

“This investment in natural gas buses is a victory for both the people of San Antonio who depend on public transportation to get to their jobs, school, and medical appointments, but also for America’s energy policy and the local energy economy of South Texas. A natural gas addition to VIA’s public transportation fleet will allow them to more fully serve the needs of our great city.

“Additionally, the utilization of natural gas as a transportation fuel source represents a solid investment in America’s national security, environmental policy and jobs in South Texas. Not only is natural gas a cleaner burning and more efficient source of petroleum, but because there is an abundant supply of natural gas in the United States, particularly in the Eagle Ford area of Texas, it will allow our country to decrease its reliance on oil from unfriendly foreign nations while also promoting the industries and workers in South Texas.

“I commend VIA for their commitment to providing quality multi-modal public transportation to the San Antonio Bexar county area. Time and time again, VIA has been the recipient of a nationally competitive grant because they have established themselves to be a solid, cost effective investment for federal funds. Further, today’s grant marks a bold investment in establishing a precedent of a higher quality, more fully integrated transportation system that benefits the public and private sectors at the local, state and national level.”

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