

TRANSIT BUS DIVISION



ACTIVITY REPORT

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QUALITY COMMUNITY SERVICE

Area Supervisor and Community Meetings

Captain Vance Proctor

- Attended four MTA Office of System Safety and Security (OSSS)/Bus Operators Meetings to discuss safety and security concerns of the Bus Operators.
- Attended problem solving meeting with representatives from Councilmen Richard Alatorre's office, Hollenbeck Area, and Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) regarding gang problems with a DASH line. Transit Bus Division (TBD) Uniform and GHOST officers were deployed to the problem along with Hollenbeck CRASH.
- Accompanied Transit Services Section Detectives in a Search Warrant Service at 1533 Zuniga Street #511, Ramona Gardens, which resulted in the arrest of infamous juvenile tagger known as "AMAZE."
- Met with Mr. James Lefton, LADOT, and received verbal agreement for LADOT to remain the MTA Police Partnership.

Lieutenant Robert Fox – Day Watch Commander

- Attended Division 6 Safety and Security Meeting
- Attended a meeting with MTA representatives regarding the installation of portable restroom facilities at MTA locations.

Sergeant Joseph Rauchfuss – Assistant OIC, GHOST

- Attended community meeting at El Sereno senior citizen center to discuss graffiti vandalism and gang related problems on Dash buses at the Ramona housing project.

Officer Jose Martinez

- Met with Mr. David Smith, Ryder-Ate Inc. to discuss vandalism problems a DASH. Mr. Smith directed Martinez to Mr. Thomas Chang, LADOT manager who provided GHOST with DASH tickets for DASH bus boardings.

Officers Thomas Kimrey, Mark Preciado, and Joe Quezada – Pick Pocket Detail (PPD)

- Met with Transportation Operations Supervisors (TOS) from Divisions 1 and 10 to discuss the newly formed Pickpocket Detail functions. Transit Operations Supervisors were ask to assist officers in identifying victims of pickpockets who are apprehensive about notifying the police. The officers also asked that the bus operators report any pickpocket suspect they observe on their bus lines.

Community Service

On May 17, 1999, Captain Vance Proctor, Lieutenant Robert Fox, Sergeant Joseph Rauchfuss and Officer Jose Martinez, TBD attended a meeting with representatives from Councilman Alatorre's Office, Hollenbeck Area, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and DASH commuter bus service to discuss problems in the Hollenbeck Area of Ramona Gardens Housing Project. Gang members and narcotic dealers are accosting the DASH operators and patrons. Lieutenant Robert Fox is heading up an effort to solve these problems. The effort involves a team approach by TBD, Hollenbeck Area and DASH. Crime analysis and intelligence information is being gathered in order to plan the most effective approach to the problem. The involved entities have scheduled a planning meeting in the near future.

CRIME

MTA Passenger Arrested For Child Molestation

On May 7, 1999, Officers Todd Trulock and Suzanne Reed received a radio call of a battery investigation, aboard Bus No. 34195, Line No. 18. Public Safety Officer Sweeney, who was flagged down by bus operator, John Alvarez, met officers on their arrival. Sweeney told officers 13-year-old female victim boarded the bus at 6th and Rampart. As the victim and family walked to the rear of the bus, victim passed suspect and he grabbed her arm. Victim continued walking to the rear of the bus, as suspect let go of victim's arm, suspect grabbed victim's crotch area of her jeans. Victim in fear of her life immediately notified the bus driver who flagged down Officer Sweeney. Suspect was placed under arrest without incident for Child Molestation.

Suspect: Argeta, Rudolph Age: 36 Charge: 288(A) PC

Bus Operator Stabbed

May 24, 1999, Officers Ted Simola and Demian Wyma received a call of a MTA driver being stabbed in Harbor Area at the lay over at Paseo Del Mar and Meyler. Harbor Area Units received the call first and was on scene on TBD officers' arrival. The driver, Winston Fisher #350, was coming out of the restroom when suspect accosted him at knifepoint. It appears the driver may have resisted being forced back into the restroom, and was stabbed in the chest and arm. Mr. Fisher was transported to the hospital for treatment of three minor stab wounds and was released the next day. Witnesses saw the suspect drive away and observed the license number. Harbor Area patrol officers responded to the registered owners' address and arrested a possible suspect.

Suspect: Echols, Aeirial Age: 19 Charge: 245(A)(1) PC

Bus Operator Maced

May 26, Officers Len Lai and Glenn Noya received a radio call of an assault on a bus operator at St. Paul and Wilshire, Line 22. Suspect boarded the bus at 7th St. and Olive and asked to go to Alvarado and 6th Street. The operator, Wallace White, advised her the bus did not travel to that location and directed her to take the Red Line. The suspect became angry and verbally abused the operator. The operator called for police officers; suspect exited the bus at St. Paul and Wilshire, spraying the driver in the face with Mace/Pepper Spray.

Suspect: None identified

JUVENILE FUNCTIONS

Juvenile Arrest/Search Warrant

Transit Bus Division's Graffiti Habitual Offender Suppression Team (GHOST) assisted TSS Detectives in the arrest of Jose M. "AMAZE" with the execution of a search warrant at his residence. Over 200 pieces of evidence were recovered and booked. The juvenile confessed to the vandalism charges against him and was booked at Eastlake Juvenile Hall.

Suspect: M, Jose Age: 17 Charge: 594(a)(1) PC

SIGNIFICANT STATISTICAL DATA

Transit Bus Division's statistical data for this reporting period are outlined in attachment 1.

SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

Press Conference (attachment 3)

Captain Vance Proctor conducted a Press Conference announcing the arrest of juvenile tagger, "AMAZE" and introducing TBD's 16-point plan to eliminate graffiti vandalism to MTA buses. The press conference was attended by Channel's 2, 7, 9 and 5 and radio station KBFW and KFI.

SPECIAL REPORTS

- Attachment 1 - Significant Statistics
- Attachment 2 - Bus Boarding Summary
- Attachment 3 - GHOST April 1999 Vandalism Arrests
- Attachment 4 - Press Release Wednesday, May 25, 1999

Attachments

TRANSIT BUS DIVISION
MONTHLY STATISTICAL DATA
MAY 1999

	AM	DAY	PM	GHOST	PPD	TOTALS	YTD
ARRESTS	21	48	83	8	0	160	853
Felonies	4	15	11	1	0	31	166
Misdemeanors	17	29	72	5	0	123	548
Juvenile	0	4	0	1	0	5	94
Vandalism				1		1	45
Pickpocket						0	0
CITATIONS	73	380	185	58		696	3480
Traffic	67	279	147			493	1965
Graffiti				28		28	296
Juvenile Graffiti				15		15	117
Other	6	101	38	15		160	1102
SAS ALARMS	6	38	41			85	313
BUS BOARDINGS	385	2106	1284	418	76	4269	17482
Time	79 hours	357 hours	236 hours	313 hours	226 hours	1211 hours	2681 hours
MUNICIPAL BUS BOARDINGS	1	268	134	16		419	2063
Time	1 hour	41 hours	21 hours	10 hours		73 hours	642 hours
PSR'S				19	2	21	154
FIELD INTERVIEWS	51	255	166	62	4	538	2281
FIELD PERSONNEL	21	31	21	14	5		

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Attachment 2
 MAY 1999

LINE	PATROL		GHOST		PICKPOCKET		DIV TOTAL	DIV TOTAL
	#BOARDINGS	MINUTES	#BOARDINGS	MINUTES	#BOARDINGS	MINUTES	#BOARDINGS	MINUTES
1	81	1014	12	700			93	1714
2	60	624	5	220			65	844
3	12	110	8	457			20	567
4	94	929	3	160			97	1089
10	36	432	2	55			38	487
11	16	185	8	420			24	605
14	20	204	21	1085			41	1289
16	65	695	5	235	2	60	72	990
18	25	242	1	45			26	287
20	54	548	1	15	3	660	58	1223
21	22	265					22	265
22	23	295			3	440	26	735
26	25	258					25	258
27	20	209	3	135	30	4200	70	4544
28	28	293	3	135	5	740	36	1168
30	83	816	8	355			91	1171
31	19	180	3	115			22	295
33	82	955	12	590			94	1545
37	24	387					24	387
38	39	480	3	290			42	770
40	126	1360	5	155	3	270	134	1785
42	40	450	5	95			45	545
45	151	1646	2	20	5	490	158	2156
46	12	135					12	135
48	12	115	4	160			160	275
51	58	567					58	567
53	69	708	1	160			70	868
55	58	662	1	15			59	677
56	2	25					2	25
60	79	829	3	220			82	1049
65	2	25					2	25
66	30	325	2	120			32	445
68	93	952	9	345	2	75	104	1372
70	61	609	3	180			64	789
71	20	220	4	165			24	285
76	34	340	2	150			36	490
78	31	320	2	105			33	425
79	11	100	2	105			13	205
81	129	1475	18	1010			147	2485
83	43	446	4	100			47	546
84	27	273	5	470			32	743
85	8	80			2	240	10	320
90	12	150					12	150
91	16	180					16	180
92	14	181					14	181
93	5	60					5	60
94	45	447					45	447

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LINE	PATROL		GHOST		PICKPOCKET		DIV TOTAL	DIV TOTAL
	# BOARDINGS	MINUTES						
102	3	32					3	32
105	23	271					23	271
107	5	80					5	80
108	19	205					19	205
110	6	70					6	70
111	19	185	4	160			23	345
112								
115	15	245	4	150			19	395
117	25	330					25	330
119	1	10					1	10
120	19	198	3	200			22	398
121	1	10					1	10
124								
152	27	285					27	285
154	2	20					2	20
158	11	120					11	120
161	2	20					2	20
163	31	415					31	415
164	7	80					7	80
165	13	174					13	174
166	11	131					11	131
168	1	10					1	10
169	6	70					6	70
170								
175	1	10	1	40			2	50
176								
180	27	251			1	300	28	551
181	18	190			1	250	19	440
183	1	10					1	10
200	29	334	9	300			38	634
201	1	10	1	45	1	360	3	415
202	2	8					2	8
204	192	2202	36	1453	6	765	228	3655
206	19	208	6	144			25	352
207	60	609	9	475	1	140	69	1084
209	4	40					4	40
210	103		2	80			105	1428
212	47	542	33	1150	5	920	85	2612
217	33	487	7	155			40	642
220	3	25					3	25
230	28	375					28	375
233	78	905	1	69			79	974
234	21	225					21	225
236	4	38					4	38
239	5	60					5	60
243	29	620					29	620
245	7	100					7	10

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LINE	PATROL		GHOST		PICKPOCKET		DIV TOTAL	DIV TOTAL
	# BOARDINGS	MINUTES						
250								
251	9	110	5	270			14	380
252	5	65	9	755			14	820
253	3	30					3	30
255	5	55					5	55
259	2	25					2	25
302	6	60			5	720	6	60
304	12	125	5	80			17	305
310	9	100					9	100
311	2	20	3	120			5	140
315	3	60	1	10			4	70
316	9	100	2	75			11	175
318	11	105					11	105
320	11	140					11	140
322								
328	3	35					3	35
333	19	205	1	45			20	250
345	14	145	1	120			15	265
354	54	803	7	257	4	840	65	1900
357	8	75	1	40			9	115
362	1	10	1	45			2	55
378	2	20					2	20
379	3	30					3	30
394	23	236					23	236
401	13	125	1	15			14	140
402	1	10					1	10
410	1	10					1	10
418	4	35					4	35
420	170	1923	4	183	9	1620	183	3726
424	75	823	9	660			84	1483
425	5	45					5	45
426	3	130					3	130
427	1	30					1	30
429			1	15			1	15
434	10	95					10	95
436	2	30					2	30
439	4	70					4	70
442	2	20					2	20
444	10	90	1	40			11	130
445	2	20					2	20
446	18	175					18	175
447	10	120					10	120
460	2	20					2	20
466								
483	5	45					5	45
484	3	30					3	30
485	3	20					3	20

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PATROL		GHOST		PICKPOCKET		DIV TOTAL	DIV TOTAL	
LINE	# BOARDINGS	MINUTES	# BOARDINGS	MINUTES	# BOARDINGS	MINUTES	# BOARDINGS	MINUTES
487	1	10					1	10
489								
490								
491								
497								
522	50	633					50	633
550	9	80					9	80
561	58	750	2	138			60	888
576	1	5					1	5
620	4	40	5	225			9	265
651								
653								
657								
801								
802								
803								
CONTRACT LINES								
96	5	45					5	45
104	1	20					1	20
125	1	10					1	10
130	3	25					3	25
167	3	44					3	44
205	8	85					8	85
218	2	20					2	20
225	2	20					2	20
232	4	40					4	40
254	2	20					2	20
256	1	15					1	15
603	2	25					2	25
605								
128								
177								
226								
266	1	10					1	10
270								
	PATROL	TOTAL	GHOST	TOTAL	PICKPOCKET	TOTAL	DIV TOTAL	DIV TOTAL
	3,794	41,676	341	16,101	88	13090	4223	70867

**GHOST
VANDALISM ARREST
MAY, 1999**

NAME	AGE	MONIKER	CREW	BUS LINE	BUS DIVISION
CROSBY O.	15	SPAWN	CUK- CONSIDER US KINGS	81	BUS/DIV.3
CHRIS F.	17	KETCHUP	VHR- VISUAL HEAD RUSH	81	BUS/DIV.3
		KWAZ			
ERICK R.	13	TRUBLE	CTPK- CRAZY TAGGERS PASSING		
JIMMY C.	16	DUSK	FOK- FUCK OFF KREW		POSSESSION OF VANDALISM TOOLS
EMMANUEL D.	15	HASSLE		605	BUS/DIV. 10
SALVADOR C.	16	B3		252	BUS/DIV. 10
JESUS B.	15	LEEP			
LESAR R.	14	ZONER	CTE- CREATE TO EXIST		CITY PROPERTY
OMAR R.	15	RUSK			POSSESSION OF VANDALISM TOOLS
HERSON H.	15	3			BUS SHELTER
DAVID T.	15	KOLD	CEZM- CRAZY EVIL STREET MOB		
JOSE C.	14	SONOE	CDK- CITY DOPE KINGS		CITY PROPERTY
JULIO G.	15	CEZM	CEZM- CRAZY EVIL STREET MOB		BUS SHELTER
JOSE M.	16	AMAZE	OKS- OUT KILLING SOCIETY		DIV. 10 / BUSES
CESAR R.	15	HEKSLER			CITY PROPERTY

Press Release

May 26, 1999

On May 21, Detectives from Transit Services Section and Officers from Transit Bus Division concluded a one month investigation into 18 acts of graffiti vandalism to Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transit Authority property. The investigation culminated with the service of a search warrant at the residence of a 17 year old high school student in Ramona Gardens. The subject's tag is AMAZE. He is currently on probation for burglary and vandalism. He has initially been charged with two counts of vandalism and 16 additional counts are expected to be filed with the District Attorney. He is currently detained at Eastlake Juvenile Detention Facility. He was not armed at the time of arrest and did not resist.

Anyone who has been the victim of the tag "AMAZE," within the immediate past year, is asked to contact Detective Larry Barr or Cindy Woods at (213) 922-3533.

On the table before you see the implements commonly utilized in graffiti vandalism as well as other tell-tale signs that should alert parents of their child's possible involvement in graffiti vandalism. Detective Larry Barr, the primary investigator in this case, will provide you with further information concerning these items in a few moments.

The perception of violent crime aboard public transit has no connection to reality. Public transit is one of the safest places to be in Los Angeles, yet the perception endures, why? The fear is fired by graffiti vandalism and unruly behavior. Buses marred by graffiti fan the perception flames of a community out of control. A sense that no one cares. The MTA and the Los Angeles Police Department are about to change that.

The Metropolitan Transit Authority loses approximately \$15 million dollars a year to repairing graffiti vandalism. Over the course of the next several years, the MTA will add approximately 2,000 new buses to its fleet. All of these buses will be equipped with state of the art digital camera systems. To further assist Transit Bus Division, the MTA has arranged for the purchase of \$50,000 in computer equipment and associated items so that graffiti tags will be entered into a data base for instantaneous retrieval resulting in an increased apprehension rate and better information to the court so that the ramifications of individual taggers may be considered when sentencing offenders. For the first time, bus digital camera evidence will be reviewed on a "**routine**" basis to identify graffiti vandals. The latter are but a few steps in a 16 point plan to eradicate graffiti vandalism to MTA buses. It is believed that through the application of the 16 point program, four broad areas will be achieved that have been lacking in the past:

1. Graffiti Vandalism will be treated as a crime - not just a nuisance cleanup

2. An atmosphere of FEAR OF APPREHENSION will be created.
3. An atmosphere of FEAR OF PUNISHMENT will be created.
4. In the long term, the MTA will adopt a "ZERO TOLERANCE" for any graffiti marred bus.

It is estimated that the full implementation of this program will take approximately three years.

* The press conference was covered by Channel's 5, 2, 11, 7 and 9. Radio station coverage by KFI and KFWB

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WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
6/6/99 - 6/12/99

	BLUE LINE	GREEN LINE	BUS ZONES	TOTAL
Robbery	0	1	0	1
Assault/Battery	1	1	0	2
Larceny/Theft:				
Vehicle Burglary	5	0	1	6
Grand Theft	0	0	0	0
Petty Theft	0	1	0	1
Vehicle Theft	0	1	0	1
Sex Offense	0	0	0	0
Vandalism	0	3	1	4
Narcotics	2	1	2	5
TOTAL	8	8	4	20

TOTAL ARRESTS = 70* (Patrol- 70, CIT- 0, Detectives- 0)

	BLUE LINE	GREEN LINE	BUS ZONES	TOTAL
Adult	29	12	17	58
Juvenile	3	6	3	12
Felony	4	6	7	17
Misdemeanor	28	12	13	53

*Number of arrests reflects those arrests that are documented on the TSB Arrest Review Log.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
TRANSIT SERVICES BUREAU

FARE ENFORCEMENT: YTD- 1999

BLUE LINE:

	Number of Riders	Number of Passengers Checked	Number of Non-Paying Passengers	% Fares Inspected	Evasion Rate
JAN	1,282,825	418,032	1,832	33%	0.44%
FEB	1,267,700	377,487	2,319	30%	0.61%
MAR	1,412,650	373,927	2,759	26%	0.74%
APR	1,341,075	293,154	2,356	22%	0.80%
MAY	1,380,825	342,785	2,510	25%	0.73%

GREEN LINE:

	Number of Riders	Number of Passengers Checked	Number of Non-Paying Passengers	% Fares Inspected	Evasion Rate
JAN	563,850	106,461	530	19%	0.50%
FEB	540,100	119,870	599	22%	0.50%
MAR	576,475	109,672	891	19%	0.81%
APR	539,375	116,733	589	22%	0.50%
MAY	572,825	128,001	586	22%	0.46%

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BUS BOARDINGS BY LINE # - MAY 1999

1	13	59	1	152	3	254	8	441	1
2	11	60	109	154	1	256	7	442	12
3	14	61	11	160	3	257	1	444	10
4	67	62	2	163	12	259	2	446	1
5	6	63	1	164	2	260	43	447	1
7	1	64	1	165	3	261	1	460	69
8	19	65	3	170	13	262	6	462	1
10	16	66	54	172	15	264	2	470	1
11	4	68	23	173	11	265	2	471	5
14	20	69	1	176	12	266	6	480	30
15	3	70	177	177	1	267	41	481	3
16	3	71	3	178	4	268	30	482	6
17	1	76	95	179	2	270	76	483	2
18	70	79	6	180	29	271	1	484	102
20	20	81	22	181	12	275	2	485	3
21	2	91	2	183	1	276	2	486	17
22	2	92	1	188	9	290	1	487	13
23	1	93	1	191	7	302	5	488	6
25	2	94	5	192	4	304	14	490	49
26	31	96	3	193	1	310	3	491	48
27	4	105	8	202	23	311	1	492	7
28	5	107	7	204	67	315	10	494	1
30	22	108	22	205	29	318	27	496	1
31	3	110	18	206	22	320	12	550	4
32	1	111	58	207	57	323	2	560	1
33	53	112	1	209	5	330	1	561	63
37	3	113	1	210	104	333	1	581	3
38	13	114	1	211	20	345	4	600	2
40	326	115	119	212	15	357	9	618	1
42	43	117	82	215	5	362	4	625	6
45	13	119	7	217	15	367	1	657	1
46	1	120	126	220	27	401	6	LB	3
47	1	121	98	221	2	404	1	AVTA	40
48	16	124	20	222	1	409	2	SCT	40
51	37	125	84	225	26	411	1		
52	3	126	4	226	3	414	1	TOTAL: 3,687	
53	20	127	10	227	1	420	2		
54	2	128	5	232	50	421	1		
55	15	130	11	235	1	429	2		
56	7	136	1	251	8	434	5		
58	1	141	1	252	28	439	34		

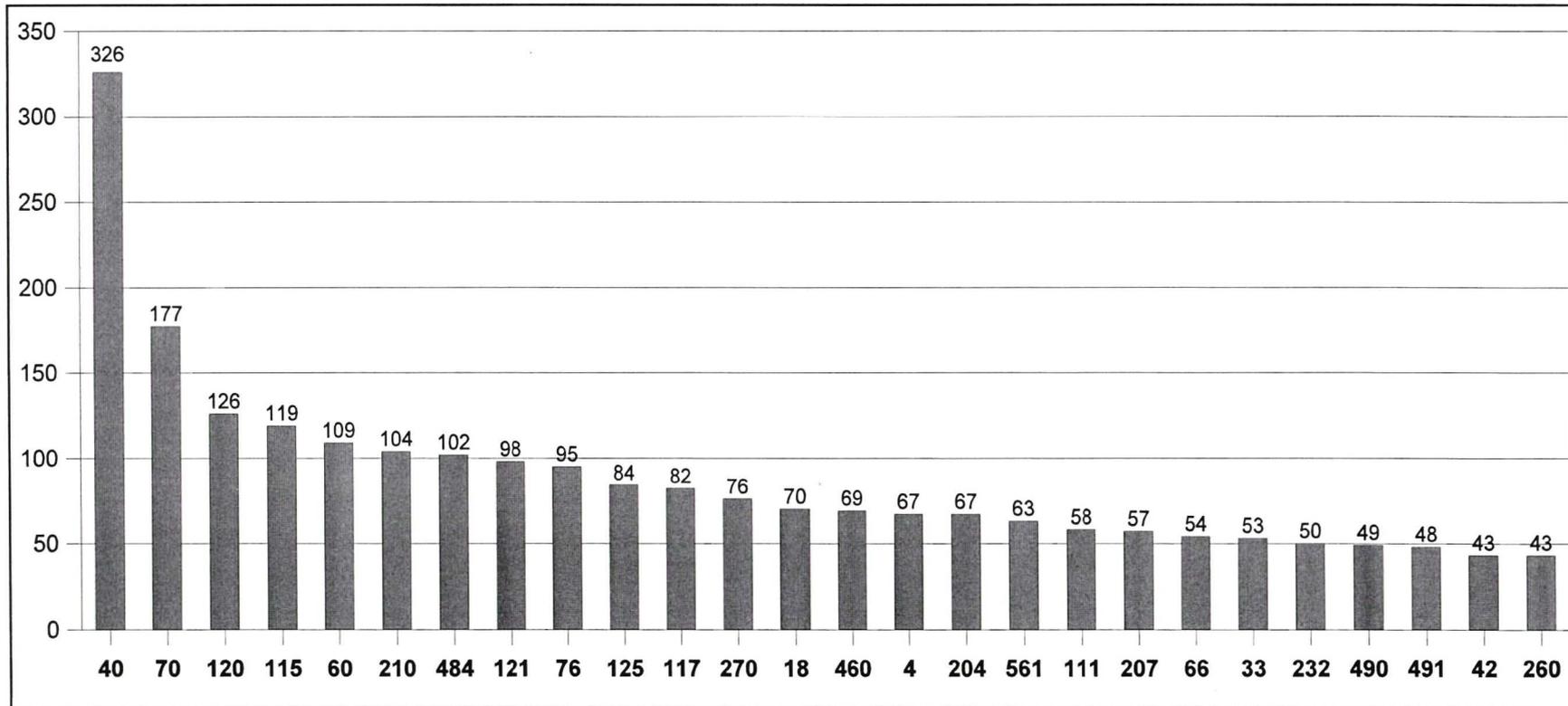


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MTA BUS BOARDINGS- MAY 1999

TOP 25 LINES



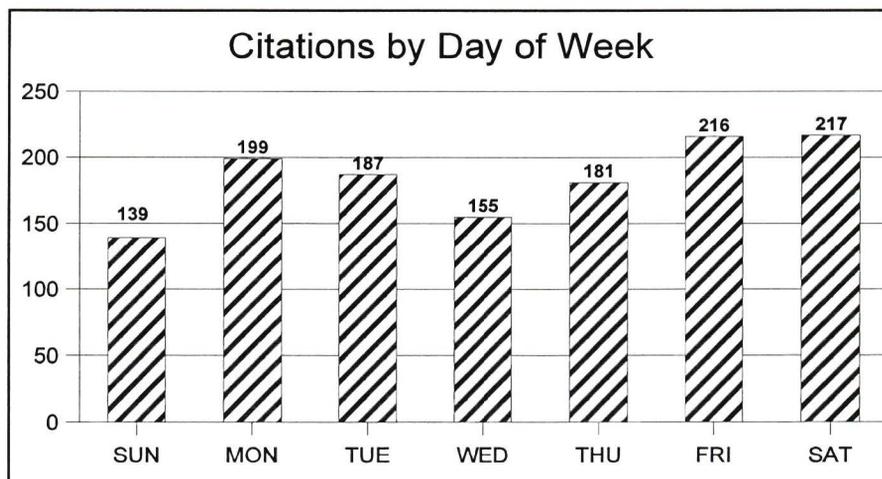
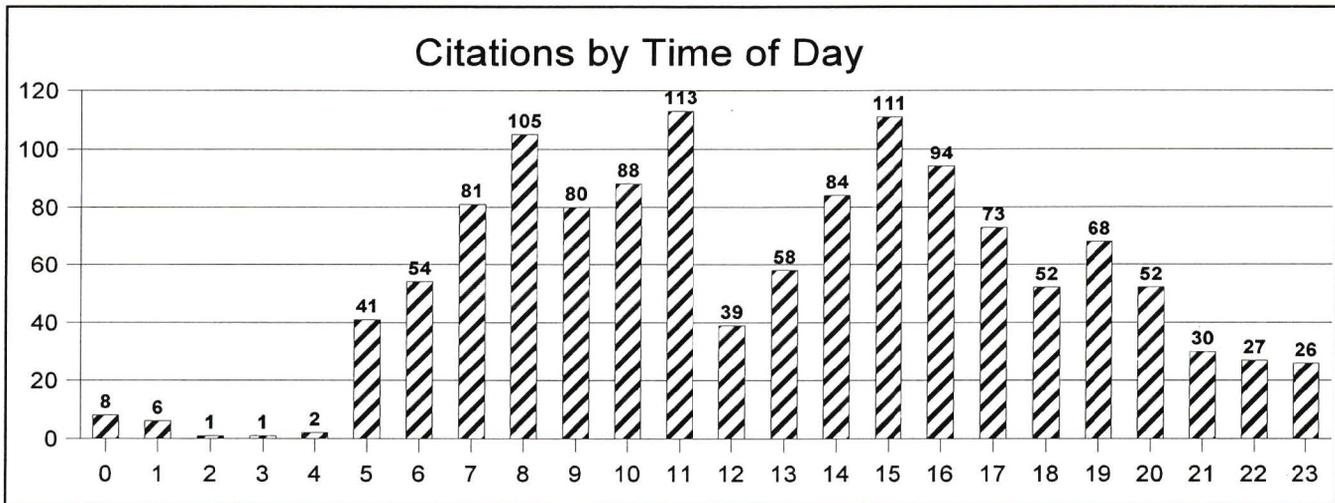
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CITATION STATISTICS- MAY 1999

BLUE LINE

Citation Type	Number of Citations
640(B)(1)- Fare Evasion	1,019
640(B)(2)- Misuse Fare Media	145
640(B)(3)- Playing Sound Equipment	4
640(B)(4)- Smoking/Eating/Drinking	86
640(B)(5)- Expectorating upon System	6
640(B)(6)- Boisterous/Unruly	17
640(B)(8)- Urinating or Defecating upon System	1
640(B)(10)- Skateboarding/Roller Skating	2
640(B)(9)- Blocking Movement of Another	3
640(B)(11)A- Unauthorized Use of Discount Ticket	11
TOTAL	1,294*

* Does not include vehicle code citations



GREEN LINE

Citation Type	Number of Citations
640(B)(1)- Fare Evasion	211
640(B)(2)- Misuse Fare Media	29
640(B)(3)- Playing Sound Equipment	0
640(B)(4)- Smoking/Eating/Drinking	31
640(B)(5)- Expectorating upon System	2
640(B)(6)- Boisterous/Unruly	3
640(B)(9)- Blocking Movement of Another	0
640(B)(10)- Skateboarding/Roller Skating	0
640(B)(11)A- Unauthorized Use of Discount Ticket	1
TOTAL	277*

* Does not include vehicle code citations

