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Mountain Link Buses Roll Into Town

As construction on the dedicated roadway through NAU continues in preparation for the August launch of Mountain Link service, new hybrid electric buses have begun arriving in Flagstaff.

Mountain Link, a joint project of NAIPTA, the City of Flagstaff and Northern Arizona University (NAU) will link Downtown Flagstaff, NAU and Woodlands Village with direct, high-frequency bus service.

The new hybrid electric vehicles, similar to those currently used on other Mountain Line routes, have some enhanced features that were specifically incorporated for the Mountain Link route. The Mountain Link buses each have triple bike racks, which will be particularly appealing to campus riders. They also feature additional flip up seating between the front and rear door on the curb side of the vehicle, which allows the flexibility for more standup passengers.

Mountain Link buses incorporate real time arrival technology, which will allow passengers to know exactly when the next bus will arrive, and many Mountain Link bus stops will be equipped with flat screen monitors with a real time information display.

Mountain Link service will begin August 29, and will run every 10-15 minutes, 14 hours per day on weekdays, and will also operate on weekends. The project is being funded by a grant from the Federal Transit Administration known as a Very Small Starts Grant. NAIPTA was the first transit system in Arizona to receive this type of grant.

NAIPTA is the transit agency in Northern Arizona operating the Mountain Line, Mountain Lift and upcoming Mountain Link systems in Flagstaff, Cottonwood Area Transit (CAT) in Cottonwood, and the Verde Lynx between Cottonwood and Sedona. NAIPTA also coordinates services with Campus Shuttle Service at Northern Arizona University Contact 928-779-6624 or www.naipta.az.gov for more information.

