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SUBJECT: BUS PROCUREMENT STATUS REPORT

ISSUE

In January 1999, the Operations Committee requested a monthly status report on our bus procurements and assignments. In January 2001, this report was changed to a quarterly "Board Box" status report.

DISCUSSION

The MTA placed 163 new buses into MTA operated service during the second quarter of 2002 (April 1 – June 30, 2002). As of July 1, 2002, CNG fueled buses comprised 79% of the MTA's active bus fleet (1,853 CNG buses in total).

Since the MTA Board adopted the Accelerated Bus Procurement in 1998, 1,737 new buses have been put into service (an average of 430 new buses/year), and 100 more new buses are due for delivery by the end of 2003. Separately, new procurements were recently initiated for up to 272 articulated buses.

- **NABI** has completed delivery of 350/370 buses in contract OP33200634 to their local facility in Upland, CA. During the second quarter of 2002, a total of 163 of these new NABI buses were put into revenue service, and all remaining buses in this order were delivered by the end of August 2002. As of September 1, 2002, 300 of these buses were in service, while 50 of these buses were being prepared for the scheduled expansion of the Metro Rapid Program. In October 2001, the MTA authorized NABI to build 20 of the buses in this contract using a lightweight composite structure. NABI has started final assembly on the first of these 20 "Compo-Buses," and these 20 lightweight buses will be delivered to the MTA beginning in December 2002.

- **30 Bus RFP** – In a separate January Board Report, the MTA awarded a \$12.7 million contract for 30 lightweight, high capacity buses to North American Bus Industry (NABI). NABI's proposed 45-foot bus uses an advanced, lightweight composite shell. NABI's prototype 45-foot bus started final assembly in June, and is scheduled to undergo extensive testing. MTA's order for these 45-foot buses is scheduled to begin production in late Fall 2002, and the MTA buses are currently scheduled for delivery in Fall 2003.
- **Articulated Bus Procurements** – In June 2002, MTA initiated two new procurements for articulated buses. The first of these procurements is for up to 72 high capacity, CNG-Electric or CNG-Hybrid articulated vehicles. The second procurement is for up to 200 CNG, Advanced Designed articulated buses. Proposals for both of these procurements are due back from prospective vendors on October 16, 2002, and award recommendations for these buses are expected to come back to the MTA Board in January 2003.

NEXT STEPS

This completes the quarterly reporting on the original request for bus procurement updates as made by the Operations Committee. Updates on future bus procurements and deliveries will be provided in Deputy Chief Executive Officer John Catoe's Metro Operations reports.

Attachment 1: Summary of Bus Delivery Schedule

Attachment 2: Summary of New Bus Assignments

Attachment 3: Status Report for NABI 370 Procurement

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ATTACHMENT 1

As of September 1, 2002	294 Bus* Neoplan Order (carried over from FY97)	250 Neoplan (Base)	New Flyer 'Las Vegas' Buses	Neoplan (50 Bus Option)	Neoplan (100 Bus Option)	New Flyer (Base)	NABI (Base)	New Flyer (Option)	Nabi Option	NABI - 370 Contract	Additional Buses to be bought by MTA Contractors**	"High Capacity Bus Buy	Additional Buses Req'd (Through FY04)	Total New Buses (Through FY04)
Total Buses in Contract	37	250	20	50	100	223	215	223	215	370	115	30	247	2095
Technology	High Floor CNG	High Floor CNG	Low Floor Diesel	High Floor CNG	High Floor CNG	High Floor CNG	Low Floor CNG	Low Floor CNG	Low Floor CNG	Low Floor CNG	Diesel	45' Low Floor CNG	Low Floor	
Final Bus Delivery Date (per Contract)	Sep-97	Sep-98	Sep-98	Dec-98	Jul-99	Dec-99	Oct-01	Dec-00	Jun-01	Jun-02	Jun-00	Jun-03	Jun-04	
Proposed Delivery Date (Current Schedule)	Sep-97	Sep-98	Sep-98	Dec-98	Jul-99	Mar-00	Jul-00	Jan-01	Jun-01	Jun-02	Jun-00	Oct-02	Jun-04	
Summary - Deliveries/Acceptances														
Total Scheduled Deliveries (Thru Sep 1, '02)	37	250	20	50	100	223	215	223	215	350	115	0	0	1798
Actual Buses Accepted (Thru Sep 1, '02)	37	250	20	50	100	223	215	223	215	350	115	0	0	1798
New Buses in Revenue Service	37	250	20	50	100	223	215	223	215	300	115	0	0	1748
Buses Remaining in Contract(s)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	0	30	247	644
Percentage Completion	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	81.08%	100.00%	0.00%	0.00%	83.44%

Status of Accelerated Bus Procurement Plan		Neoplan	New Flyer	NABI 215 Bus Buy	NABI 370 Bus Buy	Contractor Buses	Total
New Buses in Revenue Service	1748	437	466	430	300	115	1748
Buses remaining in contracts	70				70		70
Option Buses Available (NABI)	700				700		700
Total Buses Available (FY98-FY04)	2518	437	466	430	1070	128	2518

* 37 Buses from the original 294 Bus Neoplan Contract were delivered & accepted in FY98. These buses were included as part of the Accelerated Bus Procurement Plan. There were a total of 257 Neoplan CNG buses delivered to the MTA in FY96 and FY97, so new bus deliveries from FY96 - FY04 total 2649 (257+2095+297).

** MTA Contracted Service Providers have entered into lease agreements to acquire a total of 115 buses for MTA contract service.

ATTACHMENT 2

Assignments as of September 1, 2002	Total Buses on Order	Buses Del.*	Buses "Accepted" and placed in service*	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 5	Div 6	Div 7	Div 8	Div 9	Div 10	Div 15	Div 18	Contractor Buses Contractor	Special Assign. (Training)
				Dwntwn	Dwntwn	Cypress Park	South Central	Venice	West Hollywood	Chatsworth	El Monte	Dwntwn	Sun Valley	Torrance		
New Buses (Buses Ordered under Accelerated Plan)																
Neoplan FY96 Procurement Contract	37	37	37											37		
Neoplan	400	400	400			100						130		170		
New Flyer (Las Vegas Buses)	20	20	20				2	18								
New Flyer (Base)*	223	223	223			73	150									
NABI	215	215	215		4				179	25						7
New Flyer (Low Floor Option)	223	223	223	68		1	74					80				
NABI (Option)	215	215	215	56	29				39	30	15		46			
NABI 370 Contract Delivery by 2002	370	350	300	30	55				5	1	109		58	42		50
NABI #2 Option Buses (Up to 700 Buses through FY04)	696	0	0													
High Capacity Buses	30	0	0													
Contractor Buses	115	115	115												115	
Total New Buses	2544	1798	1748	154	88	174	226	18	223	156	124	210	104	249	115	57

PROJECT # 200004 (As of September 1, 2002)
NABI 370 BUS PROCUREMENT

Project Description

In May 2000, the MTA Board authorized a new **Base Order** contract for 370 NABI low floor buses. This contract includes options for up to 700 additional buses.

A total of 696 option buses were included with this order. Four of the original 700 option buses have been assigned to Victor Valley Transit Authority.

In October 2001, the MTA Board authorized NABI to build the last 20 buses using all composite construction. The 20 "Compo-buses" are scheduled for delivery by the end of January 2003.

In January 2002, MTA awarded a new contract to NABI for thirty, 45 foot composite buses. These new 45' buses are scheduled for production and delivery during Fall 2003.