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MTA BOARD AWARDS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR TWO MORE COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS (CNG) FUELING FACILITIES

MTA bus operating divisions near downtown Los Angeles and in Chatsworth will soon join MTA's Sun Valley division as compressed natural gas fueling centers to accommodate MTA's recently-purchased fleet of 196 CNG-powered buses.

The MTA Board of Directors, Oct. 26, awarded the nearly \$3 million construction contract to Coast Engineering and Construction Corporation of Los Angeles, which will build both facilities. The funds are available through federal Section 9 funds for FY 1995.

"The construction of CNG fueling facilities at our Divisions 8 and 10 is part of a major program we are undertaking in our maintenance department to accommodate compressed natural gas fuel technology," said Art Leahy, MTA's executive director for operations.

"The CNG Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Program also includes upgrading of our existing facility at Division 15 in Sun Valley, and modification of existing maintenance buildings at all three locations."

The first group of new CNG buses is expected to arrive in early 1995.

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