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San Diego to Upgrade with new Articulated BRTs from North American Bus Industries

Anniston, AL (May 15, 2008) – With a fleet of articulated vehicles already extended past its retirement point, the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System came to North American Bus Industries Inc. to help them fill their need for replacement vehicles. The result is an order of 26 NABI 60-foot BRTs with CNG powerplants.

“These buses are going to add an exciting new dimension to our transit service here in San Diego,” said Paul Jablonski, Chief Executive Officer of MTS. “We currently don’t have anything like these vehicles in our fleet. When people see them and ride on them, they are definitely going to create a ‘wow’ factor and enhance the MTS image.”

Bill Coryell, VP of Sales, Western Region, North American Bus Industries, Inc. said the San Diego MTS’ close liaison with the Los Angeles MTA had a significant influence on the decision. Although six different operators have now purchased similar vehicles, the MTA alone operates nearly 400 of the big NABI BRTs.

The option of getting the BRT with a CNG propulsion also influenced the decision. “In California, the Air Resources Board requires transit agencies to pick a ‘fuel path’ that they can get on and stay on,” Jablonski said. “We chose CNG as our fuel path, and have been converting our fleet over from diesel engines. NABI’s BRTs were the only articulated vehicles that met our requirements and offered a CNG option. So it’s a great fit for us.”

“By concealing the 10 CNG fuel tanks and the air conditioning units inside the BRT’s ceiling, we’ve really kept this vehicle streamlined,” Coryell added. With those 10 tanks, the BRT has a 400-mile range. Other features included on the San Diego package are air disc brakes on all wheels for superior performance and easier maintenance. The buses also feature three doors to help speed boarding and reduce dwell times at stops. The buses are powered by 320 HP Cummins powerplants coupled to Allison automatic transmissions with lock-up torque converter and hydraulic retarder. All 26 buses are planned for delivery in late September 2008.

About Us: North American Bus Industries, Inc. markets three successful transit bus brands: NABI, Optima and Blue Bird offering a complete line of standard and low-floor, heavy-duty 30’, 35’, 40’, 42’, 60’ and 65’ (articulated) transit buses at its facilities in Anniston, Alabama. North American Bus Industries is the market leader with its sleek and most advanced designed BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) vehicles which offer a cost effective alternative to expensive light rail. The transit buses are available with clean diesel, CNG, LNG, or diesel hybrid-electric propulsion systems.

About North American Bus Industries Financial Services (NABIFS):

As a member of the Traxis Financial Group, NABI Financial Services provides a suite of flexible, customer centric financial products and services to help North American Bus Industries’ customers optimize their budgets to meet their bus ridership needs and requirements. Services include flexible lease and lease purchase financing, providing Transit Authorities with a mechanism to maximize available state and federal funding. When grant

money or aid is unavailable, these offerings create customer benefits through optimization of customer's working capital and cash flow position. For information on North American Bus Industries Financial Services please contact our media relations group at 203 562 0200, and your local North American Bus Industries sales professional or visit us on the web.

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