

CITYLINK PLACES ORDER FOR TWO NEW ELDORADO NATIONAL BUSES

On Friday, September 26, CityLink Transit received authorization to place an order for two (2) additional 30' low-floor Eldorado National E-Z Rider II buses. The bus purchase was programmed in CityLink's FY08 City Budget, however, it was placed on hold due to the uncertainty of the rising fuel prices this past Spring. The total cost of the purchase will be \$533,928, and 83% of the cost will be subsidized by a Federal Earmark from 2005-06. With this purchase, the agency will continue to phase out its 1992 Chance Coach RT-52 buses. With an 8-10 month manufacturing turnaround, it is anticipated that the new buses will arrive in December 2009.

CityLink would like to thank the City of Abilene for their cooperation in this purchase, as well as Nick England at Lasseter Bus for minimizing the economic impact of the purchase for the benefit of our agency. Their assistance has been greatly appreciated, and we are looking forward to receiving these new additions to our fleet.



October Anniversaries

Bennie Bolton (11 years)	10/9
Jim Norwood (2 years)	10/9
Vera Jackson (18 years)	10/10
Tonja Dunman (1 year)	10/12
Don Huffine (5 years)	10/20
Jon English (1 year)	10/22
Jake Miller (1 year)	10/22
Greg Florez (7 years)	10/23
Claudia Williams (8 years)	10/28
Rodney Gard (1 year)	10/29

November Anniversaries

Carolyn Dains (3 years)	11/1
Johnny Rodriguez (4 years)	11/3
Bobby Sharpe (5 years)	11/3
Max Rodriguez (5 years)	11/10
Donnie Neal (5 years)	11/10
Jeff Banks (8 years)	11/11
Jesse Reyes (18 years)	11/14
Billy Spivey (5 years)	11/24

December Anniversaries

Len Wishousky (5 years)	12/8
Joyce Dissivia (2 years)	12/11
Jim Allred (8 years)	12/16

FY08 CITYLINK RIDERSHIP STATISTICS

Fixed Route System	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
- Total Passengers	123,923	121,879	120,738	114,511	481,051
- Vehicle Miles	106,916	106,301	106,346	102,760	422,323
- Vehicle Hours	7,573	8,163	7,936	7,545	31,217

ADA Demand Response

- Total Passengers	19,829	20,952	20,869	20,445	82,095
- Vehicle Miles	120,086	113,337	117,287	125,145	475,855
- Vehicle Hours	7,990	9,076	8,173	8,995	34,234

Evening Service

- Total Passengers	5,409	4,675	5,194	4,709	19,987
- Vehicle Miles	34,434	31,221	35,661	33,921	135,237
- Vehicle Hours	3,013	2,800	3,070	2,893	11,776

SYSTEM TOTALS

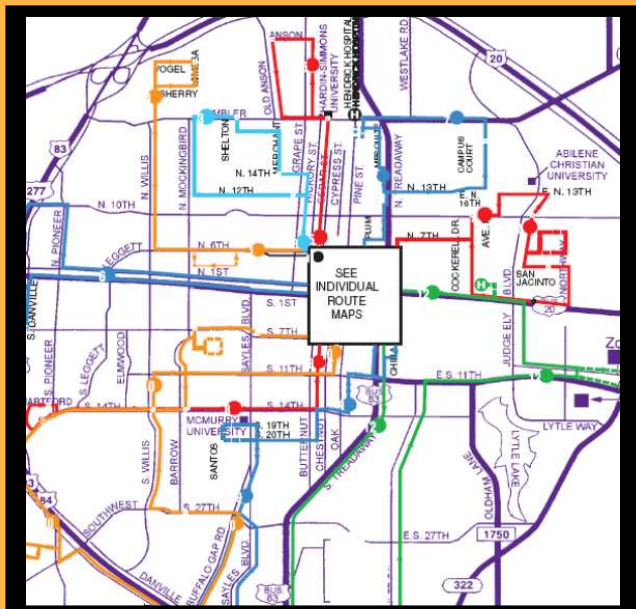
- Total Passengers	149,161	147,506	146,801	139,665	583,133
- Vehicle Miles	261,436	250,859	259,294	261,826	1,033,415
- Vehicle Hours	18,576	20,039	19,179	19,433	77,227

EMPLOYEES HONORED AT ANNUAL MEAL



On July 24, CityLink Transit held its Annual Safety Meal to honor its employees for their contributions in 2007. Recipients received recognition in the areas of Safety (no preventable accidents) and Attendance (no miss-outs), as well as awards voted on by their peers. Above, from left to right, Don Zullo received the 2007 Rookie of the Year award, Merle Wilkins was voted Outstanding Staff Member by the employees, and Don Huffine was awarded the 2007 Operator of the Year award. Congratulations to these three, as well as the rest of the award recipients for their hard work and dedication to the citizens of Abilene in support of their transportation needs.

CHANGES TO MAINTENANCE INVENTORY
With a new fiscal year upon us, the CityLink Maintenance team and staff have embarked on a major inventory restructuring project. This project entails the implementation of sixteen new Stanley-Vidmar part bins, as well as a physical overhaul of the previous inventory system. After the restructure is completed and a quantity audit has been completed by the City of Abilene, CityLink will look to procure a new fleet management and parts inventory software. The new software will replace Paradigm and SAM, which were purchased in the mid-1990s. The Maintenance team is excited about the restructure, and is looking forward to the added space and simplicity brought about by the new arrangement.



FIXED ROUTE STUDY EXTENDED

CityLink staff has made the decision to extend the initial deadline for the Fixed Route System Analysis. The determination was made in an effort to maximize the efficiency of the new routes while staying within the same mileage parameters of the existing system. Staff also felt that the extension was necessary due to additional timing and routing considerations, such as a proposed Saturday combination route to consolidate two necessary routes. Once finalized, a public meeting will be held so that citizens can voice their input on the new route structure. It is estimated that the routes will commence in the early part of 2009.

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