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Largest Clean-Air Fleet in the Nation

Metro puts 2,500th CNG-fueled bus into service



Photo by Juan Ocampo

Metro reaches a major milestone at Central City Division 1 Jan. 18 when the 2,500th Metro Bus burning compressed natural gas rolled into service after a quick pit stop at the natural gas pumps. On hand for the debut were CEO Roger Snoble, Division 1 Maintenance Manager Hector Rojas, Board Chair Pam O'Connor and Metro South Bay General Manager Dana Coffey, along with a host of Metro officials and media representatives. A clear leader in the field, Metro was the first to adapt the technology for use in transit vehicles following the adoption by the board of the alternative fuel policy in 1993. Reaching a major milestone that indicates 95 percent of the Metro fleet burns clean compressed natural gas continues to demonstrate that CNG is the best, most effective and clearly efficient clean fuel option available, said CEO Snoble. The fleet conversion is definitely not a turnkey operation, he noted, but rather a solid agency-wide effort that involves more than 100 employees and thousands of work hours getting the buses ready for operations. "An entire crew of personnel from fleet management to contracts to accounts payable to division maintenance deserve the credit for this milestone achievement," said Snoble. -- from Gayle Anderson