

SunLine Transit Agency Receives EPA's "Clean Air Excellence" Award for "Clean Air Technology" - The Road to Hydrogen

(Thousand Palms, CA) SunLine Transit Agency General Manager, C. Mikel Oglesby, received an award on behalf of the Agency from the United State Environmental Protection Agency who annually recognizes and honors outstanding visionary efforts by individuals and organizations that have undertaken risks in innovation, resulting in improving the environment by making progress in achieving cleaner air. SunLine was one of fourteen organization recipients out of 124 applicants to receive this prestigious award, winning in the category of "Clean Air Technology."



Oglesby states "The Agency's mission to provide safe and environmentally conscious public transportation services and alternative fuel solutions to meet the mobility needs of the Coachella Valley continues to be realized with the presentation of this prestigious award. This award is a testament to the dedication of the Board of Directors and hard work of SunLine staff."

The Agency's "Road to Hydrogen" tells the story of SunLine's commitment as leaders in alternative fuel technologies, focusing on zero emission hydrogen fueled buses and infrastructure. The Agency recently received its sixth generation hydrogen fuel bus which is one of three hydrogen fueled vehicles currently providing service in the Valley. In addition, SunLine was the first transit agency to own and operate a public hydrogen generation and dispensing station, SunFuels. The station is a part of Governor Schwarzenegger's California Hydrogen Highway.

SunLine's Chairman of the Board, Bud England, states "On behalf of the Board of Directors, I commend the Agency under Oglesby's leadership for the hard work and dedication to the community as they provide public transit using clear air technology."

About SunLine Transit Agency

SunLine Transit Agency is a joint powers authority formed in 1977 to operate the Coachella Valley's public transportation system. Its vehicles travel more than 21 million passenger miles per year, covering over 556 bus stops located throughout a 1,120 mile-service area. SunLine offers fixed route bus service and curb-to-curb paratransit for the mobility impaired.