

Port Authority to begin receiving new buses this week

Non-fabric seats and digital information screens are among the newest features on the 54 clean diesel buses being added to Port Authority's fleet

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (October 5, 2020) – Port Authority of Allegheny County this week expects to begin accepting delivery of new clean diesel buses as part of its annual fleet management and replacement program.

The 54 40-foot Gillig buses are equipped with new amenities to make the riding experience more enjoyable for both customers and drivers, including digital screens, non-fabric seats, sapphire interior lights and additional USB ports.

The 29-inch digital screens can display real-time location-based content like rider alerts, detours and other useful information.

Non-fabric seats will mean an end to the days of being unable to tell whether a seat is wet or otherwise dirty and are easier to wipe off and clean.

The blue sapphire interior lights help reduce glare for drivers at night.

The buses are also equipped with 19 USB ports, five more than last year's buses. This amenity has proven to be popular with riders.

The buses cost a total of \$34.4 million and were paid for with \$26.8 million in federal, \$6.8 million in state and \$830,000 in local funds. Each bus cost \$518,000.

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