

Last of a Breed?

Final Bus in MTA's High-Floor Order Goes to Arthur Winston Division

(Aug. 21) Is Metro Bus Number 5219 the last of a breed? The New Flyer coach, delivered earlier this month to the Arthur Winston Division, is the final high-floor bus the MTA had ordered before turning to low-floor buses.

With all high-floor orders complete, New Flyer now is in the process of manufacturing 446 low-floor coaches for the MTA.

"Many of our passengers prefer the low-floor coaches, while others favor the high-floor buses," says Dana Coffey, Arthur Winston Division transportation manager. "But, most are just glad to see an air-conditioned, clean bus that can take them to their destination."

Counting Number 5219, the Arthur Winston Division now operates 130 high-floor CNG buses, says Alex DiNuzzo, division maintenance manager. Along with 20 low-floor buses and 50 high-floors that will start coming in this week from Division 3, Arthur Winston soon will have 200 buses with an average age of less than a year.

"In about a year's time, we've gone from mostly old buses to all-new buses here at the Arthur Winston Division," says DiNuzzo. "Things are getting better."

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