

* Update: Jan. 17

The committee approved the proposed bus purchase and sent it to the full Board.

* Update: Jan. 24

Approved by the full board

- MTA Plans Purchase of 30 High-Capacity CNG Buses



^ The NABI "Compo-Bus" is 45 feet long and seats 47 passengers. Made of lightweight materials, it is CNG-powered.

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(Jan. 15, 2002) The MTA plans to buy 30 lightweight, CNG high-capacity buses – the first of up to 100 to be added to the fleet over the next four years. The Operations Committee will consider the initial \$12.7 million purchase at its Wednesday meeting.

The low-floor North American Bus Industries "Compo-Bus" would be 45 feet long, five feet longer than current MTA coaches. Each would transport 47 seated passengers, four more than high-floor buses and seven more than low-floor buses.

The NABI "Compo-Bus," priced at \$368,053, uses some of the technology developed in the MTA's Advanced Technology Transit Bus program. The buses are 20 percent lighter than conventional steel-framed buses.

Only recently, according to a Board report, has the bus industry developed the body designs and propulsion systems suitable for larger-capacity alternative-fuel buses.

In other committee action, Planning and Programming will hear a report, Thursday, that construction is scheduled to begin in March on a retail and housing complex at the Hollywood/Western Metro station.

The development will include 60 affordable apartments, 9,000 square feet of retail space, a 4,000 square foot community area and a 70-child day care center.

Committee meeting schedule

- Operations, 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 16
- Construction, 2 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 16
- Finance and Budget, Thursday, Jan. 17
- Executive Management and Audit, 11 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 17
- Planning and Programming, 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 17

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