

# REGIONAL BUS REPLACEMENT VEHICLES

## FACT SHEET



### The Project

The project consists of the purchase of approximately 56 revenue vehicles (buses) for the San Diego region. The federal funding request for \$19.4 million would contribute significantly toward the region's overall efforts to efficiently and reliably serve our current riding public and enhance our ability to attract future riders.

### The Need

Mobility in the San Diego region is greatly enhanced by the network of bus routes in the North County Transit District (NCTD) and Metropolitan Transit Systems (MTS) service areas. NCTD maintains a fleet of 145 buses, while MTS maintains a fleet of 725 buses. Many of these vehicles must be replaced in order to maintain adequate service to the

region. MTS has 86 buses that have reached the end of their useful lives, while NCTD plans to replace more than 30 buses to serve north San Diego County. Replacement of these aging vehicles will reduce operating costs because maintaining older vehicles is more costly than maintaining vehicles within the span of useful life. This project will allow MTS and NCTD to keep pace with service demand and have the essential resources to effectively manage operations.

In addition, this project would enhance the region's air quality. All of the replacement buses would be fueled with compressed natural gas (CNG), and would contribute toward reaching the agency's goal of 100 percent conversion to CNG.

### Project Cost

The estimated cost of the bus replacement project is \$24.3 million.



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