

## **Commuters to See New Buses on Lines Operated by First Transit, Coach USA**

(Jan. 18) Commuters on Metro Bus lines operated by First Transit and Coach USA this week saw the first of 120 brand new coaches the two companies are purchasing for revenue service.

Six new low-floor Orion coaches joined the First Transit fleet. Sixty-one more of the 40-passenger buses will be rolled out over the next two months. In addition, the company will buy 28 new 30-passenger El Dorado coaches.

Coach USA received five new 18-passenger El Dorado coaches for service on Line 214, servicing stops between the Artesia Transit Center and downtown LA. The company also is purchasing 20 new 40-passenger Thomas coaches.

The companies are under contract to the MTA for five years, with three one-year options. At the end of the contracts, the MTA will buy the buses for \$1 each.

First Transit operates 10 bus lines in the South Bay, Harbor area, South Central LA and the San Fernando and San Gabriel valleys. Coach USA operates Line 214 and two others serving the San Fernando Valley.

[Back to MTA Report](#)