Natural Gas Buses for Amtran

Amtran is moving to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) with six new buses entering service in June and another ten new CNG buses arriving in October.

Statewide Public-Private Partnership

The project in Altoona is part of PennDOT’s statewide Compressed Natural Gas Public-Private Partnership (P3) project. Through this $84.5 million project, Trillium, the private sector firm chosen by competitive procurement, will design, build, finance, operate, and maintain CNG fueling stations at 29 public transit agency sites (including Amtran) through a 20-year P3 agreement.

The bus purchase is part of a statewide procurement consortium. The six CNG buses were built at American bus manufacturer Gillig’s all-new plant in northern California at a total cost of $3 million. The next ten new buses will arrive this fall. The funding comes from PennDOT and the Federal Transit Administration.

Fuel Savings

PennDOT expects transit agencies to see significant savings due to the project. Based on current CNG, diesel, and gasoline prices as well as fuel usage, agencies could save more than $10 million annually statewide. After 10 years, the department estimates that the project will pay for itself with the estimated $100 million in savings.
Did you know that Amtran runs bus service as early as 6:00 a.m. and as late as 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday?

**#11 Early Bird**

Starts at the Transit Center at 6:00 a.m. and connects to Logan Valley Mall to the Wye Switches to Juniata and the VA Hospital.

**Late Bus Service**

- **#12 Night Owl**
  - Starts at the Transit Center at 6:00 p.m. and connects to Lloyd Street to Logan Town Centre to Pleasant Valley Shopping Center to Logan Valley Mall to Walmart and back to downtown with four hourly trips beginning at 6:00 p.m. and ending at 10:00 p.m.
- **#14 Evening Flash**
  - Connects Penn State Altoona and Fairview to Martin’s Chestnut Avenue to Altoona Hospital to downtown Altoona with five hourly trips beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 10:20 p.m.

**Pick up a schedule on the bus, or visit our website at www.amtran.org.**