

Veolia Transportation Adds 10 Sprinter Shuttle Buses for New Orleans Service

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Veolia Transportation, in conjunction with New Orleans Regional Transit Authority (RTA), took delivery of 10 Sprinter shuttle buses with optional side entry wheelchair lift from [Daimler Buses North America](#). Veolia Transportation is working with New Orleans RTA and is offering a newly designed flex-route service to the citizens of New Orleans beginning in February 2009. The Sprinter shuttle buses will operate in areas of New Orleans that are still recovering from Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

The Sprinter will provide a transit option for the citizens of these recovering areas of town, such as the Lower Ninth Ward, allowing them to reach other areas of New Orleans where they can then join the regular fixed routes provided by RTA.

The ADA-compliant Sprinter with optional side-entry wheelchair lift offers seating for eight passengers, plus driver with two wheelchairs or 14 passengers, plus driver. The ease of entry and egress via the side lift makes the Sprinter shuttle bus an ideal alternative for any agency.

Further, the Sprinter shuttle bus leads the market in fuel economy with more than 20 mpg as typical experience for operators. The Sprinter shuttle bus with side-entry wheelchair lift has also successfully completed the Seven-Year Altoona Bus Test. The Altoona testing was a success as it reported no major failures and no out-of-service failures.

“Veolia is committed to improving the quality of life for the people of New Orleans by offering the Sprinter shuttle bus for their flex-route service,” said Kevin Dawson, Sprinter product manager for [Daimler Buses North America](#). “The Sprinter shuttle offers New Orleans an environmentally sound transportation option to help enhance people’s mobility and thus their quality of life.”

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