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New Hybrid Omnibus and Shopping Carts Delivered *Senior and Disabled Transportation Buses Will Improve Fuel Economy by 34%*

Mayor Doug Clark will accept the keys and a \$40,000 check from representatives of the Regional Air Quality Council (RAQC) at a celebration to put into service two hybrid electric senior transportation buses on Tuesday, August 10 at 11 a.m. at the City of Littleton Service Center, 1800 West Belleview Avenue. Longtime Omnibus and Shopping Cart riders and drivers will be on hand, along with representatives of Azure Dynamics, manufacturers of the hybrid technology.

The Omnibus and Shopping Cart are transportation buses provided free of charge to senior and disabled Littleton residents. The new vehicles are hybrid, flex fuel capable and are expected to achieve a 34-percent reduction in fuel consumption over gasoline. Over the life expectancy of the two units, the fuel cost savings are expected to be almost \$50,000 and they will use approximately 18,000 fewer gallons of fuel.

RAQC provided \$40,000 towards the \$105,000 purchase cost of the vehicles. The vans hold 13 passengers with two wheel chair slots. They take Littleton residents, aged 55 and older or disabled, to medical appointments, grocery shopping and other appointments. In 2009, the Shopping Cart transported 10,723 riders more than 11,171 miles and the Omnibus made 18,889 passenger trips and traveled 66,042 miles.

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