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DART Unveils New Compressed Natural Gas Bus



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DART unveiled Dallas' new compressed natural gas bus on Wednesday.
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DART gave Dallas City Council members a sneak peek at the new compressed natural gas bus that will roll out in October.

DART is changing its entire fleet to natural gas and has 459 of the 40-foot-long buses on order.

The conversion will take a couple years. DART says it has locked in a good price for CNG for the next 10 years, and the cleaner-fuel buses will go a long way toward improving North

Texas air quality.

The new buses are high tech, too. Each will be equipped with nine on-board cameras for enhanced security. Two large screens will display real time schedule information. Each bus costs more than \$300,000.