

## Local Media Views MTA's New CNG Buses During Tour of RRC

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(June 8, 2001) MTA Board Chair Yvonne Burke and other MTA officials led reporters on a tour of the agency's high-tech central maintenance facility, June 7, to view some of the 30 new buses the MTA is receiving each week and readying for service.

In a 15-month period from April 2001 forward, the MTA will receive 750 new buses, all powered by clean-burning CNG engines with low-floor designs that make boarding and exiting easier for the elderly and disabled.

The buses also come equipped with on board surveillance cameras to deter crime.

"With the MTA taking delivery of so many new buses, it's no wonder the MTA has been cited as one of the 10 most-improved public transit systems in North America," said Burke.

She was referring to an article that recently ran in Metro Magazine, a publication that covers the public transportation industry as well as private bus companies.

"Besides replacing older, less reliable buses, the MTA also is expanding service. You can see the difference on the street," she added.

The MTA has taken delivery of more than 1,200 new compressed natural gas buses since 1996 and has increased the number of buses in service by 377.

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New arrivals



MTA Board Chair  
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