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## NewsRelease

### Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority Purchases New NABI Buses

**Anniston, AL** (November 24, 2009) – Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority (BJCTA) is taking progressive steps toward improved public transportation in Birmingham. The agency recently purchased new compressed natural gas (CNG) powered buses from North American Bus Industries. The purchase of the buses was made possible by a grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The new BJCTA fleet of North American Bus Industries LFW model buses will be equipped with smooth and dependable wheelchair ramps, security cameras, audible annunciation systems, and bicycle racks.

The new buses not only look and perform better and more efficiently, but will be used to reveal the exciting new image of BJCTA. The buses have a dramatic new paint design and will be equipped with the newest technologies for location, announcements, and maintenance. According to William Copling, Interim Executive Director at BJCTA, “The buses help to replace an aging fleet and will be equipped with state of the art automatic systems to assist passengers and the authority with data collection. The acquisition of these new heavy duty buses is part of our commitment to provide the citizens of the Birmingham area with improved transit service and to continued development of a system that better meets the needs of our passengers.”

Birmingham’s new buses are also equipped with CNG power plants. “These new CNG buses demonstrate Birmingham’s continued dedication to the environment while at the same time allowing them to operate with a lower cost domestically produced fuel,” according to Chris Dabbs, NABI’s Regional Sales Manager. “The BJCTA staff took a very methodical approach to this procurement and the passengers in Birmingham will realize a long term benefit as a result of this professional and detailed process,” added Dabbs.

Birmingham has a history of transit dating back over 100 years and Birmingham Jefferson County Transit Authority currently now operates a fleet of over 120 fixed route and paratransit vehicles, covering a service area of more than 200 square miles.

**About Us:** North American Bus Industries, Inc. produces a comprehensive line of innovative, heavy-duty transit buses from 31’ to 60’ (articulated) transit buses at its headquarters in Anniston, Alabama. North American Bus Industries prides itself on its environmentally responsible vehicles with CNG, hybrid-electric and clean diesel propulsion systems. North American Bus Industries is the market leader with its sleek and stylish BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) vehicles which offer cost-effective alternatives to expensive light rail. Also, North American Bus Industries Financial Services offers a suite of customer focused financing alternatives to help its customers optimize their budgets.

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