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1,000 NEW BUSES SINCE 1996 AND STILL COUNTING
**LOS ANGELES COUNTY MTA AGAIN DEMONSTRATES ITS COMMITMENT
TO BUYING ALTERNATIVE FUEL BUSES AND IMPROVING AIR QUALITY**

(Los Angeles) — The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (LACMTA) 1,000th Compressed Natural Gas bus made its debut in grand style recently, barreling through a paper barrier at the MTA's Arthur Winston Division in South Central Los Angeles during a special ceremony marking the milestone. The MTA has assembled the largest alternative fuel bus fleet since 1990 when the Agency received its first CNG bus. Since 1996, the MTA has taken delivery of 1,000 new CNG buses. By June 30, 2002, the MTA will have 1,940 CNG buses, nearly 90 percent of its total fleet. The MTA's 1,000th new CNG bus, a low floor model manufactured by North American Bus Industries (NABI), features ramps automatically deployed at curb level which allow members of the disabled community as well as visually impaired passengers to board and exit in a much easier manner. The MTA will offer a record amount of bus service in Fiscal Year 2001.

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