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Metro Board of Directors Approves Purchase of up to 100 More New 60-Foot High-Capacity Buses

The Board of Directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) today approved purchasing up to 100 new 60-foot high capacity, compressed natural gas (CNG) buses from North American Bus Industries. The total procurement is \$86,428,426, which includes fareboxes, radios and spare parts.

Delivery of these new articulated buses will be completed by Spring 2008. The new buses can seat almost 50 percent more passengers (57 seats) than a standard 40-foot bus and will be used to improve service on the most popular Metro bus lines.

"This purchase reaffirms Metro's commitment to provide the best service for the bus riders of the Los Angeles region," said Metro Chair Board and Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina.

Metro now has a fleet of 2,500 buses and 90 percent of them are fueled by natural gas. Today Metro operates 275 articulated buses and plans to have another 20 in service by this summer.

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