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SUBJECT: BUS PROCUREMENT STATUS REPORT

ISSUE

At the January 1999 Board Meeting, the Operations Committee requested staff to report back on a monthly basis the status of our bus procurements and assignments.

BUS PROCUREMENT STATUS UPDATE

One NABI bus was accepted in November.

- **New Flyer** has initiated production on 223 option buses (low floor CNG) in Winnipeg and is preparing for final production activities beginning this month in Crookston, Minnesota. New Flyer will incur late fees for every bus delivered after January 1, 2001.
- One base order **NABI** bus remains to be accepted. This bus is awaiting parts deliveries, and NABI expects to have it ready for service shortly. NABI is currently assembling bus frames for the 215 option bus buy in Budapest. NABI expects to begin final assembly in Anniston, Alabama in January and to ship the first buses in this order in January 2001. MTA staff met with NABI staff in November to discuss production and delivery details for the 370 bus option order (delivery schedule from January-June 2002)..
- MTA contracted service providers **First Transit** and **Coach USA** are awaiting delivery of 115 new buses for use in MTA contracted service. The first buses from Orion and Thomas are scheduled for delivery during December.

Attachments: Summary of Bus Delivery Schedule
Summary of New Bus Assignments
Status Report for each Bus Procurement

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Delivery Schedule Summary

As of December 1, 2000	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**	Additional Buses Req'd (through FY04)	Consent Decree Buses***	Total New Buses (Through FY04)
Total Buses in Contract	37	250	20	50	100	223	215	223	215	370	115	277	297	2392
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	Low Floor	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-04	Jun-02	
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	Jun-04	Jun-02	
Summary - Deliveries/Acceptances														
Total Scheduled Deliveries (Thru Dec 1, '00)	37	250	20	50	100	223	215	1	0	0	0	0	0	896
Actual Buses Accepted (Thru Dec 1, '00)	37	250	20	50	100	223	214	1	0	0	0	0	0	895
New Buses in Revenue Service	37	250	20	50	100	223	214	1	0	0	0	0	0	895
Buses Remaining in Contract(s)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	222	215	370	115	242	297	1462
Percentage Completion	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	99.53%	0.45%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	37.42%

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	895	437	244	214			895
Buses remaining in contracts	808		222	216	370		808
Option Buses Available (NABI)	700				700		700
Buses to be purchased by Contractors**	115					115	115
Total Buses Available (FY98-FY04)	2518	437	466	430	1070	115	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 total new bus deliveries from FY96 - FY04 will total 2649 (257+2095+297).

** MTA Contracted Service Providers have committed to provide up to 150 replacement buses. MTA's authorization to proceed with these purchases is pending.

*** Funding has not been identified for the purchase of 297 buses mandated by the U.S. District Court but subsequently stayed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit pending appeal by the MTA.

Bus Assignment Plan & Status

Assignments as of Dec. 1, 2000	Total Buses on Order	Buses Delivered*	Buses "Accepted" and put in service*	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 5	Div 6	Div 7	Div 8	Div 9	Div 10	Div 15	Div 18
				Downtown	Downtown	Cypress Park	South Central	Venice	West Hollywood	Chatsworth	El Monte	Downtown	Sun Valley	Torrance
<u>New Buses</u> (Buses Ordered under Accelerated Plan)														
Neoplan (FY96 Procurement Contract)	37	37	37											37
Neoplan	400	400	400			100						203		97
New Flyer (Las Vegas Buses)	20	20	20				20							
New Flyer (Base)*	223	223	223			51	172							
NABI	215	215	214						184	30				
New Flyer (Option)	223	1	1	Proposed, 100-120 NF CNG			1							
NABI (Option)	215	0	0											
NABI Contract #2 Delivery by 2002	370	0	0											
NABI #2 Option Buses (Up to 700 Buses through FY04)	700	0	0											
Contractor Buses	115	0	0											
Total New Buses	2518	896	895	0	0	151	193	0	184	30	0	203	0	134

PROJECT # 200004 (As of December 1, 2000)
NEW FLYER 446 BUS PROCUREMENT

Project Description

Competitive Procurement of the 223 High Floor CNG buses was approved by BOD in October 1997. New Flyer has been manufacturing bus frames in Winnipeg, and finishing final assembly of these buses in Crookston, MN.

An option for an additional 223 New Flyer Low Floor buses was exercised by the MTA in 1998. Delivery of these buses was expected beginning in November 2000. Due to production delays, these buses are now expected to be delivered from January 2001 through June 2001.

Project Delivery Status:

Base Order (Revised 9/1/99)

Month	Schedule	Delivered
9/99	10	9
10/99	47	2
11/99	40	19
12/99	46	53
1/00	28	43
2/00	40	32
3/00	12	40
4/00	0	18
5/00	0	0
6/00	0	3
7/00	0	4
Sub-Total	223	223

Option Order:

Month	Schedule	Delivered
2/00	1	0
3/00	0	1
1/01	10	0
2/01	40	0
3/01	50	0
4/01	48	0
5/01	30	
6/01	44	0
Sub-Total	223	1

Contract Status:

LOW FLOOR BUS - OPTION ORDER

- In December 1998, the MTA exercised a contract option for 223 additional New Flyer buses in a low floor configuration. Production of these buses has been delayed by work on other Transit Property's orders, and first deliveries are now expected in January 2001, which is roughly 4 months behind contract schedule.
- In August, New Flyer's "Pilot" low floor bus was put into revenue service at the Arthur Winston Division in South Central Los Angeles.
- New Flyer continues to expect the first buses from this order to be assembled and delivered to Los Angeles in late January.

Current Issues:

- Contracted bus inspectors are being deployed at New Flyer's production facilities in Winnipeg and Crookston, MN.

PROJECT # 200004 (As of December 1, 2000)
NABI 430 BUS PROCUREMENT

Project Description

Competitive Procurement of the 215 Low Floor CNG buses was approved by BOD in October 1998. NABI is manufacturing bus frames in Budapest, Hungary, and then finishing final assembly of these buses in Anniston, Alabama. The Pre-production bus was displayed at MTA in July 1999, and again in November/December 1999. This bus has returned to NABI to serve as a "First Article" for inspection purposes during production. Production on this order started in October 1999.

In February 2000, the MTA exercised an option for an additional 215 buses. The contract for these buses calls for delivery of all option buses by June 30, 2001.

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

Project Delivery Status:

Month	Schedule	Delivered
2/00	30	0
3/00	40	0
4/00	40	15
5/00	40	49
6/00	40	36
7/00	25	12
8/00	0	67
9/00	0	33
10/00	0	1
11/00	0	2
Total	215	214

Month	Schedule	Delivered
1/01	30	0
2/01	40	0
3/01	40	0
4/01	40	0
5/01	40	0
6/01	25	0
Total	215	0

Estimated schedules, revised 1/00 based on discussions with NABI about pending schedule changes.

Contract Status:

- To date, 214 NABI buses have been accepted and put into service. The MTA work stoppage delayed placing these buses into revenue service sooner. One bus remains to be accepted and placed into service; this bus is awaiting parts arrive to complete the vehicle for final accepted..
- NABI has begun frame assembly for their 215 bus option order in Budapest. They are scheduled to begin production in Anniston Alabama in January 2001.
- NABI tentatively plans to begin production on the 370 bus base order in Fall 2001.

Current Issues:

- As approved by BOD in October 2000, contracted inspectors are being deployed at both NABI facilities (Budapest and Anniston) to conduct bus manufacturing on-site inspection services.

PROJECT # 200004.29.05 (As of December 1, 2000)
BUSES FOR CONTRACT SERVICE PROVIDERS

Project Description

During June 2000, MTA contract service providers entered into contracts with bus manufactures to purchase a total of 115 buses.

MTA Contractor **First Transit** ordered 67 40' low-floor buses from Orion Bus. These buses should start arriving in December 2000. First Transit has also ordered 28 El Dorado 30' buses.

MTA Contractor **Coach USA** has ordered a total of 20 low floor 40' buses from Thomas. Thomas has committed to deliver these buses sometime between December 2000 and June 2001.

Contractors will be responsible for delivery and maintenance of these new vehicles for the life of their contracts.

Project Delivery Status:

Orion Bus (First Transit)*

Month	Schedule	Delivered
12/00	10	
1/01	40	
2/01	17	
Total	67	

El Dorado (First Transit)*

Month	Schedule	Delivered
1/01	13	0
2/01	8	
3/01	7	
Total	28	

* Tentative Schedules

Thomas (Coach USA)**

Month	Schedule	Delivered
12/00	4	
1/01	16	
6/01	20	

Delivery Schedules updated as of 12/1/00.

Contract Status:

- No current issues

Current Issues:

- No current issues.