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MTA NYC Transit Tests New Mercedes-Benz Articulated Bus in Customer Service

This morning, MTA New York City Transit is introducing into service a sleek new, low-floor, high capacity articulated bus manufactured by Mercedes-Benz. The nearly 60-foot long Citaro coach will be evaluated for the next 30 days along several New York City bus routes in Manhattan and the Bronx in order to determine its suitability for service.

"We are pleased to have the opportunity to put a new vehicle to the test in the New York City environment," said NYC Transit Senior Vice President of Buses Joseph Smith. "Our Bus Operators and maintenance personnel will give us feed back on the bus as we take the opportunity to evaluate the Citaro in the areas of operations, maintenance and efficiency."

As designed, the Citaro combines the efficiency of a high-capacity design with a low-floor entry and exit. The low-floor makes it easier for seniors to board and exit, eliminates the need for a complicated wheelchair lift and speeds boarding and exiting in general.

Already popular in Europe, this 30-day evaluation is just the first step in determining whether the Citaro has what it takes to make it here. NYC Transit currently operates a fleet of 4,500 buses carrying an average of 2.7 million customers each day. NYC Transit began using articulated buses in customer service in 1997, and we currently operate 630 New Flyer articulated buses.

Some Citaro Facts

Length 58' 10"

Height 9' 10"

Width 8' 5"

Seating 48 (as currently configured)

Engine Mercedes Euro BluTec

Transmission ZF 6-speed automatic