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San Diego International Airport debuts new natural gas shuttles

SAN DIEGO – November 16, 2010 – San Diego International Airport introduced a new fleet of more sustainable and customer-friendly parking shuttles today, featuring new amenities and cleaner-burning engines powered by compressed natural gas. The event also showcased the new vehicle graphics displayed on the airport’s free inter-terminal passenger shuttle, formerly the Red Bus, now called the Airport Loop.

The new fleet transports passengers between the terminals and the airport’s nearby SAN Park parking lots. Each vividly colored green, orange and blue parking shuttle features exterior San Diego–themed graphics to help customers identify with which shuttle to take. Low floors and kneeling capabilities as well as wheelchair lifts help make getting on and off easier for passengers.



New wheelchair lift aides passengers with disabilities on and off the shuttle



Compressed natural gas SAN Park shuttle features a San Diego-themed exterior graphic

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“The airport is committed to finding ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions,” said Jim Myhers, Manager of Ground Transportation for the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. “In addition to these new shuttles, we’ll continue to work with those who do business at the airport, including airlines and airport cab operators, to convert their vehicles to use more sustainable sources of fuel.”

The shuttles help round out the airport’s total fleet of parking shuttles to 24, all running on the clean-burning alternative fuel. In addition to the parking shuttles, the airport currently uses other alternative fuel vehicles, including those powered by electricity and bio-fuel.

The airport also unveiled its newly branded Airport Loop shuttle service. The shuttles provide free, frequent transportation between terminals.

In 2009, passengers rated San Diego International Airport 88 percent in overall passenger satisfaction, the highest in six years of surveying.

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