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15. The small number of administrative staff makes it difficult to cover all duties when an employee requires a prolonged absence. This is being addressed by cross-training.
16. MTA headquarters in Ukiah includes the administration offices, shop and maintenance facilities, a yard for vehicle storage, bus washing and fueling stations, with one 10,000 gallon tank for gasoline and another for diesel fuel. Use of these facilities to service or store private vehicles is not permitted. The area is protected by a perimeter fence and a security system.
17. The 2.4 acre Ukiah facility has served MTA since 1982 and is in need of major renovation or replacement. Plans cannot be finalized until decisions have been made about the transition to alternatively fueled vehicles.
18. In December 2008, the MTA Board approved funding for a feasibility study of alternative fueled vehicles and an assessment of related facility needs. In January 2009, the Board authorized the General Manager to negotiate a contract with the identified consulting firm to proceed with this work.
19. MTA substations include a recently renovated District-owned facility in Fort Bragg and leased facilities in Willits, Point Arena, Laytonville and Anchor Bay.
20. The anticipated major funding source for renovation or replacement of MTA headquarters is the new "Public Transit Modernization, Improvement and Service Enhancement Account" funded by voters in 2006 as part of Proposition 1B.
21. MTA is also working to locate a multi-modal Transit Center in or near the city of Ukiah to consolidate all ground mass transportation services (MTA, Lake County Transit, Greyhound, Amtrak Throughway Bus, any private taxi service and any future Airporter).
22. Additional grant funding has been secured to conduct a study of commuter transit needs and to hire a bilingual Mobility Manager to promote and coordinate car pools and computer van pools. The study is currently underway; MTA expects to hire the Mobility Manager in the spring of 2009.

### ***The MTA Passenger Fleet***

23. The MTA Fleet includes:
  - 9 heavy-duty diesel buses (35 and 43 passenger), all equipped with emission control devices,
  - 2 medium-duty diesel buses (29 passenger),
  - 13 large cutaway-chassis Ford Vans (20 passenger),
  - 10 paratransit cutaway-chassis Ford Vans (7 passenger),<sup>2</sup>
  - 1 Dodge Sprinter (13 passenger) equipped with a highly efficient gasoline engine, and
  - 1 trolley that is used for holiday shuttle service and is chartered for special events.

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<sup>2</sup> "Paratransit" vehicles are specially equipped to serve disabled individuals.