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Steamboat Springs Transit has 2 additional Hybrid buses on order

Steamboat Springs, Colorado— Steamboat Springs Transit has two additional diesel electric Hybrid buses on order. Buses will be funded through a combination of 2008 and 2009, 5311 and 5309 Grants partially received through the efforts of Congressman Salazar.

The total cost of the project will be \$1,151,828.00 with \$921,462.40 coming from the grants to be matched by \$230,365.60 in local monies. These buses will be identical to the Hybrid bus currently operating in the Steamboat Springs Transit fleet and will be manufactured by Gillig Corporation of Hayward, California. Due to the popularity of the Hybrid bus, Steamboat Springs Transit's two buses will not begin production until August or September of 2010. SST expects delivery in late 2010 with anticipated service beginning in early 2011.

Steamboat Springs Transit has been very pleased with the Hybrid's performance thus far. An increase of 27% in fuel mileage and a decrease of 31% in the fuel used per hour have been experienced. In addition, wear on the vehicle's brakes is negligible due to the regeneration system that uses the electric drive to help slow the vehicle. The vehicle has proven to be popular with the drivers and passengers, due in part to the ease of boarding with the low floor design and the automatic climate control system that keeps the interior cool in the summer.

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