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Flint MTA Awarded \$2.2M To Buy New Buses

\$2.2 Million In Recovery Act Funding Used To Purchase 'Green' Buses

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GENESEE COUNTY, Mich. -- The Obama administration announced Monday that the Flint Mass Transportation Authority was among the transit agencies awarded a share of \$100 million in Economic Recovery Act funds for pursuing environmental technologies to lessen America's dependence on oil and create green jobs.

The MTA will use the funds to replace two diesel buses with advanced all-electric Zero-Emissions GTB-40 buses from Fisher Coachworks.

The new Fisher buses will provide more than triple the equivalent fuel economy in all-electric mode and reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

"These grants will put Americans to work now while improving our environment in the future," said Federal Transit Administrator Peter Rogoff.

MTA's proposal was among 43 winning projects selected in nationwide competition for \$100 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funds.

Since President Barack Obama signed ARRA into law on Feb. 17, 2009, grants totaling more than \$7.2 billion have been made available for transit improvements throughout the nation.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has made \$48.1 billion available for highway, road, transit, bridge and airport construction and repairs nationwide.

Of that, \$26.5 billion already has been obligated to fund more than 8,500 approved projects in 55 U.S. states and territories.

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