

**Grand Entrance**> Media news outlets took a first look at a new advanced designed "CompoBus" Friday morning at Gateway Transit Plaza. The "CompoBus" is a 45-foot, CNG low-floor coach with contoured windshields and a stylish retro look. It has a lighter-weight, crash-resistant fiberglass composite body that is impervious to rust and corrosion. The two-axel bus will seat 46 passengers, six more passengers than can be seated on a standard 40-foot, low-floor bus. MTA has a contract to buy 100 CompoBuses from NABI. The first 30 units of the order are due to be delivered in May, 2004. The first buses are expected to go into service in June on the Metro Rapid lines.



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