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SporTran rolls out new buses

SporTran introduced five, new 40-foot-long buses to its routes this week. The vibrantly colored buses run on Compressed Natural Gas (CNG). These buses replaced diesel-fueled buses that had been in circulation for 12 years.

New buses were last added to the fleet in March 2011.

“It was time for us to provide our citizens with updated modes of transportation that also proved to be environmentally friendly,” said Mayor Ollie Tyler.

Each bus cost about \$450,000. They were purchased with funding from the Federal Transportation Administration and local match from the City of Shreveport.

“These buses will allow SporTran to continue our 2011 goal of increasing our use of clean-fuels and becoming a more green-friendly, energy-efficient transit system,” said Dinero Washington, director of SporTran.

The new buses are equipped with 40 seats with low-floor, offering ramps and kneeling features for the convenient boarding of passengers with disabilities. Other amenities include an on-board camera system, real-time passenger counters, and an automatic vehicle locating system (AVL) for added passenger safety and convenience. For a tour of the news buses, please contact Dinero Washington at 318-673-7400.

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