

# Los Angeles County Orders Carmanah I-StopÂ□ Solar-Powered Led Bus Stops

Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (<u>PRWEB</u>) September 3, 2004 -- Carmanah Technologies Corporation (TSX Venture: CMH) is pleased to announce that it has received a Cdn\$178,000 order from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, the fifth largest transit agency in the United States.

"Strategically, Los Angeles County is an important installation for our Company,  $\hat{A} \Box$  states Art Aylesworth, Carmanah's CEO. "When combined with the solar-powered LED shelter lighting and other i-STOP $\hat{A}\Box$  installations we have in the region, Carmanah $\hat{A}\Box$ s technology is well showcased in California. This increases the potential for future orders and reorders from surrounding municipalities."

Los Angeles County is one of the largest, most populous counties in the United States. More than 9.6 million people, or nearly one-third of California's residents, live and work within the transit authority's 1,433-square-mile service area.

## i-STOPÂ□ Sales Update

The i-STOPÂ $\square$  is enabling progressive transit agencies, such as Los Angeles County, to improve the safety and comfort of passengers and operators in an environmentally friendly and cost-effective way. Carmanah's solar-powered illuminated bus stop product is currently installed with more than 70 transit authorities throughout North America and abroad. Additional recent i-STOPÂ $\square$  customers include:

- Antelope Valley, CA
- Tri Delta Transit, Antioch, CA
- Clallum Transit, Port Angeles, WA
- Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Dallas, TX
- King County Metro Transit, Seattle, WA
- Regional Transportation Commission, Reno, NV
- City of West Covina, CA

Several customers, including Fresno, CA, Riverside, CA, and Pierce County, WA, have also made repeat orders following successful trials.

There are more than 2,200 transit agencies in the U.S. - representing a substantial market opportunity for Carmanah. Prospects became even stronger when, in April 2004, the U.S. government passed its TEA 21 reauthorization bill providing \$51.5 billion in guaranteed transit funding over six years.

### How the i-STOPÂ□ Works

The i-STOPÂ $\square$  is a fully integrated, solar-powered illuminated bus stop offering up to three unique LED-based features: (1) a security light, (2) an edge-lit illuminated schedule, and (3) a signal device for notifying bus operators when a stop is necessary. The i-STOPÂ $\square$  provides these capabilities in a modular design that is extremely compact, durable and cost-effective. Carmanah's patented MICROSOURCEÂ $\square$  intelligent power management ensures the system is reliable year round at practically any location in North America.



In June 2004, The Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) selected Carmanah's i-STOPÂ $\square$  for the  $\hat{A}\square 2004$  CUTA Corporate Award for InnovationÂ $\square$ . In March 2004, CarmanahÂ $\square$ s solar-powered LED bus stop was a runner-up at the Lighting Design Awards in the U.K. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.transitlights.com">www.transitlights.com</a>.

#### About Carmanah

Carmanah is an award-winning manufacturer specializing in patented solar-powered LED lighting solutions for commercial applications in the transit, marine, aviation, roadway and industrial worksite markets. The Company currently has more than 100,000 units installed in 110 countries. The shares of Carmanah Technologies Corporation (parent company) are publicly traded on the TSX Venture Exchange under the symbol "CMH" and on the Berlin and Frankfurt Stock Exchanges under the symbol "QCX". For more corporate information, please visit <a href="https://www.carmanah.com">www.carmanah.com</a>.

On Behalf of the Board of Directors, Carmanah Technologies Corporation

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