



# NEWS

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**It's Getting Better on the Bus**  
**MTA TO UPDATE MEDIA ON METRO BUS OVERHAUL**

**WHAT:** A year ago MTA officials gave reporters this assessment of the Metro Bus system: "we got the message, it's broke so fix it." A spate of new buses, more service on the road, and better supervision are easing overcrowding and improving passenger comfort. Complaints are down. Performance indicators are up. Metro Bus service is even safer thanks to policing by LAPD and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Still, MTA has a ways to go before the bus system is where it should be. LA. County Supervisor and new MTA Board Chair Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, MTA officials, law enforcement officials, bus operators and bus riders will update media on progress made during the past year to revamp the Metro Bus fleet and chart continuing remedial efforts.

**WHEN:** 10 a.m., this morning, Monday, October 18, 1999

**WHERE:** MTA Operating Division 3  
630 West Avenue 28  
Cypress Park near downtown Los Angeles  
(cross-streets Avenue 28 and Idell Street (Thomas Guide 594-J6)  
parking lot located off of Idell Street

**WHO:** Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, L.A. County Supervisor/  
MTA Board Chair  
Julian Burke, MTA CEO  
Allan Lipsky, MTA COO  
Captain Vance Proctor, Los Angeles Police Department  
Captain Marc Klugman, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department  
Art Alva, MTA Bus Operator  
Michael Williams, MTA Passenger Advisory Committee

**VISUALS:** *Backdrop of new CNG buses with king-size ads that read: "It's Getting Better on the Bus." Approximately 50 new buses in the immediate vicinity of event and the arrival of new CNG buses being delivered to division.*

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**PROGRAM**

**IT'S GETTING BETTER ON THE BUS  
MTA PRESS EVENT**

**MONDAY, OCT. 18, 1999  
METRO BUS DIVISION 3  
630 W. AVENUE 28**

**WELCOME  
& OPENING  
REMARKS**

MTA Chair & County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke

**SPEECHES**

Supervisor Burke  
MTA CEO Julian Burke  
MTA Chief Operating Officer Allan Lipsky  
MTA Metro Bus Operator Art Alva  
Michael Williams, Division 3 Passenger Advisory Committee  
LAPD Capt. Vance Proctor  
Sheriff's Capt. Marc Klugman

**PRESS Q & A**

Supervisor Burke, MTA and law enforcement officials

**CLOSING  
REMARKS**

Supervisor Burke