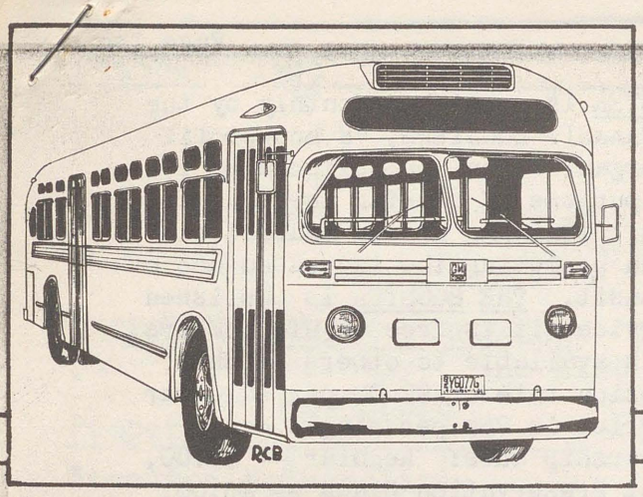


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MIAMI

The DADE COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY has called for bids for the purchase of 100 air-conditioned 51 seat "New Look" coaches. DCMTA currently operates 75 air conditioned buses-- 15 TDH 5106's, 40 TDH 5302's, and 20 TDH 5304's. The new coaches will allow "cool" equipment to be operated on almost all base service. The buses will cost about $3 million and be financed by the DCMTA equipment reserve fund and local short-term financing.

DALLAS

DALLAS TRANSIT SYSTEM has inaugurated for the football season a series of ten lines to and from the Cotton Bowl The service has been titled "Cowboy Flyers". One way fares of 50 cents are charged. On the revenue side, DTS ended its first full year of municipal operation with an $9000 increase in passenger revenue over the previous year. DTS officials plan to apply for an $8 million Federal Grant to purchase new buses and remodel existing transit buildings. A promotional campaign aimed at attracting new patronage was recently inaugurated titled, "Travel Above The Crowd-Ride A Dallas Transit Bus.

NEW YORK

The NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT AUTHORITY has ordered from General Motors 500 Model TDH 5303 coaches for late 1965 deliverey. A federal grant of $23 million has been approved for the purchase of 400 new rapid transit cars for use on the IND division of NYCTA.

ST. LOUIS

A new off-peak express service between Clayton and downtown St. Louis, known as the CLAYTON - ST.LOUIS LIMITED was inaugurated by BI STATE TRANSIT SYSTEM recently to provide service at half hourly intervals between 9:00A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Free rides highlighted the first week of operation.

WASHINGTON,D.C.

Three new or improved transit informational aids will soon appear on three demonstration routes of D.C. TRANSIT SYSTEM. The first is the Bus Stop Marker, a large bus stop sign, listing route numbers, departure times, and streets traveled of all buses using a particular stop. The Bus Destination Sign will have a display area of three times the regulation headsign. Route number, final destination, and points of interest will be shown on the sign. The third item will be a Front Door- Side View Route Indicator listing the route the bus is on. A new system map will also be issued for all Washington Area transit properties.

FORT WAYNE

The FORT WAYNE TRANSIT INC. has purchased two new General Motors TDH 4519's, the first new equipment in about fifteen years as the first step in a program to convert to an all diesel operation.

UTB NEWS

MEETING NOTICE: The October, 1965 meeting of the UNITED TRANSIT BOOSTERS will be held on Sunday, October 10, 1965. It will be convened at 7:30 P.M. in the second floor meeting hall of the Manufacturers Bank, which is located at 7014 Sunset Boulevard in the Hollywood District of Los Angeles. The building in which the meeting will be held is located on the southeast corner of Sunset Blvd. and Sycamore Ave. which is one block west of Highland Avenue. Access to the meeting hall is obtained from the parking lot at the rear of the building. The meeting will be called to order at 7:30P.M.

The meeting location can be reached quite easily from most parts of the Los Angeles area. From downtown Los Angeles ride Line 42--SUNSET BLVD. (disembark at Sunset & Orange Dr.), Line 91--HOLLYWOOD BLVD. (walk from either Hollywood and Orange or Sunset & La Brea), or Line 93--LOS ANGELES-VAN NUYS-PACOIMA (walk from Sunset & Highland); these coaches can be boarded northbound on Hill Street in downtown. From the Southwest side, Lines 85- CRENSHAW-VINE-LA BREA or 89--FAIRFAX AVENUE will take you to Sunset and La Brea. From Pasadena, Eagle Rock, Glendale, the Los Feliz district, or East Hollywood Line 31--HOLLYWOOD-GLENDALE-PASADENA will take you to Hollywood and Orange Drive. From San Fernando Valley communities the following service is available: Line 93--LOS ANGELES-VAN NUYS-PACOIMA will take you to Sunset and Highland; from Tarzana, Encino, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Magnolia Park, Lockheed Air Terminal, or Burbank, Line 81--VENTURA BLVD.-HOLLYWOOD-LOCKHEED-BURBANK will take you to Hollywood and Highland which is a five block walk.

Meetings for the months of November and December will be held at the same time and place. The dates for these meetings are November 14 and December 12.

Each meeting consists of a business session, an auction of transit material plus entertainment, such as color slides.

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CALIFORNIA CAPITULATIONS

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RECENT EQUIPMENT PURCHASES: Following is a list of equipmetn that has been purchased recently. The list is not alleged to be complete.

Property	Coach Numbers	Builder Model/Serial Numbers	Notes & Comments
NEW BUSES			
Stockton Metropolitan Transit District	1800-1809	G. M. Coach TDH-3501/255-264	
Long Beach Public Transportation Co.	4101	G. M. Coach SDM-4502/074	41-seat, A/C
Stockton Metropolitan Transit District	1700-1705	G. M. Coach TDH-4519/769-774	39 seats, most facing forward
Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District	780-794	G. M. Coach TDH-4519/829-843	Michigan Marker Lights
Long Beach Public Transportation Co.	4542-4557	G. M. Coach TDH-4519/880-895	
Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District	330-344	G. M. Coach TDH-5304/964-978	
Gray Line Sightseeing Tours	4900-4909	Flxible FD6V-401-7-UL-AC/ 35050-35059	49-seat Airconditioned
Goodall Charter Service (San Diego)	4771	Crown Supercoach	3-axle intercity, restroom and snack bar
USED BUSES			
Stockton Metropolitan Transit District	2000	G. M. Coach PD-4104/?	Ex WGL 39 seats & r.rm.
Royal Charter Bus Lines (San Diego)	262-263, 265	G. M. Coach PD-4104/2097, 3959 and 3961	Ex Sun Valley Bus Lines 262-263 and 265
Charter Bus Transportation System (Golden Bear Division)	281, 285, 286, 287	G. M. Coach PD-4106/----, ----, 3219 and ----	Ex Sun Valley Bus Lines 281 and 285-287
Inglewood City Lines	125-126	G. M. Coach TDH-4507/1378, 1411	Ex SCRTD 6733 and 6766
Golden Gate Charter Lines (Concord)	451-452	G. M. Coach TDH-4509/1669, 1672	Ex Houston Transit Co. 1039, 1042

HIGHLAND-PATTON BUS LINES (H-PBL):
On August 9th, H-PBL discontinued its two hourly 9th & VICTORIA route. However service was improved over the inner portions of the DEL ROSA Line by creating a new hourly service route--FOOTHILL-ARDEN. Both the DEL ROSA and FOOTHILL-ARDEN routes operate hourly, providing a 30 minutely service along Baseline St. The HIGHLAND-PATTON route had an evening rush-hour trip added, eliminating an hour gap. H-PBL has filed a petition with the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC, pronounced puke) for permission to raise fares from 20¢ to 25¢, zones remaining the same, at 5¢. VIRGINIA BENINI, H-PBL President, has stated that the company lost $1,197.00 in the first eight months of 1965.

TERMINAL ISLAND TRANSIT CO. (TITCo):
On October 19, TITCo applied to the PUC to raise the Long Beach to Terminal Island fare from 20¢ to 25¢. All other fares would remain the same.

CALIFORNIA CAPITULATIONS (CONTINUED):

LONG BEACH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LBPTCo):
Our apologies for being so late in reporting this, but back on April 19th, LBPTCo established a new line--route "CIRCLE 'O'", running from Los Altos Shopping Center via Willow St., Katella Ave., through the Los Alamitos area into Rossmoor Leisure World, thense along Garden Grove Blvd., Silvera St., 6th St., Margo St., 7th St., Bellflower Blvd. and back into the Los Altos Center. Schedules call for hourly service between 7:00AM and 6:00PM, Monday through Saturday. As of October, 60-70 daily patrons rode--compare this to the break-even minimum of 300 per day. An effort is being made to have Los Altos Center subsidize the operation.

With the arrival of 4542-4557 (TDH-4519's) LBPTCo has discontinued the use of their TDH-5303's on Sundays and holidays, except for Line 8--PIERPOINT LANDING-EAST TENTH ST. Due to the popularity of LBPTCo's Sunday 50¢ Pass, the 8 Line is very heavy on Sundays. In former days, the line used TDH-3610 and TDH-3612's during all hours of operation.

SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL BUS LINES (SMMBL):
During October, SMMBL rerouted Line 5--WEST LOS ANGELES off of Olympic Blvd. for a few blocks to serve the Century City Shopping District.

AIRPORT COACH SERVICE (ACS):
ACS, who serves Los Angeles International Airport from several Orange County points, extended its SANTA ANA-LAIA Line to serve the Orange County Airport which is located south of Santa Ana. Six round trips are operated daily.

SAN BERNARDINO MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (SBMTS):
Line 3--MUSCOY-42nd & KENDALL was extended on the KENDALL portion to serve the new State College in San Bernardino. Hourly service is provided in the base, half hourly during the rush hours. No additional equipment was necessary.

WESTERN GREYHOUND LINES (WGL):
On October 31, folders 1-13 were reissued in black ink, necessitated by the switch to standard time. Among the changes in the "SFBACR"* were the addition of a morning and evening trip on the SAN FRANCISCO-VALLEJO service. Also, a midday trip was added on Route U--SAN FRANCISCO-CONCORD-ANTIOCH, in the Contra Costa Division, between Concord and San Francisco.

Additional intercity PD-4103's are being renumbered and converted for use as commute buses. 4103's numbered 9560 and 9573 have been seen.

PEERLESS STAGES SYSTEM (PSS):
Effective October 1, 1965, PSS raised all one-way and round-trip fares by 10%, 20-ride commute books were also raised 10%, and there was a 19% boost in package express rates.

CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS (CT):
In September, THRU-BUS service between Los Angeles and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, was inaugurated. One round trip daily, featuring Golden Eagle Five*Star lusury service, is operated. CONTINENTAL WESTERN LINES, CONTINENTAL PACIFIC LINES, and VANCOUVER-SEATTLE BUS LINES, LTD. are the properties operating this service.

* SFBACR (pronounced Sifbaker) are of course the initials for the San Francisco Bay Area Commute Region, of world renoun WGL fame.

CALIFORNIA CAPITULATIONS (CONTINUED):

STOCKTON METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (SMTD):
On October 24, several route changes occurred. Amongh the important changes was the establishment of Line 9--MORADA, on a rough hourly headway between 7:00AM and 6:00PM to replace the former three three trips per day. Lines 6 and 8 were combined in the Lincoln Village area so as to have one route on a 90 minute headway, instead of two routes on hourly schedules. There was also some expansion of night service Monday through Saturday.

The new SMTD paint scheme is described as follows: White from the roof to the belt line; turquoise belt line; white to the rub rail; and turquoise below, except for the front and back of the bus, which is a salmon red (in a pattern that defies description). New Look coaches, of course have unpainted aluminum siding between the belt line and the rub rails, on the sides and back.

PASADENA CITY LINES (PCL):
On October 10th, PCL made system-wide route and service adjustments as follows:

Line 1--COLORADO BLVD.-HIGHLAND PARK: The former Line 1--COLORADO BLVD. route was extended to Figueroa & York, in Highland Park, Monday through Saturday, from its former terminal at Colorado and Fair Oaks, over the Highland Park of the former Line 7--HIGHLAND PARK-SOUTH LAKE. Service is half hourly between Highland Park and Colorado & Fair Oaks, 15 minutely to Colorado & Rosemead, with hourly service to Monrovia and Temple City. The Highland Park-Monrovia/Temple City trips seem to be through routed. Service to Highland Park on Sunday is provided by Line 4.

Line 4--NORTH LOS ROBLES-SOUTH LAKE: Formerly Line 4--NORTH LOS ROBLES-WEST CALIFORNIA, Line 4 swapped its West California end for the South Lake end of the former Line 7--HIGHLAND PARK-SOUTH LAKE. (The use of the number "7" was dropped altogether.) During evening and night service the line terminates at various points on Colorado Blvd. On Sunday, Line 4 operates to Highland Park, on that day being known as Line 4--NORTH LOS ROBLES-HIGHLAND PARK, and operating hourly, there being no Sunday service on South Lake. Weekday and Saturday base headways remain at 20 and 30 minutes respectively.

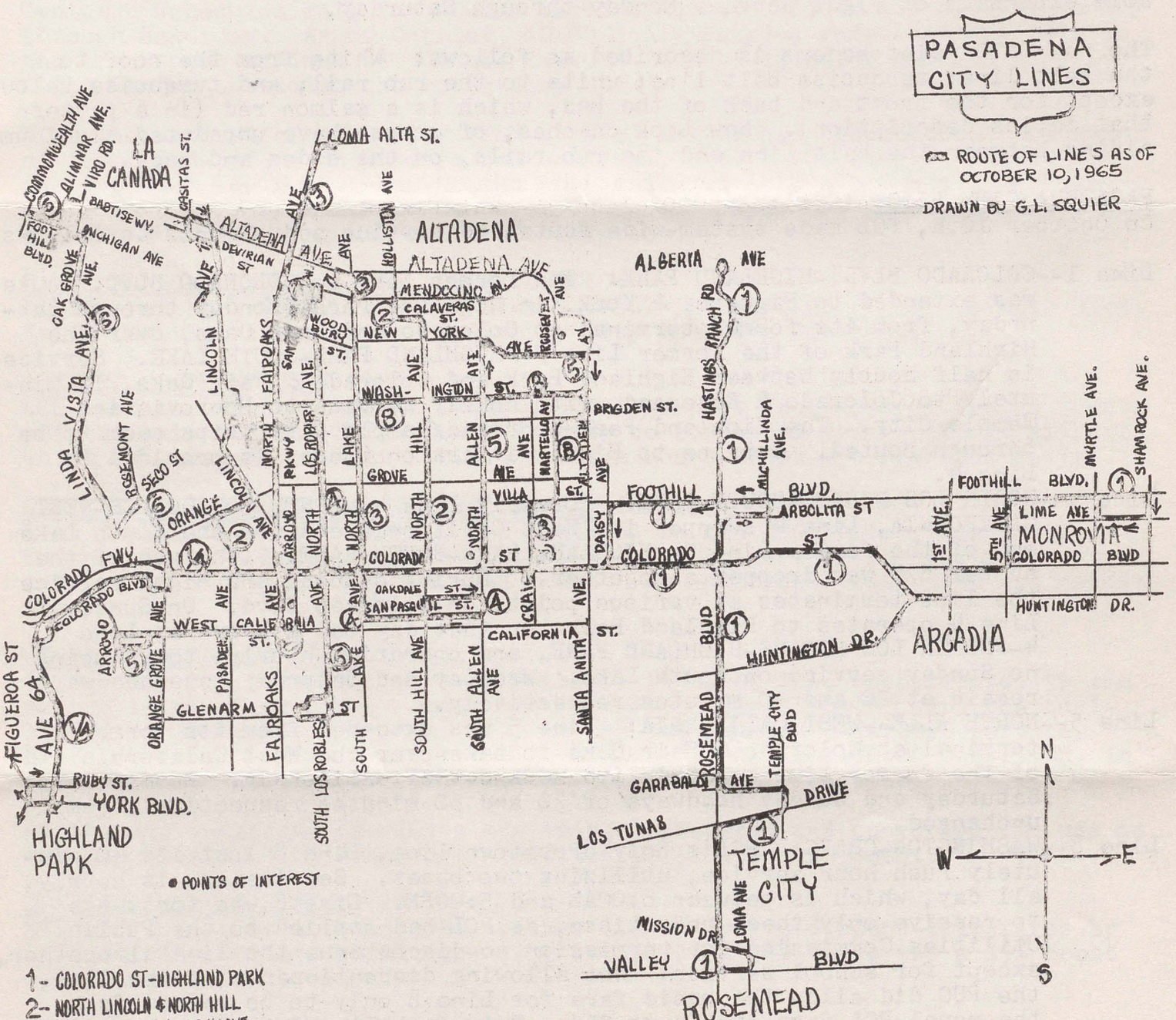
Line 5--NORTH ALLEN-WEST CALIFORNIA: Line 5 was extended from its former terminal at Colorado & Fair Oaks to take-over the West California end of the former Line 4--NORTH LOS ROBLES-WEST CALIFORNIA. Monday thru Saturday and Sunday headways of 30 and 60 minutes respectively remain unchanged.

Line 8--WASHINGTON-CRAIG: PCL's only crosstown line, Line 8 lost its 40 minutely rush hour service, utilizing two buses. Service now is hourly, all day, which is between 8:00AM and 5:00PM. Line 8 was fortunate to receive only these reductiosn, as PCL had applied to the Public Utilities Commission for permission to discontinue the line altogether, except for school service. Not allowing discontinuance of the line, the PUC did allow the basic fare for Line 8 only to be raised from the usual PCL fare of 20¢ to 25¢. This is believed to be a precedent setter.

Service on five major halidays has been discontinued with limited service on New Years Day due to the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl game. Saturday schedules are to be operated on Washington's birthday and on Veterans Day. The reason for eliminating the holiday service is the need to pay operators "double time" or "double-time-and-a-half" for holiday work (i. e., a driver normally earn-

CALIFORNIA CAPITULATIONS--PCL (CONTINUED):

ing $3.00 per hour for straight time would get $6.00 or $7.50 per hour on holidays.) Other California cities that run Sunday service, but not holiday service include: SAN BERNARDINO MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM, INGLEWOOD CITY LINES and Ventura's CITIZENS TRANSIT LINES. (For a current PCL roster, see TB-12/64.)



1- COLORADO ST-HIGHLAND PARK
2- NORTH LINCOLN & NORTH HILL
3- NORTH FAIROAKS & NORTH LAKE
4- NORTH LOS ROBLES & SOUTH LAKE (WEEKDAYS)
NORTH LOS ROBLES-HIGHLAND PARK (SUNDAYS)
5- WEST CALIFORNIA & NORTH ALLEN
6- SOUTH LOS ROBLES-LA CANADA
7- (NOT BEING USED)
8- WASHINGTON-CRAIG

SCRTD RTD REPORT BY DAVID P. LANDES

REPAINTED COACHES:

The following coaches have been repainted: 2112, 2119, 2125, 2158, 2159, 2162, 2165, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2175, 2182, 2183, 2306, 2316, 2328, 2336, 2341, 2342, 2348, 2353, 2356, 2365, 2367, 2379, 2384, 2390, 5214-5217, 5220, 5221, 5233, 5242, 5315, 5316, 5319, 5330, 5345, 5352, 5502, 5505, 5508, 5512, 6540, 6542, 6543, 6544, 6547 and 6549-6553.

SURPLUS COACHES SOLD:

With the arrival of new 6000 and 5600 class Flxible coaches, and in anticipation of the arrival of the 4000 class 36-seat Flxibles, many coaches have been sold or put up for sale. 2008-2012 (GMC TDM-4515's) were sold to PORTLAND STAGES of Portland, Oregon, and 2013-2016 were sold to ORANGE COUNTY BUS SYSTEM, Los Angeles area. Also sold were the last remaining Mack C-45GT's 5004, 5007, 5009, 5010, 5014, 5018, 5031, 5036, 5039, 5043, 5045, 5046 and 5050 to M & M CHARTER LINES (San Francisco branch).

A number of other coaches have been authorized for sale. These include 30 6601-class TDH-3610's, 11 2701-class TDH-5103's, 2 2008-class TDM-4515's (2017-2018), and the 6700 (TDH-4510/501). In addition, all of the 6701-class TDH-4507's have now either been authorized for sale or already been sold.

NEW COACHES GO INTO SERVICE:

The first of the new 6000-class Flxible coaches, F2DV8C-401-1/52517-52616, went into service on line 53--LOS ANGELES-EL MONTE-POMONA on October 21st, and all are now in service. 70 of the new coaches are at Division 9 (El Monte), and 30 are at Division 8 (Van Nuys).

The new 5600-class Flxible suburban coaches are expected to arrive during December, and should be put into service in January.

In addition to these coaches, 36-seat Flxible transit coaches, to be numbered 4000-4054 are now on order, with delivery expected in mid-year. It is not known at this time whether the 4000's will have V-6 or V-8 Cummins diesel engines.

SOUTH LOS ANGELES SERVICE RE-ARRANGED:

As a result of criticism of the transit service in the South Los Angeles-Watts area in the McCone Commission report on the Watts Riots, the District made one improvement in routing, which will be followed in March by another.

On December 13th, line 3A--CENTRAL AVENUE SHUTTLE was inaugurated. It runs down Central Ave. from 58th St., where it connects with Line 3--WEST SIXTH & CENTRAL AVE. to Manchester Ave, where it connects with ATKINSON/SOUTH LOS ANGELES TRANSPORTATION CO. Between Gare Ave. and Manchester, the 3A overlaps with line 29--SAN PEDRO ST.-WEST SEVENTH ST. The area between Slauson and Gage formerly was without transit service. The line runs on a half-hourly headway, Monday through Saturday, from 6:00AM to 7:00PM.

SCRTD REPORT--SOUTH LOS ANGELES SERVICE (CONTINUED):

On March 13, the arrangement will be somewhat altered. Line 3 will be extended to completely absorb Line 3A. This will give through ser vice over all of Central Ave. from 5th St. to Manchester Ave. Line 29 will be rerouted so that rather than cutting over from Avalon to Central on Gage, and then running down Central, it will continue south on Avalon to Florence, and then cut over Florence to Florence and Central, where it will terminate.

ORANGE COUNTY-LOS ANGELES SERVICE IMPROVED:

Line 58--LOS ANGELES-FULLERTON-SANTA ANA, RTD's main trunk line from Los Angeles to major Orange County points, has had an Orange County Freeway Flyer added. This route, which was added when the ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE RAILROAD abandoned operation of a train from San Diego which was used by many commuters, has one trip inbound to Los Angeles in the morning and one trip returning in the evening.

On March 13, Line 58 will get a simplification and expediting of routes. Line 58W, the Whittier Blvd. Local branch, will be separated. It will run between Los Angeles and Fullerton and will be known as Line 72. There will be two major branches to the new 58. Line 58D will run via the Santa Ana Freeway, Paramount Blvd., Downey, Norwalk, Buena Park, Knotts Berry Farm, Stanton, Disneyland and Orange to Santa Ana.

Line 58A (via Santa Fe Springs) will be eliminated, with its routes being absorbed by the new 58D and 58S. Line 58E, the express service, will operate non-stop from Los Angeles to Norwalk, and then via 58D or 58S to points further south. Brand new rush-hour express service between La Mirada (Lutweiler and Rosecrans) and Los Angeles will also be instituted.

Line 58S, the second major branch, will travel via the Santa Ana Freeway, Atlantic Blvd., Telegraph Rd., Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, Buena Park, Fullerton, Anahiem, Disneyland and Orange to Santa Ana.

In conjunction with these changes in Line 58, Line 55--LOS ANGELES-NEWPORT-BALBOA trips will be expedited by running direct via the Santa Ana Freeway, to Paramount Blvd., then via Telegraph Rd., and Lakewood Blvd. to Naples and points south. Service formerly offered along Telegraph Rd. and in Downey will be taken up by branches of Line 58.

