

Bus Fleet Replacements Accelerated with Stimulus Funding

Funding Amount: \$ 72,854,078

Amount Spent: \$ 24,500,000

Project Description: The Connecticut Department of Transportation allotted funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to accelerate the replacement of transit buses statewide that have reached their expected lifespan. The program included the purchase of 132 buses for urban systems and 33 smaller buses for rural transit operations statewide.

Fifty-three buses have already been delivered for the urban program.

In May and June, 2010, thirty-three commuter coach buses were delivered and distributed as follows:

- 28 buses to CTTransit and the private operators of the commuter express bus system into downtown Hartford; and
- 5 buses to CTTransit – Stamford Division for operation of the I-Bus express route from Stamford to White Plains, New York.

Twenty 35-foot transit buses were delivered in the spring of 2010 to New Britain Transportation and Dattco who operate the New Britain Division of CTTransit under contract to the Department of Transportation.

The new buses will help improve reliability of the transit system as well as reducing maintenance costs, significantly reducing emissions and improving fuel economy.



Future Bus Deliveries and Allocation

By February 2011, deliveries of buses for the urban program will be distributed as follows:

- 34 35-foot buses to Northeast Transportation to operate the CTTransit Waterbury Division. Half of these will be hybrid diesel-electric buses.
- 14 40-foot hybrid buses for CTTransit New Haven Division
- 28 60-foot articulated buses for CTTransit's New Haven and Stamford Divisions, three of which will be hybrid.
- 3 60-foot articulated hybrid buses for CTTransit Hartford Division.

The 33 smaller buses for the rural transit systems will be distributed as follows:

- 5 to Estuary Transit District, which serves the Old Saybrook area.
- 5 to Northeastern CT Transit District, serving the Dayville area.
- 4 to Northwestern CT Transit District, serving the Torrington area.
- 16 to Windham Transit District, serving the Windham/Willimantic area.
- 3 to Middletown Transit District.

