanta's Metropolitan Area Rapid Transportation Authority (MARTA), with most of the buses arriving in Atlanta approximately two weeks ago.

The MTA CNG buses, along with other buses loaned by various transportation agencies across the nation, will be used to transport spectators and athletes to the various venues.

"These CNG buses are fast becoming the jewel of the Olympic crown for the people using public transportation in Atlanta," said MTA Chief Executive Officer Joseph E. Drew. "MTA is pleased to play a small part in these Olympic Games."

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MTA presently operates one of the largest fleet of CNG buses in the nation and is currently in the process of receiving 300 state-of-the-art CNG buses. An additional 250 CNG buses are on order and will be delivered to the MTA by the end of 1998.

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