

## **FlixBus partners with Motor Coach Industries (MCI) to run electric bus pilot route from Los Angeles to San Diego**

*Special 11-day pilot program will give passengers the chance to experience the future of carbon neutral bus travel for just \$9.99*

**Los Angeles, CA. (May 12, 2022).** [FlixBus](#), North America's fastest-growing intercity bus service, is celebrating a new sustainability milestone with the debut of its first electric bus pilot program in the Los Angeles metropolitan area starting on May 17, 2022. FlixBus has long made sustainability a key part of its mission to bring low-cost, convenient, eco-friendly transportation for everyone throughout its growing network of 200+ destinations in the U.S. and Canada.

In addition to [biogas](#) and [hydrogen-powered](#) bus pilot programs in Europe, FlixBus has been a market leader in supporting the development of carbon neutral, fully-electric intercity buses in North America. The company was the first to run an [intercity electric bus pilot](#) in 2019 between Sacramento and San Francisco and the [first interstate electric bus pilot in U.S. history](#) in 2021 between Seattle, WA, and Eugene, OR. The chief goals of this pilot program are to bring EV service to more passengers and test how bus partners can utilize an EV bus as part of their day-to-day operations for almost 2 weeks. To date, FlixBus has brought electric bus pilot programs to 7 cities on the West Coast.

"Since our entry into the U.S. market in 2018, FlixBus has believed in the potential of the U.S. intercity bus system," said Pierre Gourdain, Managing Director of FlixBus USA. "With this project, we continue our path of providing millions of people sustainable and affordable mobility and help ensure that intercity buses are central to the green mobility revolution."

### **Developing the future of intercity buses through local bus partners**

FlixBus' local bus partner, Alvand Transportation based in Los Angeles, will run electric bus service in downtown Los Angeles along one of its busiest bus routes in the U.S. for 11 days starting on May 17, 2022. Alvand partnered with FlixBus in 2018, making them one of the first FlixBus partners in the U.S. and is known for their consistent high-quality service and is keenly interested in electrifying their fleet in the near future.

The all-electric coach, J4500 CHARGE™ will be provided by Motor Coach Industries (MCI), a zero-emission version of the industry's best-selling J series tour and charter luxury coaches, which leverages EV technology from New Flyer and delivers over 200 miles of range, while also delivering enhanced safety features.

"Our J4500 CHARGE was made for high performance through unmatched design, with each detail developed to provide an exceptional passenger experience while supporting zero-emission travel with clean, safe, reliable mobility," said Chris Stoddart, President, NFI North

America Bus and Coach, a leading global bus manufacturer of mass mobility solutions under the brands New Flyer® (heavy-duty transit buses), MCI® (motor coaches), Alexander Dennis Limited (single and double-deck buses), Plaxton (motor coaches), ARBOC® (low-floor cutaway and medium-duty buses), and NFI Parts™.

### **Experience the future of carbon neutral intercity bus travel**

FlixBus invites Los Angeles metro area residents, travelers and more to experience the future of intercity bus travel for just \$9.99 running from May 17-28, 2022 with service running daily from Downtown Los Angeles to San Diego with 1 trip per day in each direction, including a stop in La Jolla. The Los Angeles trips will leave Downtown Los Angeles at 9:55 a.m. daily, while buses leaving from Old Town San Diego will depart at 4:30 p.m.

Tickets are now available on the FlixBus [website](#) or downloaded through the convenient [FlixBus App](#), and customers can find our special electric bus route through unique blue icons during the booking process.

For more information visit FlixBus [online](#), download the [FlixBus app](#), and follow along on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#).

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Additional photos and b-roll available upon request.

### **About FlixBus**

FlixBus is pioneering the public transport sector by offering climate-friendly alternatives for convenient and affordable travel via the FlixBus and FlixBus brands. Thanks to a unique business model and innovative technology, FlixBus has quickly established Europe's largest long-distance bus network and swiftly moved on to a global expansion including the United States and Brazil. As a trailblazer for sustainable traffic FlixBus operated the first green long-distance trains in 2018, initiated a pilot project for all-electric long-distance buses in 2018 and launched EU's first biogas-powered long-distance buses in 2021. While FlixBus handles technology development, network planning, operations control,

marketing and sales, quality management and continuous product expansion, trusted Flix-partners maintain the daily route operations. The unique combination of technology start-up, e-commerce platform and classic transport company has positioned FlixBus as a leader against major international corporations, permanently changing the global mobility landscape.

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