



# Clean Fuel Program

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Under the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), which was signed into law in August 2005, Metro became eligible for a 50¢ per gasoline gallon equivalent of CNG tax credit. Given Metro's robust investment in clean burning CNG buses, our agency would stand to save \$60 million from this tax credit over the next three years.

The CNG tax credit permitted under SAFETEA-LU is set to expire in September 2009. Metro encourages the US Congress and the President to extend the CNG tax credit to encourage and assist transit agencies who maintain environmentally friendly bus fleets.



**Metro's clean air CNG vehicles, which comprise over 90% of its entire operational bus fleet, travel 98 million miles annually. Our CNG bus fleet uses approximately 40 million Gasoline Gallon Equivalents (GGEs) of CNG generated by 10 Metro-owned and operated fueling stations.**

The environmental benefits that result from Metro's commitment to CNG are remarkable. Metro's buses are 97% cleaner than the diesel buses they replaced. They reduce cancer-causing particulate matter by 98%, carbon monoxide by over 80% and greenhouse gases by over 20%.

By providing an environmentally superior alternative for passengers, Metro is responsible for reducing air pollution by more than 152,000 pounds each day. That equates annually to a combined reduction of 59 million pounds of NO<sub>x</sub>, CO and particulate matter.

Metro's national leadership on clean air issues has helped Southern California achieve dramatic improvements in air quality. With continuing economic and environmental incentives to invest in CNG buses and fueling stations, Metro will remain a leader in the emerging field of alternative fuel heavy duty vehicles.

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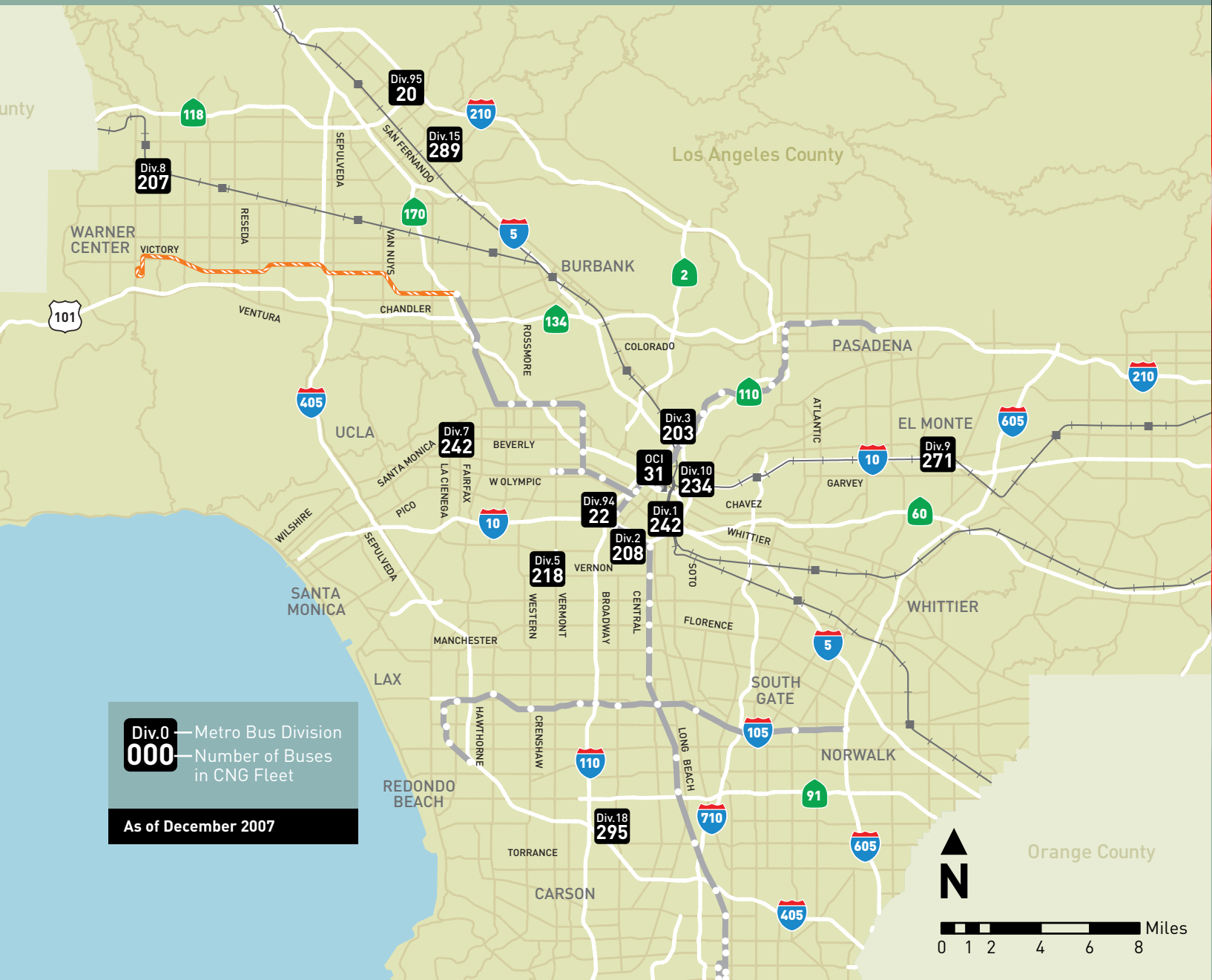
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