



(March 15) The first of 100 buses that will be used to train operators for the Metro Rapid Bus demonstration project are expected to arrive in Los Angeles later this month.

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The NABI coaches will be painted in a distinctive red and white design. The operator training program will be conducted in April and May.

Metro Rapid Bus routes are planned for Ventura Boulevard in the San Fernando Valley and on Wilshire Boulevard in conjunction with the opening, June 24, of the Metro Red Line's North Hollywood extension.

#### **'Pilot Bus' due in April**

The MTA also expects to receive in April the "Pilot Bus" of an order of 223 New Flyer low-floor CNG buses. Production is to begin on the full order late this summer.

During February, the MTA accepted 38 New Flyer high-floor CNG buses and put 32 of them into service. A total of 200 of the 223 buses to be provided in this New Flyer contract have now been shipped to the MTA and the remainder are expected by the end of March.

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Meanwhile, Detroit Diesel has completed the conversion of all 333 of the MTA's alcohol-fueled buses to clean-air diesel power.

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