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**SunLine Transit Agency and the City of Indio  
Commemorate Submerged Liquid Hydrogen Pump  
Installation**

*The Agency Celebrates its 200<sup>th</sup> Bus Filling at the Indio Facility*

*(Thousand Palms, CA)* – Yesterday, local officials gathered at SunLine Transit Agency’s Indio facility to celebrate the installation of a new Liquid Hydrogen Pump that will allow the Agency to fuel its fuel cell bus fleet with hydrogen through this new mobile solution. A number of key officials who advocate for clean fuels technology, including Congressman Raul Ruiz CA-36, were in attendance.

Through a partnership with NICE America Research, liquid H2 pump technology and a mobile refueling system is being piloted to offer hydrogen stations in the form of a mobile trailer – allowing use without a permanent station structure.

“SunLine has been a pioneer in alternative fuels for the past three decades, and the liquid hydrogen pump commemorated today is just another example of the Agency’s commitment to our community and our environment,” said Lauren Skiver, CEO/General Manager of SunLine Transit Agency. “It’s scalable deployment strategies such as this that are pivotal in charting the Coachella Valley’s future development as a hydrogen corridor.”

Today’s event also featured the unveiling of a bus wrapped with the *GoHuman* community engagement campaign, launched through a partnership between SunLine and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG). A total of three hydrogen fuel cell buses are now sporting new bus wraps to promote the campaign, which is aimed at reducing traffic collisions and encouraging people to take advantage of alternative modes of transportation.

The capability of fueling hydrogen fuel cell buses in SunLine's clean fuels fleet at its Indio facility is key to the Agency's operational goal of converting all vehicles to zero-emissions by 2035 – five years ahead of the deadline set by state mandates. Just one fuel cell bus can save hundreds of tons of greenhouse gases each year, which is equivalent to taking 29 cars off the road or planting 5,600 trees.

"I fully support SunLine's mission to achieve a zero-emission future, and today represents a great step forward in that goal," said Dr. Ruiz. "SunLine's visionary leadership has put our region on the map for innovation in hydrogen fuel technology. Now with the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's bold investments in transportation, we will build on today's success and cement the Coachella Valley as the hydrogen hub for the nation."

With zero tailpipe emissions generated by a hydrogen fuel cell bus, transit services are delivered to the community maintaining a clean environment while continuing to get riders where they need to go.

"This is a very exciting day for SunLine and the City of Indio – which have long been dedicated to sustainability and environmental planning efforts," said Glenn Miller, SunLine Board Chair and City of Indio Council Member.

Initiatives such as the NICE Submerged Liquid Hydrogen Pump project have allowed SunLine Transit Agency to become a testbed for hydrogen fueling infrastructure, fuel cell technology development and commercial operation of fuel cell buses. As a pioneer of hydrogen technology in relation to fueling zero-emissions buses, SunLine Transit serves as a model for other transit agencies around the country.

To learn more about SunLine Transit Agency, go to [www.SunLine.org](http://www.SunLine.org).

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### **About SunLine Transit Agency**

*SunLine provides public transit services in California's Coachella Valley spanning 1,120 mile-service area and carrying approximately 4.2 million riders. It has pioneered zero-emission bus deployments, particularly for hydrogen fuel cell electric buses (FCEB). In 1993, SunLine's Board adopted a voluntary policy of pursuing alternative fuel solutions that provide the lowest possible emissions, which led to SunLine becoming the first transit agency in the state to convert its entire fleet to compressed natural gas (CNG). SunLine is committed to transitioning its entire bus fleet to zero-emission by 2035. SunLine Refueled is a multi-tiered initiative that brings exciting new transportation alternatives to the Coachella Valley. To learn more about SunLine Transit Agency's services and policies, go to [SunLine.org](http://SunLine.org).*