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Ecobus for Nicosia

Demades Design Ltd will today present its plans for an ecological bus for Nicosia at a press conference jointly organised by the Municipality and the Cyprus Telecommunications Authority.

Municipality Communications Officer Makis Nicolaides said that they have offered to finance part of the design costs for the new bus in the context of introducing a pilot scheme for city buses and plans to replace the yellow municipal buses currently in use at a cost of €1.2m.

"Although we are not committed to buying any particular bus, we feel that this is the kind of initiative that should be encouraged," he told *The Cyprus Weekly*.

Company director Nicolas Demades said the bus will be specially designed

for Nicosia and for this reason a campaign will involve the citizen in its making will be launched at today's press conference.

The people of Nicosia will be asked to visit the website www.nicosiatransport.com in order to collect information on the proposed bus and also to respond to a questionnaire regarding mobility problems they encounter.

Depending on the feedback, the kind of motor and energy used in the bus will be decided, while it may feature metro or tram characteristics, depending on the routes, Demades said.

He noted that if everything goes well, the design of the ecobus will be ready in 18 months.

The press conference will take place at 11.30 a.m. at the Nicosia Town Hall.