10 fun facts about the Fairfax Connector-Metrobus West Ox Division

- 1. Connector buses use a non-toxic, green substance called Fogmaker for fire suppression.
- 2. Stainless steel seat frames are used for comfort and to discourage scratching and graffiti.
- 3. Methane from the nearby Mount Trashmore (FCDOT solid waste disposal site) is used to heat the bus service and maintenance facilities.
- 4. Buses undergo preventive maintenance every 6,000 miles.
- 5. Every bus bay has an Internet connection for equipment analysis and data retrieval. The engines can email the manufacturer.
- 6. Tires are filled with nitrogen so they last longer and provide better gas mileage.
- 7. New buses aren't wrapped with advertising since it can damage the paint.
- 8. Any bikes left on buses are donated to charity after 30 days.
- 9. Disney visited the depot to observe the bus service facility and bus automatic washer.
- 10. All water used to wash buses is filtered, softened and re-used 4 to five times, after which the water is disposed of as hazardous waste and thereby not dumped in the water shed.

Notes from TAC visit to the facility July 2015