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It's Getting Better on the Bus Fact Sheet

- In fiscal year 2000, the MTA has earmarked over \$1.1 billion in operations and capital improvements funding, approximately 44% of the entire budget, for the Metro Bus System and its municipal bus operator partners.
- Between August 1998 and August 1999, bus on-time pullouts from yards increased 3% from 96.10% to 99.10%.
- Between August 1998 and August 1999, the miles between mechanical failures which resulted in a 10 minute service delay or more increased from 3,987 miles to 5,130 miles, a 28.7% improvement.
- Between August 1998 and August 1999, bus passenger complaints per 100,000 boardings dropped from 5.86 to 4.48, a 24.80% decline.
- Between August 1998 and August 1999, in-service on-time performance climbed from 50.82% to 59.02%, a 8.20% gain.
- Between August 1998 and August 1999, Consent Decree passengers load factor compliance improved from 95.94% to 98.86%, a betterment of 2.92%.
- In a process that began in fiscal year 1998 and continues through 2004, the MTA expects to take delivery of 2,400 new buses, which equals 15% of the total number of buses to be manufactured in the U.S. in that time frame.
- Since fiscal year 1998, the MTA has received 457 new high floor Compressed Natural Gas buses.
- The MTA has converted 214 alcohol fueled buses to date. The balance of 324 alcohol fueled buses will be converted to clean diesel by June 30, 2000.
- By the end of calendar year 2000, the MTA will take delivery of 438 new low floor CNG buses that will be much easier to access by the disabled. The first low floor buses will begin arriving this winter.

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- By July 2000, the MTA bus fleet will feature approximately 1,000 CNG buses, the most of any transit agency in the United States.
- The average age of the MTA bus fleet, 9.1 years in October 1998, will be lowered to 4.9 years in fiscal year 2002.
- By the end of calendar year 1999 or early 2000, MTA Bus Division 3 will become the first of 11 MTA bus divisions to sport a nearly new bus fleet. MTA Bus Division 5 in South Central and MTA Bus Division 7 in West Hollywood will have primarily new bus fleets by the end of calendar year 2000.
- Approximately 240 extra buses have been put on the road during the past three years. Another 64 are scheduled to be added in December and MTA is striving to add 88 more buses into service on top of that by Jan. 3 as recently ordered by Chief United States District Judge Terry Hatter, Jr.

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