Why switch to natural gas for airport transit?

It’s cheaper.
It’s cleaner.
And it’s domestic.
Natural gas — the new Green Standard for airport transit operators in America.

Mindful of high concentrations of harmful emissions in and around airports, many airport operators across the nation have adopted clean-fuel vehicle policies to address air pollution and global warming issues.

In increasing numbers, transit vehicles powered by compressed natural gas (CNG) are replacing diesel-fueled models at U.S. airports.

Why are airport operators making the switch? Because, compared to diesel, natural gas is:

- **Cheaper** — natural gas fuel costs average 20 to 40% less than diesel
- **Cleaner** — natural gas vehicles reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 20% or more
- **Domestic** — 98% of the natural gas used in the U.S. comes from North America
At Phoenix Airport, all roads lead to the new Rental Car Center. Committed to preserving local air quality, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and mitigating traffic congestion, Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport has opened a new 120,000 square foot $280 million Rental Car Center (RCC), situated on 144 acres of airport property.

Here, Sky Harbor has consolidated 12 rental car operations in one convenient customer service location.

CNG-powered transit buses replace rental car shuttles. Efficiently transporting passengers between airport terminals and the RCC is Sky Harbor’s new fleet of 62 El Dorado CNG-powered buses. The new fleet:

- replaces 100-plus diesel shuttles formerly operated by individual car rental agencies,
- reduces the number of traffic-clogging passenger transport trips, and
- contributes to a new, cleaner emissions profile for the airport.

Supporting the new RCC transit fleet is a new state-of-the-art CNG fueling station that was designed and built by Clean Energy. This is the third such CNG facility at Sky Harbor, making this three-station operation one of the largest CNG facilities in the world.

Emissions curtailed, traffic reduced, success all around.

Sky Harbor Rental Car Center Manager Mara Kelly reports, “We handled 1.8 million car rentals at our new facility in 2006.”

With the switch from individually operated car rental shuttles to the natural gas-powered, airport-managed rental shuttle fleet, Kelly says, “We have much less curbside traffic congestion, are making millions of consumers feel well served and welcome, and are helping the environment in the process.”

The Clean Energy Airport Transit Solution

Clean Energy is the leading provider of natural gas (CNG and LNG) fuel and related services for vehicle fleets in the United States and Canada. Clean Energy serves over 200 fleet customers in varied markets, including airports, public transit, refuse hauling, taxis and regional trucking with over 13,000 vehicles fueling at strategic locations.

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Sleek new CNG buses ‘fuel up’ at Clean Energy’s Sky Harbor RCC station
The benefits of natural-gas powered airport transit vehicles are clear.

- Lower fuel costs compared to diesel
- Compliance with EPA 2007 and 2010 emission standards
- Improved public health and air quality
- Reduced greenhouse gas environmental impact
- Increased U.S. energy independence