

## **FTA Awards MTA \$4.4 Million for CNG Buses**

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(Aug. 24, 2001) The MTA will receive more than \$4.4 million in federal funds to purchase compressed natural gas (CNG) buses, U.S. Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta has announced.



MTA operates the largest CNG bus fleet in North America.

The grant of \$4,456,416 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds will be used to purchase 14 low-floor, 40-ft., CNG buses.

"We're extremely pleased with the award," said John Fasana, MTA Board chair. "It is a ringing endorsement of MTA's ongoing efforts to make its bus fleet the most modern clean air fleet in the nation."

"The award allows MTA to continue to move full speed ahead with its accelerated bus procurement plan, which is aimed at delivering the most reliable bus service possible to transit riders throughout Los Angeles County," he added.

The MTA's accelerated bus procurement plan calls for the purchase of 2,095 new buses through FY 2004. The MTA operates the largest CNG bus fleet in North America and to date has taken delivery of more than 1,500 new CNG. Within the next three years, virtually the entire fleet will operate on CNG fuel.

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