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## **City Transit Division Opens Operations and Maintenance Facility**

Visalia, CA – Thursday, April 12, 2007 marks the Grand Opening and Dedication Ceremony for the City of Visalia's newly constructed Operations and Maintenance Facility and CNG Fuel Facility.

Located at 525 North Cain Street off Goshen and Ben Maddox, the Operations and Maintenance Facility was designed by Taylor-Teter Partnership, and constructed by L.C. Nelson & Son of Selma, with construction management provided by Harris & Associates.

The \$7.7 million project, funded by grants from the Federal Transit Administration, Congestion Mitigation Air Quality, and Tulare County Association of Governments, includes plans to expand upon the 4.7 acres currently being used in phase one, eventually utilizing the entire 7.1 acres of property.

The facility is home to the Visalia City Coach (VCC), Tulare County Area Transit (TCAT), Tulare City Transit, and Sequoia Shuttle bus fleets and features vehicle service, storage, washing, and parking capabilities, as well as administration dispatching and employee offices for the City's transit contractor, MV Transportation. Currently, the site is home to 41 vehicles, but is equipped to hold a maximum of 66.

The \$1.5 million CNG Fuel Facility, located nearby at 439 North Cain, was funded by grants from the Federal Transit Administration and California Energy Commission. It will be the main fuel source for alternative fuel vehicles, including the City's transit buses and solid waste trucks. It is also available to the general public.

“The new facility is a step forward in enhancing the quality of service provided by the City of Visalia,” noted City of Visalia, Transit Manager, Monty Cox. “The construction costs were grant-funded, making it a valuable and wise investment for our community.”

The Dedication Ceremony will begin at 9:30 am at 525 North Cain Street in Visalia.

Visalia City Coach provides transportation via 9 fixed-routes in addition to its curb-to-curb paratransit services for seniors and persons with disabilities. For more information about VCC or the Operations and Maintenance Facility, call (559) 713-4100 or visit [www.rideVCC.com](http://www.rideVCC.com).

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