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75% of Fleets Bolster Security in Bombing Wake

Following the London subway and bus bombings, transportation security was once again a widespread concern. Seventy-five percent of agencies listed in *METRO's* Top 100 Transit Bus Fleets survey for 2005 reported implementing new security initiatives as a result. Chief among them was increased police and security patrols, with 67% of agencies employing such tactics.

Despite shifts in security, this year's total fleet size did not reveal any dramatic changes. The number of vehicles listed (59,992) dropped slightly, with a 363-bus decrease from 2004. No. 1 again in the fleet ranking, **New York City Transit (NYCT)** downsized its fleet 4% for a total of 4,484 buses. Other large fleets that comprise the top 10 listings remain virtually unchanged from last year, with **New Jersey Transit** (2,982) and the **Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority** (2,727) holding steady at No. 2 and 3, respectively. **Broward County Transit** in Pompano Beach, Fla., took the middle spot at No. 50 with 374 buses. **Lane Transit District** in Eugene, Ore., anchors the listing at No. 100 with, fittingly, 100 buses. After a brief absence, **Halifax (Nova Scotia) Metro Transit** (No. 80) and **Flint, Mich.'s Mass Transportation Authority** (No. 95) have taken up residence again on our list.

Taking the alternative path

With no apparent end in sight to soaring fuel prices, transit agencies are on track with their continued interest and procurement of alternative-powered vehicles. Agencies in the listing boosted their number of alternative units by 8% for a total of 8,885. CNG is the dominant alternative-power choice with

New York City Transit remains in No. 1 position with 4,484 buses, a 7% portion of the 59,992 vehicles in *METRO's* annual bus fleet survey.

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5,919 buses (67%), despite a 4% decrease from 2004. Hybrid-electric vehicles are gaining ground with 26 agencies reporting a combined 835 units, a 76% increase from 2004. LNG is still going strong, making up

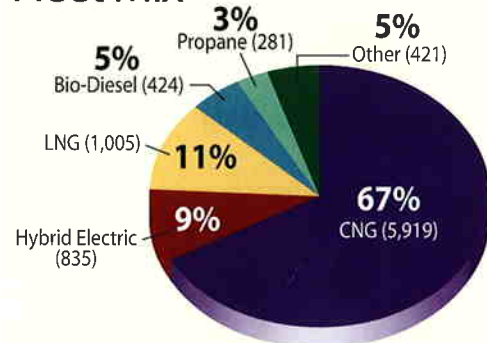
11% of the alternative fleet mix.

A further look at our fleet mix reveals 44,381 (75%) buses are longer than 35 feet. Buses 35 feet or shorter comprise 18%, with 10,784 vehicles. Looking ahead, agencies plan on purchasing 4,980 vehicles in 2006, nearly 3% more than the previous year.

Offering quality service with reduced funding was the predominant challenge cited by respondents. However, Los Angeles' Metro alluded to another concern when it reported that the agency's biggest challenge was "Los Angelenos' love affair with their cars."

If you know of a fleet that belongs on this list, let us know so we can include them next year.

Fleet Mix



CNG remains the leading choice for alternative-fueled vehicles, making up two-thirds of the 8,885 total in this category.

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'05	'04	Agency	35 ft. and under	Over 35 ft.	Artic	Trolley	2005 Total	2004 +/-
1	1	MTA New York City Transit New York City	0	3,854	630	0	4,484	183
2	2	New Jersey Transit Corp. Newark, N.J.	5	2,884	93	0	2,982	-71
3	3	Metro Los Angeles	177	2,520	30	0	2,727	-6
4	4	Chicago Transit Authority Chicago	0	1,807	226	0	2,033	9
5	5	Toronto Transit Commission Toronto	144	1,591	0	0	1,735	97
6	7	Montreal Urban Transit Montreal	1,563	0	0	0	1,563	17
7	9	Washington Area Metropolitan Transit Authority Washington, D.C.	136	1,247	64	0	1,447	26
8	10	King County DOT/Metro Transit Seattle	145	550	566	151	1,412	39
9	8	Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority Philadelphia	116	1,118	155	0	1,389	-42
10	6	Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County Houston	128	968	184	4	1,284	-276
11	11	New York City Department of Transportation* New York City	0	1,251	0	0	1,251	0
12	12	Coast Mountain Bus Company Vancouver, B.C.	83	757	99	231	1,170	-33
13	13	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Boston	0	1,037	67	0	1,104	16
14	14	Regional Transportation District Denver	139	814	119	0	1,072	-2
15	28	Pace Suburban Bus Arlington Heights, Ill.	559	488	0	7	1,054	~
16	15	Port Authority of Allegheny County Pittsburgh	135	854	25	0	1,014	17
17	22	Miami-Dade Transit Authority Miami	188	681	64	0	933	103

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18	17	Orange County Transportation Authority Orange, Calif.	334	539	50	0	923	30
19	18	OC Transpo Ottawa, Ontario	1	677	227	0	905	23
20	20	Tri-County Metropolitan Transportation District Portland, Ore.	295	582	0	0	877	29
21	19	Metro Transit Minneapolis	0	697	140	0	837	-41
22	21	San Francisco Municipal Railway* San Francisco	45	306	148	333	832	0
23	16	Maryland Transit Administration Baltimore	7	781	29	0	817	-90
24	23	Edmonton Transit System Edmonton, Alberta	25	711	13	53	802	-6
25	26	Calgary Transit Calgary, Alberta	97	697	0	0	794	20
26	25	Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority Cleveland	117	638	0	0	755	-28
27	27	Dallas Area Rapid Transit Dallas	84	668	0	0	752	-16
28	24	Valley Metro Phoenix	164	558	20	7	749	-53
29	29	BC Transit Victoria, B.C.	272	460	0	0	732	58
30	30	AC Transit Oakland, Calif.	61	491	86	0	638	-31
31	32	Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation Detroit	450	124	0	0	574	-82
32	30	Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Atlanta	76	486	0	0	562	-135
33	33	Detroit Department of Transportation* Detroit	0	530	0	25	555	0
34	35	Winnipeg Transit System Winnipeg, Manitoba	35	500	0	0	535	0

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35	44	Regional Transportation Commission of Southern Nevada Las Vegas	179	250	100	0	529	119
36	36	Department of Transportation Services Honolulu	37	416	72	0	525	0
37	37	Utah Transit Authority Salt Lake City	100	399	12	0	511	3
38	38	Milwaukee County Transit System Milwaukee	29	446	0	4	479	-9
39	34	Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority San Jose, Calif.	41	380	40	0	461	-79
40	39	Metro St. Louis	163	270	0	0	433	-24
41	40	VIA Metropolitan Transit San Antonio	101	308	0	19	428	-26
42	42	MTA Long Island Bus Garden City, N.Y.	89	330	0	0	419	7
43	48	Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Authority Rochester, N.Y.	178	221	10	0	409	16
44	43	Capital Metro Austin, Texas	210	170	0	26	406	-5
45	46	Charlotte Area Transit System Charlotte, N.C.	123	262	0	20	405	5
46	47	CTTRANSIT Hartford, Conn.	13	384	0	0	397	2
47	44	Delaware Transit Corp. Wilmington, Del.	251	138	0	5	394	-16
48	50	Los Angeles Department of Transportation Los Angeles	283	105	0	3	391	8
49	41	South West Ohio Regional Transit Authority Cincinnati	0	390	0	0	390	-42
50	54	Broward County Transit Pompano Beach, Fla.	99	275	0	0	374	20
51	53	Regional Transit Authority New Orleans	33	333	0	6	372	5

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52	55	Transit Authority of River City Louisville, Ky.	121	216	0	19	356	3
53	61	Community Transit Everett, Wash.	100	134	120	0	354	41
54	56	Montgomery County Transit Rockville, Md.	302	45	0	3	350	-1
55	56	Westchester County Department of Transportation Mount Vernon, N.Y.	53	218	78	0	349	-2
56	49	San Mateo County Transit District San Mateo, Calif.	47	245	55	0	347	-42
57	59	Mississauga Transit Mississauga, Ontario	12	267	66	0	345	0
58	63	San Diego Transit San Diego	0	298	46	0	344	47
59	65	Metropolitan Bus Authority San Juan, P.R.	94	245	0	0	339	59
60	52	Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority Buffalo, N.Y.	22	299	0	0	321	-57
61	64	Kansas City Area Transportation Authority Kansas City, Mo.	124	186	0	0	310	28
62	62	Foothill Transit West Covina, Calif.	7	299	0	0	306	0
63	65	Omnitrans San Bernardino, Calif.	112	171	0	3	286	6
64	60	Hampton Roads Transit Hampton, Va.	120	128	0	32	280	-60
65	68	Sacramento Regional Transit District Sacramento, Calif.	32	239	0	8	279	4
66	71	Memphis Area Transit Authority Memphis, Tenn.	82	175	7	4	268	37
67	67	Capital District Transportation Authority Albany, N.Y.	65	198	0	5	268	-10
68	51	Pierce Transit Tacoma, Wash.	120	145	0	0	265	-117

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69	86	Central New York Regional Transportation Authority Syracuse, N.Y.	79	168	0	0	247	67
70	78	Rhode Island Public Transit Authority Providence, R.I.	16	204	0	20	240	33
71	71	Indianapolis Public Transportation Corp. (IndyGo) Indianapolis	146	91	0	0	237	6
72	70	LYNX Orlando, Fla.	42	195	0	0	237	-1
73	75	Long Beach Transit Long Beach, Calif.	30	182	16	0	228	7
74	~	Sound Transit Seattle	0	153	75	0	228	~
75	87	Greater Dayton Regional Transit Authority Dayton, Ohio	131	91	0	4	226	47
76	76	Societe de Transport de l'Outaouais City Gatineau, Quebec	0	224	0	0	224	7
77	74	Toledo Area Regional Transit Authority Toledo, Ohio	179	36	0	5	220	-2
78	80	Madison Metro Transit Madison, Wis.	19	199	0	0	218	19
79	83	Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority Tampa, Fla.	129	74	0	9	212	28
80	~	Halifax Metro Transit Halifax, N.S.	24	173	14	0	211	~
81	84	Big Blue Bus Santa Monica, Calif.	10	197	0	0	207	24
82	81	Hamilton Street Railway Hamilton, Ontario	4	197	3	0	204	6
83	77	Golden Gate Transit San Rafael, Calif.	4	183	7	0	194	-19
84	82	Sun Tran Tucson, Ariz.	0	189	0	0	189	0
85	79	Metro Regional Transit Authority Akron, Ohio	125	62	0	0	187	-18

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86	89	Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Clearwater, Fla.	93	74	0	16	183	7
87	98	Nashville Metropolitan Transit Authority Nashville, Tenn.	71	97	14	0	182	50
88	94	GRTC Transit System Richmond, Va.	88	88	0	0	176	11
89	91	Kitsap Transit Bremerton, Wash.	119	55	0	0	174	2
90	90	Jacksonville Transportation Authority Jacksonville, Fla.	24	141	0	8	173	-1
91	93	Fairfax Connector, FCDOT Fairfax, Va.	51	120	0	0	171	1
92	97	City of Albuquerque Transit Department Albuquerque, N.M.	94	50	12	6	162	12
93	96	San Joaquin RTD Stockton, Calif.	46	111	0	4	161	1
94	95	North County Transit District Oceanside, Calif.	23	132	0	0	155	-9
95	~	Mass Transportation Authority Flint, Mich.	7	139	0	0	146	~
96	88	SATCO/VATCO Springfield, Mass.	71	74	0	0	145	-33
97	99	Palm Tran West Palm Beach, Fla.	85	43	0	0	128	0
98	~	Greater Hartford Transit District Hartford, Conn.	93	33	0	0	126	~
99	92	C-Tran Vancouver, Wash.	52	66	0	0	118	-53
100	100	Lane Transit District Eugene, Ore.	6	89	5	0	100	-23