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The 'Smart Bus' Web Page on MTA Intranet

(June 28) "Smart Bus" - a special project that is expected to deliver the next generation of transit buses to the MTA - debuts today on METRO.NET with its own Intranet web page.

The page can be accessed from the Intranet home page via the "MTA Projects Information" link found on the right side of the navigation bar.

It will provide a description of high-tech computer controls and monitors that will be a major feature of "Smart Bus."

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Also called ATMS (Advanced Transportation Management System), the devices are expected to increase operating efficiency and help improve passenger service. The MTA will begin installing ATMS on its buses in 2002 and anticipates having the system on every bus in the fleet by 2004.

Project overview

The Smart Bus web page, developed by Rodger Maxwell, an MTA schedules systems supervisor and member of the ATMS team, includes an overview of the project and its elements.

Navigation buttons link the user to brief explanations of such integral parts as the Transit Radio System, the Universal Fare System and systems for vehicle location, voice annunciator, video surveillance and passenger counting. Users also can access FAQs, frequently asked questions about Smart Bus.

With the Smart Bus to remain under development for some time yet, the new web page will be updated periodically to bring Intranet users the latest information about the project.

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