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## **Metro Rolls Out First High Capacity State-of-the-Art 45-Foot Bus**

Metro officials today unveiled the first of 100 new state-of-the-art high capacity 45-foot Metro Buses that will be placed into service in the next few weeks on various Metro Rapid Bus lines serving the region.

The new buses, manufactured by North American Bus Industries, are five feet longer than a traditional 40-foot transit bus and have a sleeker design manufactured with special composite materials. The new low-floor buses are powered by compressed natural gas.

"Today marks another major milestone in delivering quality service to our bus patrons with the addition of these new high-capacity buses," said Metro Board Chairman Frank Roberts. "We can truly say that this is the bus of the future as we continue our pursuit of high-tech solutions to provide the best service we can for the region."

Metro will add 100 new 45-foot buses into service over the next year. The new high capacity buses seat 46 passengers instead of the 40 seats on a standard 40-foot transit bus, a 16 percent increase in capacity.

The fiberglass and carbon fiber reinforced body of the new bus weighs the same as a regular steel framed bus, but carries more passengers and is five feet longer, stronger and resistant to corrosion and collision damage.

The buses also feature power disc brakes to enhance safety. The state-of-the-art components on board the bus will reduce maintenance costs and improve fuel economy. Each bus costs \$370,000.

In addition, Metro has ordered 200 articulated buses that are 60-feet long and have 50 percent more capacity than a standard bus. The first of these super-sized buses will go into service next year.

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Metro Chairman and Lancaster Mayor Frank Roberts, at podium, introduces new 45-foot Metro Bus to be placed into service. Also pictured, from left, North American Bus Industries executive Cliff Henke, Metro Deputy John Catoe and Metro Board Member and County Supervisor Yvonne Brathwaite Burke.

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