



## **RIBBON CUTTING FOR NEW TRANSIT BUSES**

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A ribbon cutting will be held at 4pm, on Monday, March 4, at the Transit bus barn located at 702 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, to celebrate the arrival of nine new buses for St. Joseph Transit.

St. Joseph Transit is updating their fleet to provide newer amenities and better service through fewer breakdowns. Nine new buses have arrived and are in the process of being prepared for service, the first of which will be placed in service on Monday. The new buses are very similar to the last buses the city purchased in 2012. The styling, paint and graphics, windows, seating, and accessibility features look similar to the previous buses.

Several pieces of equipment like the farebox, 2-way radio, surveillance cameras, and mobile data tablets are being swapped out of old buses into the new ones. As the buses are put into service, they will be done so one at a time over the coming weeks.

This is phase one of the purchase of new buses. In the next year or two, the rest of the fleet will be replaced and there will be an increased amount of buses running making the system more efficient for customers.

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