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## **NEW SOUTH COUNTY TRANSIT BUSES HIT THE STREETS**

**SACRAMENTO** – On Thursday, May 10, 2007, Sacramento County received the first of two new buses for its South County Transit Link (SCTLink) service. The buses replace two older buses that have already been retired, and will provide essential connectivity in southern Sacramento County.

The buses carry 18 passengers, including three in wheelchairs. SCTLink provides transit services in Galt, as well as intercity transit service to Isleton, Lodi, Elk Grove and Sacramento. The county-owned vehicles are operated by SCTLink, a contract transit provider. According to South County Transit Link Executive Director Grace Malson, “It has been difficult to meet the demand for transit services with the older buses. These two new buses will make a big difference and provide more comfort for the riders.”

The buses were paid for through Local Transportation Funds from sales tax revenues for Sacramento County. These funds are administered by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) for transit projects in the six-county region.

SCTLink drivers are eager to put the new buses into service. One driver touring the bus remarked, “This is really great—our riders are going to appreciate this.” The buses cost \$58,104 each and were manufactured by Starcraft Bus, a division of Forest River, Inc. They are built on a Ford E450 chassis.

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