



# NEWS

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MTA TO DEPLOY RECORD BUS SERVICE

**L.A. COUNTY SUP. BURKE TO GREET MTA'S 1,000<sup>th</sup> NEW BUS,  
TOUR IMPROVED SOUTH CENTRAL L.A. BUS YARD**

**WHAT:** Since 1996 when the MTA received its first Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) bus the Agency has gone on to assemble the largest alternative fuel bus fleet in the nation. In that time period, nearly 15% of all public transit buses manufactured in the United States have been ordered by the MTA. During this very visual press event, the MTA's 1000<sup>th</sup> new CNG bus, a low floor model manufactured by North American Bus Industries (NABI) will arrive in grand style, bursting through a paper barrier and coming to a rest a few feet away from a speaker's podium. Instead of wheelchair lifts, the NABI buses feature automatically deployed ramps which will allow members of the disabled community to board and exit in a much easier manner at curb level. An address to be delivered by Los Angeles County Supervisor and MTA Board Chairwoman Yvonne Brathwaite Burke will focus on the markedly improved state of Metro Bus System and touch upon plans for future enhancements. The MTA will offer a record amount of bus service in fiscal year 2001, eclipsing the record set in the 1980s. Burke also will tour the Arthur Winston Bus Division, slated to sport an entirely new bus fleet.

**WHEN:** Tomorrow, 10 a.m., Friday, June 2, 2000

**WHERE:** Arthur Winston Bus Division  
5425 Van Ness Avenue (Van Ness Ave. and 54<sup>th</sup> Street)  
Los Angeles, California (Thomas Guide 673-G5)

**WHO:** L.A. County Sup./ MTA Board Chair Yvonne Brathwaite Burke  
MTA CEO Julian Burke and MTA COO Allan Lipsky  
Tom Conner, MTA Executive Officer Operations  
Arthur Winston, 70 years on the job  
Randy and Kimberly Horton, MTA's Access Advisory Committee  
MTA Bus Operator William Brinson  
Bishop George Reid, Passenger Advisory Committee

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Directions to Arthur Winston Division From Downtown Los Angeles

Take the Harbor Freeway South

Exit at Slauson Avenue which follows 56<sup>th</sup> Street exit

turn left on Slauson

continue to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and turn right (2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue follows Van Ness Avenue)

Turn right onto 54<sup>th</sup> Street and pull into Division 5 yard