

A crane carefully lowers a CNG fueling station control room and cooling fan into place at Crossroads Division 2. Photo by Jose Hill-Soto.



## **Division 2 CNG Fuel Station Project is a Milestone for MTA**

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(Feb. 1, 2002) By the end of February, construction crews will complete installation of four CNG fueling stations at Crossroads Division 2 – an important milestone for the MTA in its conversion to alternative fuel vehicles.

The Crossroads project is the last of 10 CNG installations the MTA planned at its operating divisions. Only Venice Division 6 – the smallest division – will not convert to CNG.

According to Richard Hunt, deputy executive officer, Bus Maintenance, the newly installed CNG facility at El Monte Division 9 is in final testing. The agency currently is upgrading the fueling stations at Sunland Division 15 and plans to add more CNG fueling capacity at Chatsworth Division 8.

At Crossroads, crews have set in place three small buildings that house compressors capable of providing CNG under pressures up to 4,500 psi. Attached to each is a huge fan that serves as part of the cooling system.

Nearby are six spherical vessels that will contain the CNG. Testing of the system is scheduled in early March. Plans are to install a fifth fueling station at a later date at Crossroads to serve other types of CNG vehicles.

The contractor, A.E. Schmidt of Van Nuys, also built an eight-foot high concrete block wall to conceal the four fueling stations from the adjacent street.

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