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City Council approves New Flyer tax abatement for \$13 million expansion

The Anniston City Council has approved a tax abatement for the city's largest industrial employer with an expansion project estimated at over \$13 million.

New Flyer, formerly known as North American Bus Industries, is retooling their Anniston facility with capital investment projects in their welding, general, and line areas and stations.

The Anniston facility is an original equipment manufacturer with 680 positions in its current workforce.

"Since New Flyer's acquisition of NABI in June 2013, the Anniston operation has met our expectations," said Glenn Asham, chief financial officer of New Flyer.

"As a result of the plant's strong performance, New Flyer has decided to further invest into the Anniston facility in order to transition to production of New Flyer's Xcelsior product line to this plant. The investment will also include implementation of advanced LEAN manufacturing processes that are successfully operating at other New Flyer manufacturing facilities and is expected to further enhance the competitiveness of the Anniston facility."

The list of capital investments to the Anniston facility include livebus terminals, compressed air drops, fiberglass and plywood flooring vacuum systems, and parking lot expansion.

"The best compliment any existing industry can pay a city is to expand its local operations," said Mayor Vaughn Stewart. "This \$13 million investment New Flyer has committed is a tribute to its local skilled workforce and Anniston's family environment. Companies look at more than just incentives when they opt to expand. They look at the quality of life a community offers."

Located in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains in northeast Alabama, Anniston sits as the county seat for Calhoun County and a regional hub for legal, medical, and banking services. Home to the bronze-level mountain bike ride center of Coldwater Mountain, Anniston offers a wide range of recreational options such as biking the Chief Ladiga Trail or visiting the Anniston Museum of Natural History. For more information about the City of Anniston, visit anniston.al.gov.