
New Bus to be Displayed, Wednesday, on Plaza

(Sept. 18, 2001) The lead bus in a new order of 370 NABI coaches will be displayed on the Plaza, Wednesday, from noon until 3 p.m. Among its innovations: redesigned passenger seats and a CNG fuel tank with 15 percent more capacity.

"These seats are different," says John Drayton, manager, Vehicle Acquisition, "and they'll be more comfortable for our passengers."

The new seats are contoured and will provide better back support and more hip-to-knee room for passengers. The larger CNG tanks will give the buses a greater operating range.

The low-floor, 40-seat buses also will have security cameras placed both inside and outside the coach. Engines will have the latest components, fuel and emission upgrades.

The MTA now has 430 low-floor, CNG NABI buses in its fleet. When the final bus of the current 370-bus order is received in June 2002, the agency will have a total of 800 NABI coaches. Michael Chang of Equipment Engineering is project manager for the NABI purchase.

"We expect this bus to be every bit as reliable as the existing NABI fleet," says Drayton. "They're among the best performing buses the MTA has ever had."

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