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MONTEBELLO BUS LINES UNVEILS NEW BUS FLEET

Montebello, **CA** - The City of Montebello's Transportation Department, Montebello Bus Lines (MBL), today unveiled 16 new buses that carry the organization's new brand, a state-of-the-art infotainment center, and an upgraded rider safety surveillance system.

The new buses replace older and higher emissions buses utilizing compressed natural gas (CNG) for propulsion that emit 90% less nitrogen oxide than diesel engines. Using CNG eliminates the need for particulate filters and regeneration cycles. Additionally, MBL's new buses feature a new, state-of-the-art infotainment systems that provide riders an onboard digital viewing experience where they can see route information, potential service alerts and other messages.

"Being the third largest municipal bus system in LA County that moves 4.5 million riders annual, it's our responsibility to continually enhance and provide a better rider experience," said Adrianna Kendricks, Director of Transportation for the City of Montebello. "Our ridership deserves dependable, environmentally friendly and the safest service that we can offer, and today we are proud to demonstrate how we are making that happen."

With one of the safest public transportation experiences in Southern California, MBL's new buses feature an upgraded surveillance system that will be installed in the rest of its fleet this year. The upgraded safety surveillance system aligns with Montebello's "Smart City" agenda. MBL is leading the way in this initiative by implementing this innovative onboard camera system that improves rider visibility and safety with real-time capabilities. This improved camera system can be vital in providing evidence related to crime, rider safety concerns and accidents.

Based on ridership surveys and input, MBL is also implementing an unarmed transit security liaison service as part of the MBL Security Program. This program will provide unarmed, fixed post and mobile security guard services for all of MBL's major bus routes.

The City of Montebello was founded in 1920 and is located eight miles southeast of downtown Los Angeles. Its history dates back to the days of the native Tongvan peoples and early Franciscan missionaries. Today it is a full-service City including police, fire public safety services and one of the region's largest public transportation systems, Montebello Bus Lines. The city's multi-cultural resident population is approximately 63,000 covering a footprint of approximately eight square miles. For more information visit www.MontebelloCA.gov or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

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