

During the week of July 6, the Réseau de transport de la Capitale (RTC) in Quebec, showed off its new HybriDrive® Series-E powered NovaBus to the public. According to the General Manager, Alain Mercier, the bus performed perfectly in stop/start mode in Old Quebec and was a hit with the press.

Stop/Start mode is BAE Systems' HybriDrive Series-E's latest advancement. Together with Cummins, BAE Systems is able to defuel the bus's engine (shut-off) at stops so the passenger experience is quieter and much cleaner without the roar of the engine and fuel exhaust.

Annie Morin from Le Soleil notes "President of RTC, Rémy Normand, admits buying a hybrid is much more expensive than a conventional diesel bus but he agrees it's important to modernize transit with more fuel efficient vehicles that will help increase air quality."



RTC's goal is to become a fully electric fleet in the distant future but today they will start to convert their fleet to hybrids because they realize fully electric vehicle technology is not as developed, as they would like to see.

Throughout the year 30 more HybriDrive Series-E buses will join the fleet and fifty additional HybriDrive vehicles will be commissioned in the next two years.

To read the full article (in French) visit:

<http://www.lapresse.ca/le-soleil/actualites/transports/201507/09/01-4884361-le-rtc-se-paie-une-flotte-dautobus-hybrides-a-fort-prix.php>

Listen here to what Alain Mercier, RTC Director has to say about BAE Systems' HybriDrive electric technology. <http://www.hybridrive.com/video-why-quebec-rtc-alain.php>