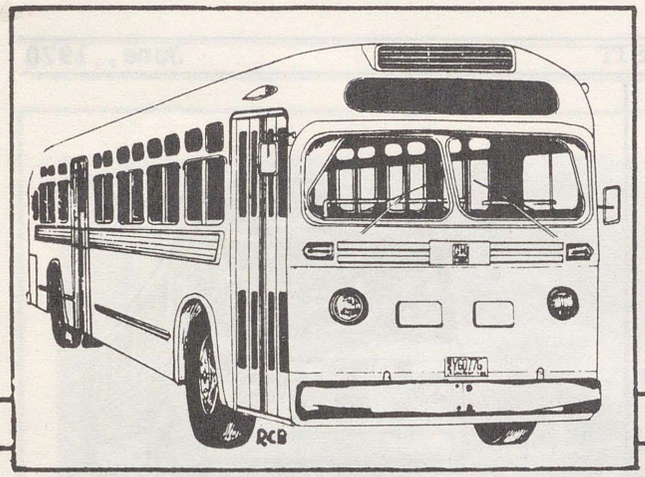


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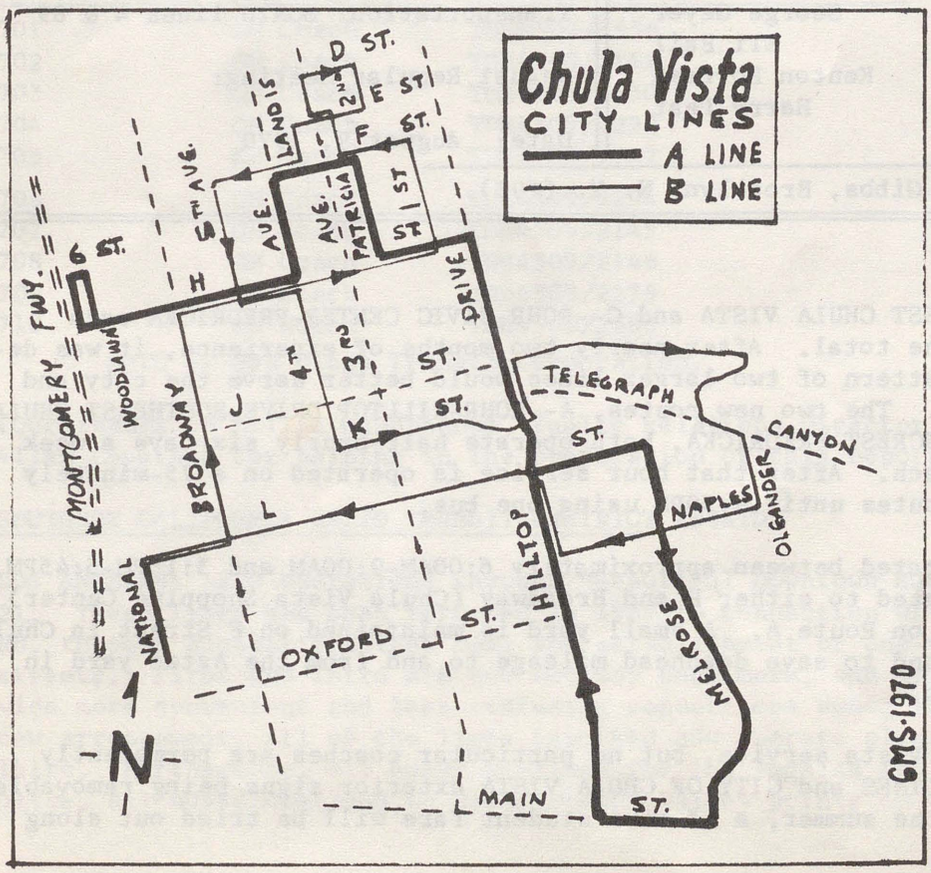
C A L I F O R N I A

CALIFORNIA BUS LINES (CBL)

RIVERSIDE: CBL, now owned by ROESCH LINES, has adopted the RL red and white paint scheme. CBL's fleet of two GMC TDM-4515s (numbered 15 and 22) are painted a basic white except for red around the window areas and a red rub rail.

CHULA VISTA CITY LINES (CVCL)

CHULA VISTA: It may seem strange in this day and age, but small California cities continue to establish new city transit systems. Last month we reported on the new system operating at Redlands. Now Chula Vista, a suburb of San Diego with about 60,000 inhabitants, has a bus system. On March 16, CVCL, operated for the City of Chula Vista by AZTEC BUS LINES, commenced operation after nearly two years of study and planning.



Initial service consisted of three routes, using four ABL GMC TDH-4509 coaches, each running on a half-hourly headway Monday through Saturday between 6:00AM and 6:00PM. The three routes were combined into one after 6:00PM with coverage by one bus on an hourly headway until the last bus at 9:30PM.

Bus service was provided free of charge for the first five days to acquaint Chula Vista residents with the new service. First-day service attracted 151 riders and ridership has grown since that time with an average of 30 passengers daily transferring between lines. From the beginning, Route A--ROHR-SOUTHEAST CHULA VISTA carried approximately 60 per cent of the total riders with

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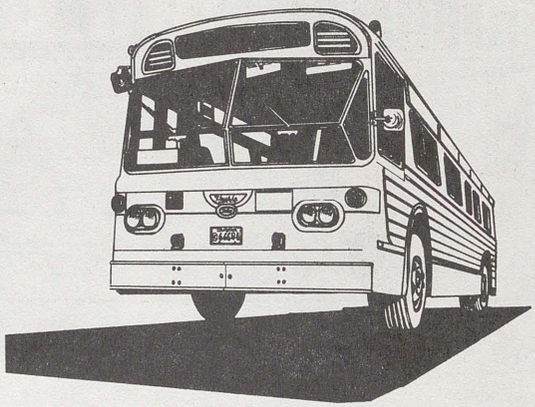
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MEETING NOTICE

July Regular Meeting:

Date: July 12, 1970
Time: 7:30PM Sunday
Place: 936 South Genesee Avenue
Los Angeles
Location: West side of Los Angeles, ¼ block north of Olympic Blvd., 3 blocks east of Fairfax Avenue
Transportation: SCRTD lines 4 & 89

August Regular Meeting:

Date: August 9, 1970

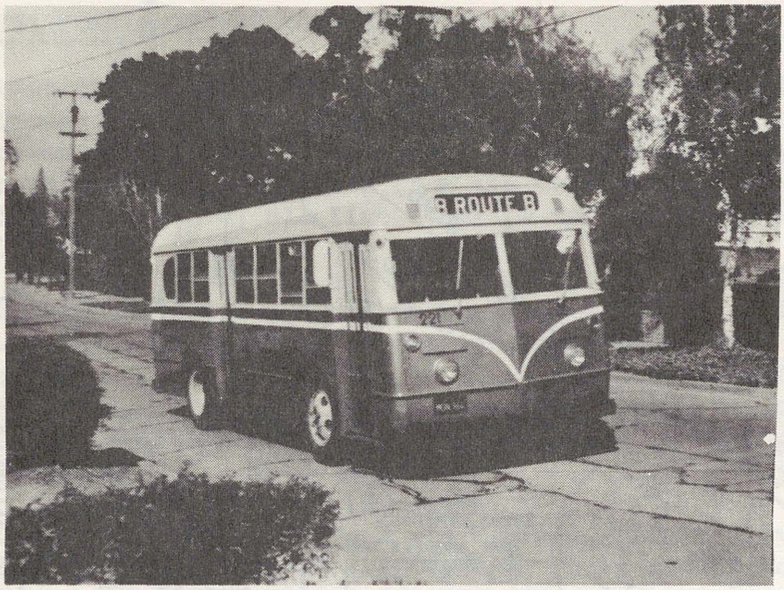
Welcome new WTS Member: Edward Gibbs, Brooklyn, N. Y. (#93).

CALIFORNIA--CVCL (CONTINUED)

Routes B--ROHR-BRENTWOOD-SOUTHWEST CHULA VISTA and C--ROHR-CIVIC CENTER-FREDRICKA each carrying about 20 per cent of the total. After nearly two months of experience, it was determined that a revised route pattern of two larger lines would better serve the city and these were instituted on May 18. The two new routes, A--ROHR-HILLTOP DRIVE-SOUTHEAST CHULA VISTA and B--ROHR-BRENTWOOD-HALECREST-FREDRICKA, both operate half-hourly six days a week until 6:00PM, using two buses each. After that hour service is operated on a 75-minutely headway over portions of both routes until 9:50PM using one bus.

Service to Rohr Aircraft is operated between approximately 6:00AM-9:00AM and 3:15PM-5:45PM. At other hours, service is operated to either H and Broadway (Chula Vista Shopping Center) on Route B or to H and Colorado on Route A. A small yard is maintained on F Street in Chula Vista for a base of operations and to save deadhead mileage to and from the Aztec yard in the Grantville area of San Diego.

The 4509s are used in the Chula Vista service, but no particular coaches are permanently assigned, the CHULA VISTA CITY LINES and CITY OF CHULA VISTA exterior signs being removable. As soon as school recesses for the summer, a 15-cent student fare will be tried out along



PENINSULA TRANSIT EXCURSION

It's not often you can ride a Ford Transit bus that is still in revenue service, as you can in Palo Alto . . site of WTS' May 23 excursion over the lines of PENINSULA TRANSIT LINES.

Coach 221, a Ford Transit built in 1945, and 402, a 1940 Yellow Coach (the very first model TD-4502 ever built, bearing serial 001) were used for the all-day excursion.

Five routes are operated by PTL in Palo Alto; the city now owns all equipment and the company performs the transit services under contract.

(Photo by Gerald L. Squier)

CALIFORNIA--CVCL (CONTINUED)

with a few days of free rides for Rohr employes. Basic fare for all riders is 25 cents with free transfers. Here is a roster of the pool of GMC TDH-4509 coaches maintained by ABL for use in Chula Vista--these coaches are also available for other ABL duties, since CVCL requirements usually do not exceed four buses at any one time.

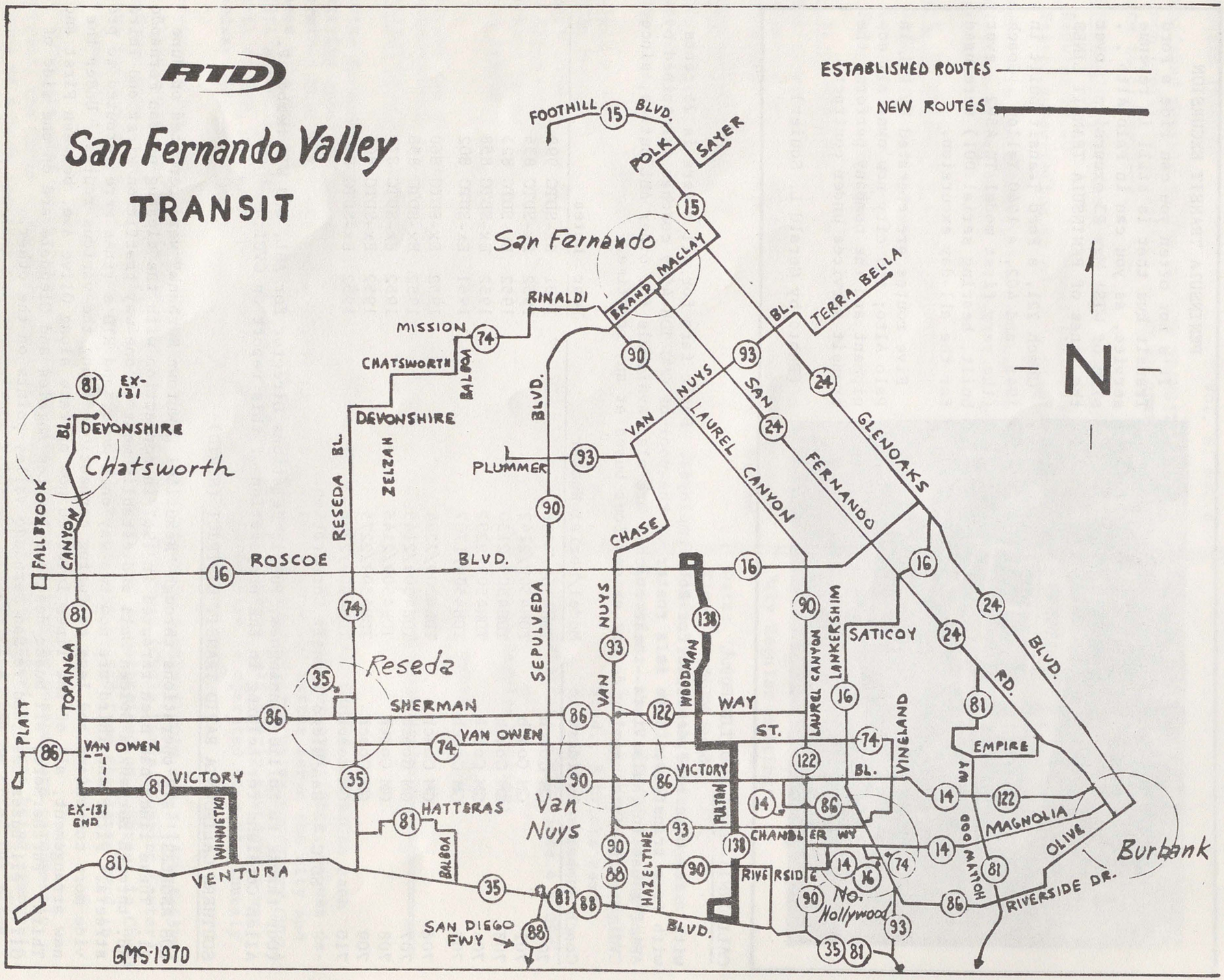
Coach Number	Builder	Model/Serial Number	Year	Notes
701	GM Coach	TDH4509/1336	1951	Ex-SDTC 998
702	GM Coach	TDH4509/2142	1952	Ex-SDTC 835
703	GM Coach	TDH4509/2130	1952	Ex-SDTC 823
704	GM Coach	TDH4509/2292	1952	Ex-SDTC 858
705	GM Coach	TDH4509/1707	1951	Ex-SDTC 802
706	GM Coach	TDH4509/2294	1952	Ex-SDTC 860
707	GM Coach	TDH4509/2145	1952	Ex-SDTC 838
708	GM Coach	TDH4509/2146	1952	Ex-SDTC 839
709	GM Coach	TDH4509/2275	1952	Ex-SDTC 841
710	GM Coach	TDH4509/2286	1952	Ex-SDTC 852

SDTC -- San Diego Transit Corporation.

(Our thanks to Mollie Cunningham, Public Relations Director for ABL, and WTS Member P. Allen Copeland for helping in the preparation of this report on CVCL.)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (SCRTD)

LOS ANGELES: RTD operations through "Beautiful Downtown Burbank" were rerouted on June 21. These lines had been rerouted in 1967 in connection with the closing of San Fernando Rd. through Burbank's Golden Mall and establishment of one-way traffic on First and Third streets. First and Third are now two-way once more, and RTD's lines were rerouted to provide more convenient and less confusing connections among the various routes. Under the new arrangement, all of the lines involved now operate along Olive Ave. between First and Third. Furthermore, all buses destined for Los Angeles and Glendale are on one side of Olive, all buses destined to San Fernando Valley points on the other.


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NEW ROUTES
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Van Nuys
No. Hollywood
Burbank
FOOTHILL BLVD.
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BRAND
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MISSION
CHATSWORTH
BALBOA
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DEVONSHIRE BL.
FALLBROOK
CANYON
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ZELZAH
PLUMMER
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SAN FERNANDO
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OLIVE
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VENTURA
SAN DIEGO FWY
EX-131 END
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Line 14 did operate via San Fernando, Cypress, Glenoaks (southbound) or Third (northbound), and Olive. Under the new arrangement, the Valley Plaza leg of this line was rerouted, in both directions, via San Fernando, Cypress and First. Line 14 trips in both directions now loop from the intersection of First and Olive via First, Angeleno, Third and Olive; all line 14 trips in both directions making the southbound stop in Olive.

Line 20 did loop at its Burbank end via Olive, First, Angeleno and Third. This loop was reversed in order to make the northbound stop on Olive. Line 24 did operate southbound via Glenoaks, Olive, First, Verdugo and San Fernando, northbound via San Fernando, Tujunga and Third. The new route, in both directions, is via Cypress, First, Olive, Glenoaks and Verdugo (southbound) or Tujunga and Third (northbound) and San Fernando.

Line 81 looped in Burbank via Cypress, First, Olive, Third and Cypress. The new route is in both directions via Cypress, First and Olive to a new loop via Third, Orange Grove, Glenoaks and Olive. Line 122 operated via San Fernando, Cypress, Glenoaks (soutbound) or Third (northbound), Olive and First. The new route is via San Fernando, Cypress, First, Olive and Glenoaks and Verdugo (southbound) or Angeleno and Third (northbound). Lines 39 and 86, also operating in Burbank, were not rerouted.

A minor fare zone change on line 6 became effective May 10. The boundary between the Inner Zone and Highland Park Zone 2 on Marmion Way was formerly located at Ave. 45. It has been found that, when two buses are stopped together at the northbound stop at Ave. 45 and Marmion Way, the line of sight vision for automobile traffic approaching on Age. 45 was obstructed and there was the possibility of cars being trapped on the nearby Santa Fe grade crossing. In order to avoid this situation, the outer limit of the Inner Zone has been extended to the next stop north, at Glenalbyn St., the two fare zones now overlapping between Ave. 45 and Glenalbyn.

A new line will be established in the San Fernando Valley September 13, line 138--FULTON-WOODMAN AVES. In addition to offering an additional connection between several east-west lines, the new route will serve Los Angeles Valley Junior College and a residential area that is changing from single family to multiple dwellings. Hourly service will be operated between approximately 7:00AM and 7:00PM, Monday through Friday, using one bus. The route will be from Fulton Ave. and Ventura Blvd. (looping via Fulton, Ventura, Dixie Canyon Ave., and Moorpark St.) via Fulton, Vanowen and Woodman to Roscoe Blvd. (looping via Roscoe, Mammoth Ave., Community St. and Woodman). In order for this line to meet its cost, about 400 new rides per day will be required.

In another Valley change, this one effective June 21, Line 131--CHATSWORTH-CANOGA PARK was absorbed by a new branch of line 81. Heretofore, a portion of line 81's service has terminated at Ventura and Reseda Blvds., where a substantial amount of recovery time was scheduled. It was found that this service could be extended to Canoga Park and then over the route of line 131 with no added equipment or manpower, counting the use of line 131's one bus. The new leg, via Ventura Blvd., Winnetka Ave., Vanowen St. and Topanga Canyon Blvd., serves the West Valley Regional Occupational Center and Pierce College. In addition, it offers a new link between Ventura Blvd. and the Topanga Plaza Shopping Center and doubled service along a two-mile stretch of Ventura Blvd. Interestingly, a part of Vanowen St. between Reseda and Canoga Park had bus service by lines 81 and 35, between Jovember 18, 1962, and June 23, 1963. The new service operates hourly between approximately 5:30AM and 7:30PM weekdays and 6:30AM and 7:00PM Saturdays. The new official name for line 81 is 81--VENTURA BLVD.-CHATSWORTH-CANOGA PARK-HOLLYWOOD-BURBANK.

CALIFORNIA--SCRTD (CONTINUED)

The following coaches have been reported as repainted in the District's official colors of Chrome Yellow, Champagne Gold and White since our last report: 5101, 5107, 5132, 5210, 5303, 5307, 5310, 5344.

AIRPORTRANSIT (APT)

LOS ANGELES: On May 18 APT instituted service on two routes: LOS ANGELES-HOLLYWOOD-HOLLYWOOD-BURBANK AIRPORT and L. A. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT-SHERATON UNIVERSAL HOTEL-HOLLYWOOD-BURBANK AIRPORT. There are four round trips between downtown and the Hollywood-Burbank Airport, formerly known as Lockheed Air Terminal, and one round trip between the two airports, with both lines using the same coach.

ANTELOPE VALLEY BUS, INC. (AVBI)

LANCASTER: On May 16 AVBI cut service on its EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE-LANCASTER-PALMDALE-NEWHALL-L. A. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT route from two round trips daily to one trip daily except Saturday. A Newhall/Saugus stop at Denny's Restaurant is a new service point. The vehicle used in this service is AVBI 123, an air-conditioned Pontiac Vista Cruiser.

OXNARD MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (OMTS)

OMTS inaugurated, on March 11, a new route: OXNARD-ESPLANADE CENTER-VENTURA COLLEGE which operates between downtown Oxnard and the new Esplanade Shopping Center in the northwest area of the city with certain trips extended to Ventura College in Ventura with direct connections with Ventura's CITIZENS TRANSIT LINES. Service operates on a 40-minute headway between 7:20AM and 6:15PM Monday through Friday with five trips to Ventura College (roughly a two-hourly headway). On Saturdays and school holidays service runs between 9:30AM and 6:15PM with three extended trips. The regular 20¢ fare applies on the route within Oxnard with a 40¢ fare to Ventura.

EASTERN CITIES TRANSIT, INC. (ECT)

EAST LOS ANGELES: One of the lowest transit fares anywhere has been raised. On May 4 ECT increased its fares from 10¢ (tokens 3/25¢) to 15¢ (tokens 2/25¢). The FORD BLVD. and CITY TERRACE routes also were combined and there is now Saturday and Sunday service on the City Terrace route between 9:00AM and 4:00PM on an hourly headway (WT 4/70).

TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM (TTS)

TORRANCE: Effective June 1 TTS discontinued sales of 10-ride commutation tickets which had been sold at 10 times the one-way fare as a convenience. At the same time school tickets were restricted to travel to and from school Monday through Friday.

SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORP. (SDTC)

SAN DIEGO: The strike of operators and mechanics against SDTC which began on April 18 ended June 6 following acceptance of a labor agreement which makes SDTC operators the highest-paid in the nation at $4.54 an hour, a 38-cent hourly increase. Next April 1 pay will be upped another 34 cents and on April 1, 1972, there will be a 40-cent increase. Fringe benefits also were increased substantially; the settlement will mean an increase in the total payroll this year of between $400,000 and $500,000. As a result of the settlement, the basic fare was increased 10 cents to 40 cents. Senior Citizen fares rise to 30 cents, student fares to 25 cents and junior (aged 5-12 years)

CALIFORNIA--SDTC (CONTINUED)

fares to 20 cents. Tokens are now being sold at 40 cents and zones remain 10 cents and transfers remain free.

James Carson, a member of the family which owned the former CROSSTOWN SUBURBAN BUS LINES of Los Angeles and a former official of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT, has been appointed Assistant General Manager of SDTC succeeding Frank H. (Stub) Whelan, a 30-year veteran of SDTC, SAN DIEGO TRANSIT SYSTEM and SAN DIEGO ELECTRIC RAILWAY.

SDTC has applied for a federal grant of $1.5 million to purchase two-way radios for the 220 city-type coaches on the roster, and for construction of a new office and maintenance building to be built on Imperial Ave. between 15th and 16th streets opposite a portion of the present facilities.

CONTINENTAL WESTERN LINES (CWL)

LOS ANGELES: CWL recently instituted several summer season round trips. On May 17 one additional DENVER-ALBUQUERQUE trip in conjunction with VALLEY TRANSIT LINES and DENVER-COLORADO SPRINGS-PUEBLO MOTORWAYS was added and an additional FLAGSTAFF-PHOENIX non-stop trip was begun May 22. On June 7 a SAN FRANCISCO-MERCED-FRESNO round trip was added making direct connections with YOSEMITE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM buses at Merced.

The first turbine-powered bus in regulur revenue service was to begin trips June 26. CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS, INC. has been experimenting with a turbine bus for several months; it is powered by a Ford gas turbine engine. A CT spokesman said the turbine engine used in the bus is "practically emission-free" since it burns all fuel fed into it. He also noted that the turbine's one-piece construction would reduce maintenance costs and engine noise. CT did not say where the bus would be operated.

AMERICAN BUSLINES, INC. (ABL)

LOS ANGELES: On May 22 ABL began a weekend only SAN DIEGO-LAS VEGAS round trip leaving San Diego on Friday and Saturday and returning from Las Vegas on Saturday and Sunday. These trips also serve Oceanside, San Clemente and Santa Ana. An additional express round trip on the LOS ANGELES-SAN DIEGO route was begun June 7. An additional trip was started June 12 on the LOS ANGELES-PHOENIX-DALLAS route. On May 20 ABL opened a new depot in Reno at Second and Ralston streets; the former property was acquired by Harrah's Club.

CITY OF CALIFORNIA CITY TRANSIT SYSTEM (COCCTS)

CALIFORNIA CITY: COCCTS is believed to be the newest public transit operation in the state. A gold and white 16-seat Minibus (See Equipment Report) has been observed in Mojave, making connections with SOUTHERN PACIFIC's "Daylight" train and also with GREYHOUND LINES-WEST, via an intercity line running to California City, a town about 15 miles northeast of Mojave in Kern County.

GREYHOUND LINES-WEST (GL-W)

SAN FRANCISCO: New folders were issued June 23 reflecting the addition of many summer only services. In other areas, the RIVERSIDE-SAN DIEGO route no longer serves Rancho Bernardo, but one trip daily in each direction is routed through the Sun City retirement community bypassing Elsinore. The schedules permit Sun City residents to go into

CALIFORNIA--GL-W (CONTINUED)

Riverside in the morning and return in the afternoon. There are five daily schedules on the route.

The remaining GL-W GMC PD-4151 "Silversides" coaches in the 9104-9298 series--some 40 in number--have been sold for further service in Peru. The coaches had been in service in San Francisco on SFBACR locals.

AZTEC BUS LINES (ABL)

SAN DIEGO: For the summer season, ABL's SAN DIEGO-DISNEYLAND route is being operated daily instead of twice weekly and on a revised schedule:

8:30AM	lv	AZTEC yard	ar	11:00PM
8:45AM	lv	A-1 Travel, 4056 Fairmont Ave.	ar	10:45PM
9:00AM	lv	San Diego Trailways Depot	ar	10:30PM
10:30AM	ar	Disneyland	lv	9:00PM

ORANGE COUNTY SIGHTSEEING CO. (OCSC)

ANAHEIM: OCSC has begun operating its NBC Studio/Universal City Studios Tour as proposed last year (WT 12/69). On June 16 the Mission San Juan Capistrano/Pacific Ocean Beaches tour was revised to include Southern California's newest tourist attraction--Lion Country Safari, a replica of deepest Africa complete with live African lions roaming freely throughout the area. The 1½-hour tour also includes Dana Point, Laguna Beach, Balboa Island and Newport Beach.

UNION PACIFIC STAGE COMPANY (UPSC)

EAST LOS ANGELES: The route of the EAST LOS ANGELES-PASADENA line has been changed to begin and end in Pasadena at the northwest corner of Colorado Blvd. and Garfield Ave. at an SCRTD bus loading zone which is across the street from the building in which the UP ticket office is now located. The former ticket office in the UP Freight Depot on West Colorado Blvd. was moved because a portion of the building is to be razed due to construction of the north end of the Long Beach Freeway. Schedules of all three UPSC routes were adjusted on April 26 due to adjustments in the schedule of the railroad's "City of Los Angeles" train.

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY (SFMRy)

SAN FRANCISCO: A shutdown of two of Muni's three cable car lines this summer and fall was announced by the City Public Utilities Commission. The 61--CALIFORNIA line will be closed for four months starting July 20; the 60--POWELL-HYDE line will be closed for 45 days starting September 28. The 59--POWELL-MASON line will not be affected, and will continue to operate. The cable lines will be shut down so that the following street and sewer repairs can be made:

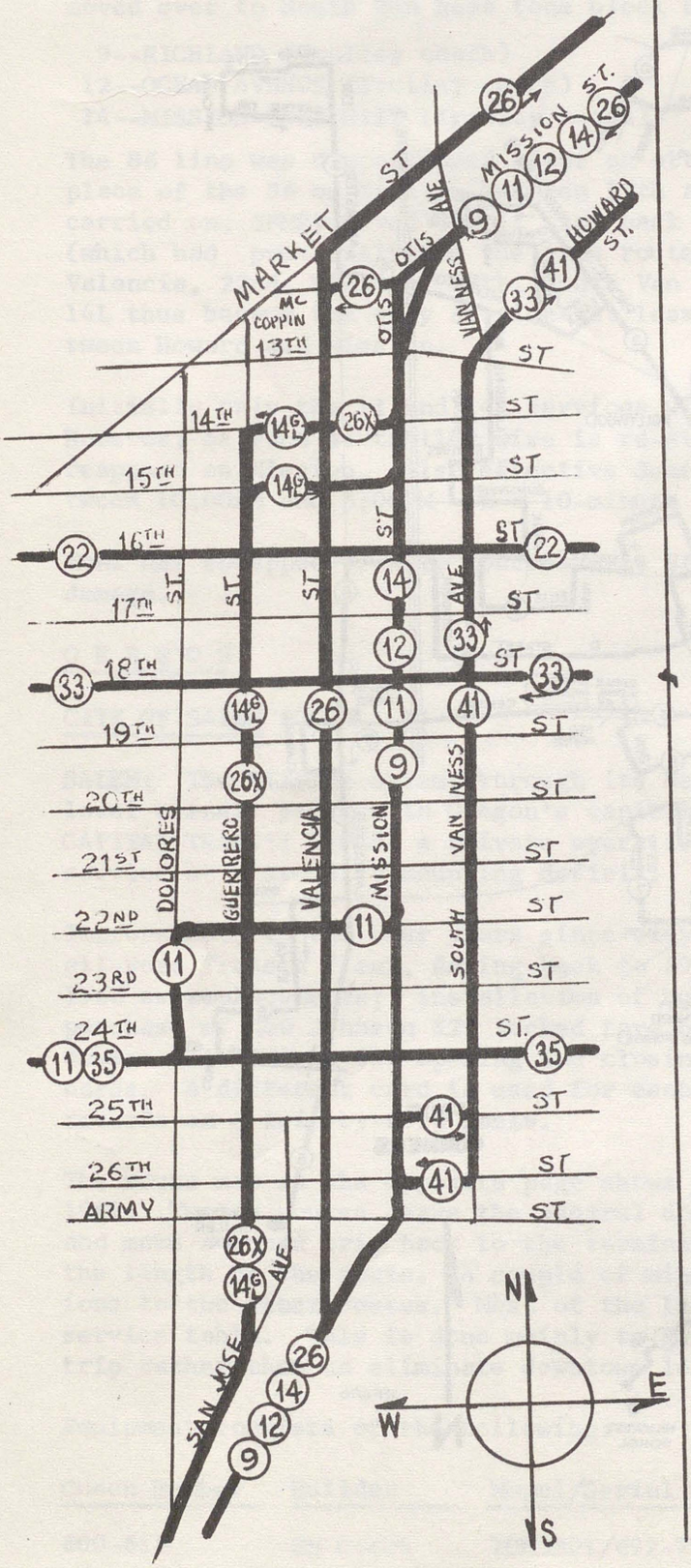
Sewer on Hyde St. between Sacramento and Pacific (affects 60 line between Washington and Pacific, and 61 line pull-in cars between Sacramento and Jackson.
Street repair work on California St. between Mason and Kearney (61 line only).

PCC car 1131, which had been out of service for about a year, was placed back in operation in late May. The car had been involved in an accident, and spent many months in the Elkton Shops and Geneva Car House due to lack of parts. The car sports a fresh Green and Cream paint job (in non-fingers design).

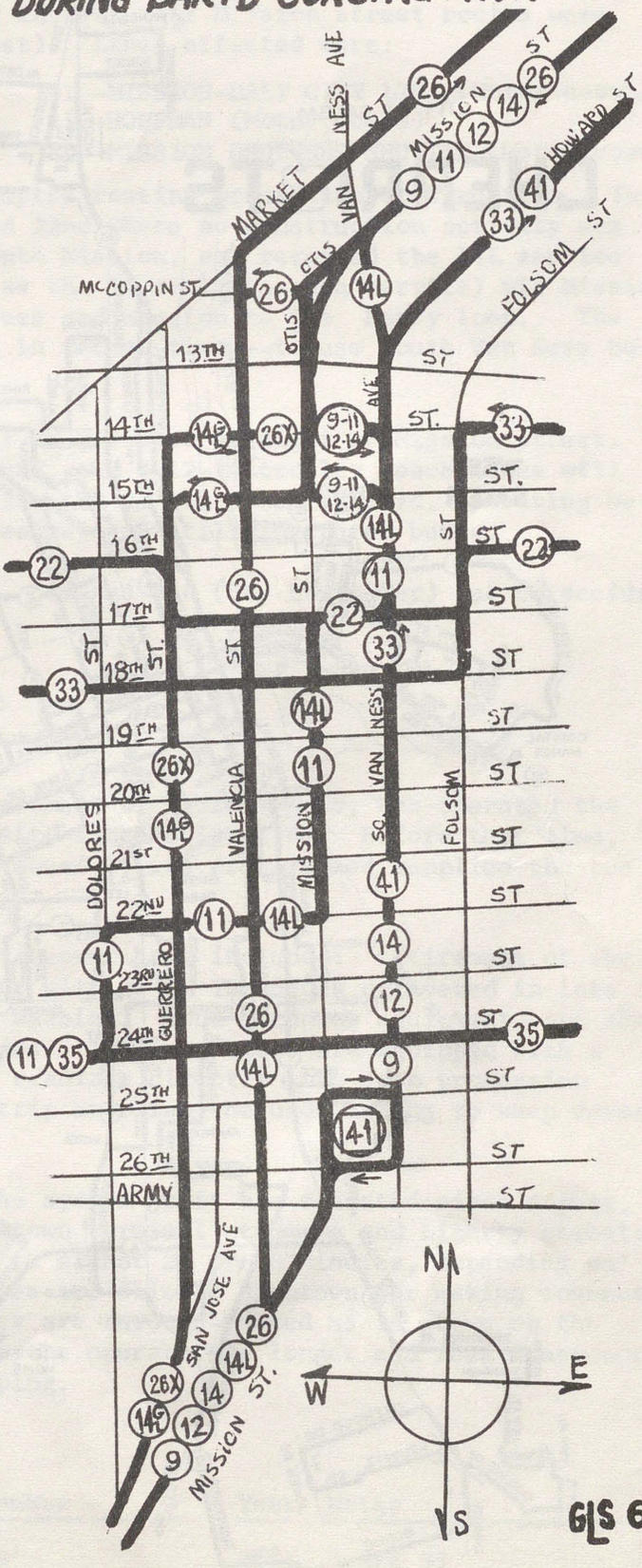
Effective June 26, Mission Street was once again to be open for through transit use

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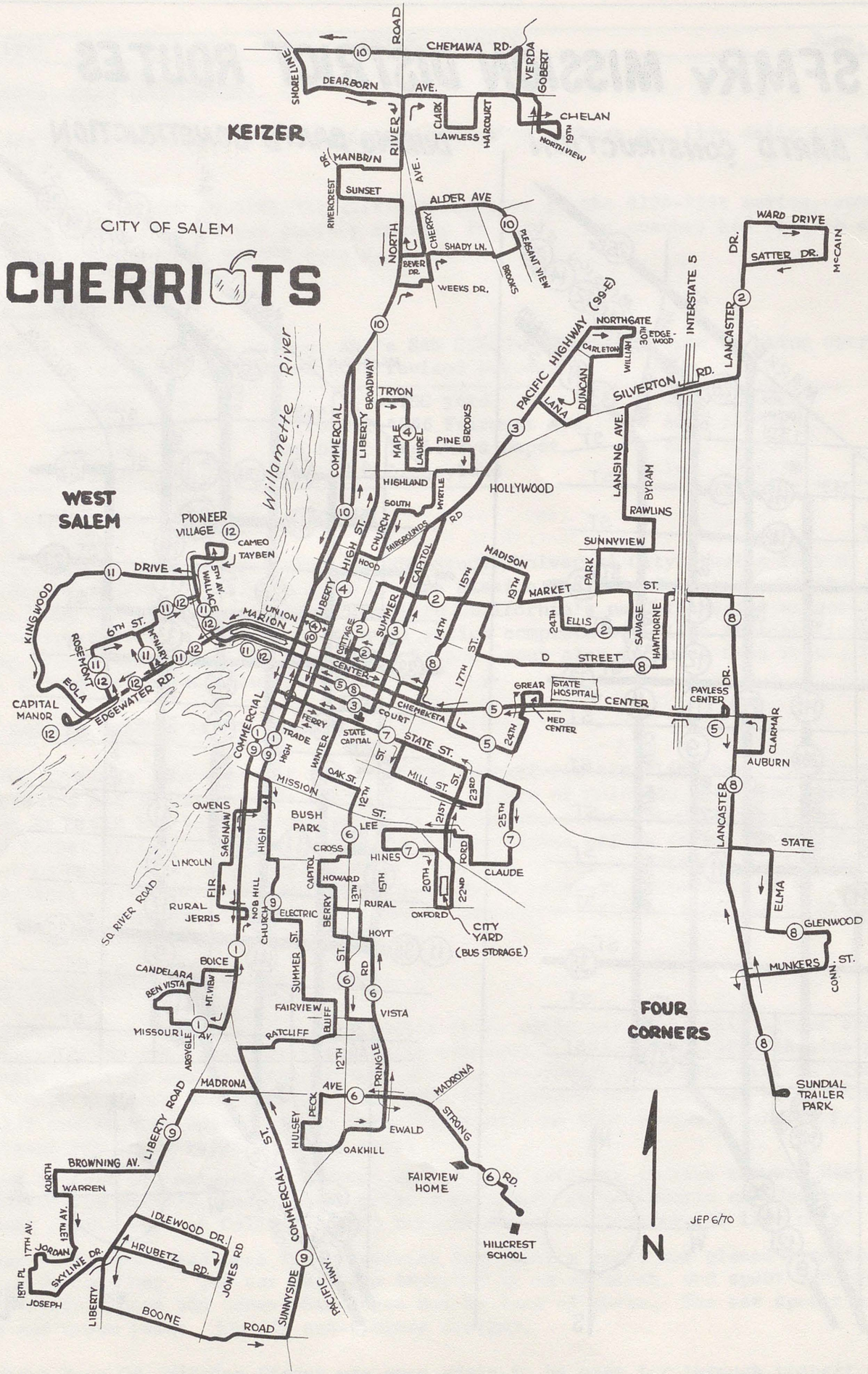
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Willamette River
CHEMAWA RD.
DEARBORN AVE.
SUNSET
ALDER AVE
SHADY LN.
WEEKS DR.
MANBRIN DR.
RIVER ROAD
NORTH AVE.
COMMERCIAL
LIBERTY
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MAPLE
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MISSION
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OWENS
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LINCOLN
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MT. VIEW
MISSOURI AV.
FAIRVIEW
BLUFF
VISTA
RATCLIFF
ARGYLE
MADRONA
PECK
HULSEY
EWALD
OAKHILL
PRINGLE
STRONG
FAIRVIEW HOME
HILLCREST SCHOOL
BROWNING AV.
KURTH
WARREN
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IDLEWOOD DR.
HRUBETZ RD.
JORDAN
SKYLINE DR.
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between 15th and 25th streets. Due to BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT station construction at 16th and 24th streets, beginning in 1967, all Mission street routes were moved over to South Van Ness (one block east). Lines affected were:

9--RICHLAND (Trolley coach)
12--OCEAN AVENUE (Trolley coach)
14--MISSION-DALY CITY (Trolley coach)
14L--MISSION-DALY CITY LTD. (Motor coach)
11--HOFFMAN (Motor coach)
86--MISSION SHOPPERS SHUTTLE (Motor coach)

The 86 line was discontinued after an attempted routing around the construction. In place of the 86 on Mission between 17th and 22nd where no construction activity was carried on, SFMRy moved the 11 line back onto Mission, and rerouted the 14L service (which had previously had the same route as the 14 trolley coach service) via Mission, Valencia, 22nd, Mission, 17th, South Van Ness and Mission to the Ferry loop. The 14L thus became the only service--at least in recent times--to use South Van Ness between Howard and Mission.

Initially only the 11 and 14L services will be rerouted straight up Mission street. However, as soon as trolley wire is re-strung, the 9-12-14 trolley coach lines will reappear on Mission. Also effective June 26, the 86 line was restored, operating between 10:00AM and 3:00PM on a 10-minute headway and utilizing three buses.

Muni has scrapped trolley coaches 854, 867, 882 and 886 (St. Louis Car) due to accident damage.

O R E G O N

CITY OF SALEM (COS)

SALEM: The City of Salem, through its Department of Public Works, has operated the local transit service in Oregon's capital city since July, 1966. Before that time, CAPITAL TRANSIT LINES, a private operation owned by its drivers, had supplied the bus service at a steadily-mounting deficit.

Improvements in the four years since city takeover have included: retirement of the all-Ford Transit fleet, dating back to 1946, with 17 GM TDH-3501s delivered in late 1966 as replacements; installation of bus washing and cleaning equipment, and the purchase of new Johnson K25 locked fare boxes. The fare boses are equipped with a device that prints the opening and closing readings directly onto data processing cards. A different card is used for each trip enabling the undertaking to keep revenue records on a trip-by-trip basis.

The route map on the opposite page shows the system as it has operated since August, 1969. Twelve routes leave the central downtown terminal at State and Liberty streets and make a round trip back to the terminal in either 28 or 58 minutes, depending on the length of the route. A couple of minutes are allowed downtown for making connections to the other routes. Most of the lines are through-routed as is shown on the service table. This is done mainly to give the operators a longer and less monotonous trip rather than to eliminate downtown looping.

Equipment consists of the following:

Coach Number	Builder	Model/Serial Number	Year	Notes
600-616	GM Coach	TDH3501/692-708	1966	Seats 35

Headways and coach requirements are as follows:

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Route	WEEKDAYS 1st Bus to town	AM Peak Hdwy	AM Peak Req	Base Hdwy	Base Req	PM Peak Hdwy	PM Peak Req	last bus fm town	SATURDAYS Hdwy	SATURDAYS Req
1--SO. COMMERCIAL	6:30AM	30	2	30	2	30	2	5:50PM	60	1
3--CAPITOLA	6:28AM	30		30		30		5:50PM	60	
2--MARKET/LANCASTER	6:45AM	30	3	60	2	60	2	6:05PM	60	2
9--BOONE ROAD	7:25AM	60		60		60		6:05PM	60	
4--HIGHLAND	6:27AM	30	2	60	1	30	2	5:50PM	60	1
7--STATE ST.	6:28AM	30		60		30		5:50PM	60	
5--CHEMEKETA	6:30AM	30	2	30	2	30	2	5:50PM	60	1
11-W.SALEM-KINGSWOOD	6:28AM	60		60		60		5:15PM	↓	
12-W.SALEM-CAP.MANOR	6:57AM	60		60		60		4:45PM		
11/12-W. SALEM COMB.						*			60	
6--12TH & FAIRVIEW	6:45AM	30	2	60	1	60	1	6:05PM	60	1
8--FOUR CORNERS	7:15AM	60	2	60	2	60	2	6:05PM	60	2
10--KEIZER	7:20AM	60		60		60		6:05PM	60	
Totals			13		10		11			8

Note *--Last weekday trip to West Salem at 5:50PM operates the combined 11/12 route.
No service on Sundays.

Coaches are painted white with a thin green-black stripe running along the top of the standee windows and curving down behind the rearmost side window. The word "Cherriots" (stylized as shown on the map) is painted in maroon (with the cherry a bright red) on the lower portion of the sides and on the engine panel in the rear. The stylized cherry by itself adorns the front of the buses. Interiors feature light blue walls, metallic blue dash, dark blue and orange seats, and blue flecked floors.

The name "Cherriots," resulting from a citywide "name the buses" contest in 1966, is derived from the fact that the area around Salem is one of the largest producers of cherries in the world.

Adult fares are 25¢ within the city limits with an additional dime required to go beyond on lines 2, 8 and 10. The system is subsidized up to $100,000 yearly by a city tax levy; the deficit for 1970/71 is expected to go beyond that figure, which will require a revision in the levy or a new source of funds.

A word about the apparent circuity of the routes: a majority of the riders are elderly and place a priority on minimizing walking distances to the bus rather than speeding up the trip to town. Nevertheless, the operation IS fast--just to cover some of the longer routes in the scheduled time requires a speed of 16 to 17 miles per hour as compared to the industry average of around 12. By reaching into the neighborhoods with loop-type routing, the "Cherriots" are able to put well over three-fourths of the population within one-fourth mile of a bus line.

TRI-COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (TCMTD)

PORTLAND: Tri-Met, which recently took over city transit operation from ROSE CITY TRANSIT CO., has adopted a new fleet livery of tangerine and white, which will replace the old RCTC colors of dark red and white. Of the present fleet, only the 70 GMC New Look coaches will be repainted. Older equipment, consisting of diesel and gas Mack C-45s and 44-S Twin Coaches, are slated for replacement by 140 new coaches when federal assistance is received. Thus far, eight coaches have been observed in the new

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scheme--541-547, 549; all GMC TDH-4519s. Tangerine is applied to most of the front, to the sides below the rub rail and between the top of the belt rail and the top of the standee windows, and in the rear between the bottom of the window and the top of the engine panel. The roof is white up to the frontmost end of the standee window. There is a white band around the front windshield which encompasses the wide lip below as well. The white belt rail extends around the back of the bus and the ends are squared off rather than diagonal. A novel feature is the placement of the side bus numbers in the quarter windows.

New uniforms are on order and are expected in September. These will feature green blazers with the emblem on the left breast pocket, tangerine shirts, green ties and gray slacks. The blazer jacket is starting to catch on in the industry as a "new image," replacing the old "Ike" jacket, long synonimous with bus drivers.

Portland may join the ranks of exact fare only cities before the end of summer. Cleveland lock boxes have long been in use here, so the change won't require any capital expenditures.

A R I Z O N A

TANNER GRAY LINE OF PHOENIX, INC. (TGLP)

PHOENIX: TGLP has begun a five day, four night "Tri State Holiday" using recently-acquired Special Operations authority from the ICC. Beginning in Phoenix, the tour covers Oak Creek Canyon, Flagstaff, Grand Canyon, Las Vegas, Hollywood, Marineland, Knott's Berry Farm and Disneyland. TGLP uses SUN VALLEY BUS LINES, INC. GMC PD-4104s and PD-4106s on this and other sightseeing services.

T E X A S

CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS (CT)

DALLAS: Two CT subsidiaries, CONTINENTAL BUS SYSTEM and UNION BUS LINES, INC., started two new Five Star Golden Eagle services May 22. CBS instituted a new DALLAS-CORPUS CHRISTI GE traveling via Houston and Victoria. CBS and UBL began a DALLAS-BROWNSVILLE schedule via Fort Worth, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and Harlingen. WINTER GARDEN BUS LINE reduced service on its EAGLE PASS-DILLEY route from two to one round trip daily on May 12.

EL PASO CITY LINES (EPCL)

EL PASO: EPCL has sold nine of its 13 GMC TDH-3714s to BEAUMONT CITY LINES (See Equipment Report), the four staying being 3821 and 3823 (licensed and active) and 3825 and 3828 (stored). The 3800s previously came from TULSA CITY LINES in 1957. The Mexican government wants to build a customs building around Stanton Street which will force a detour of EPCL's International Streetcar line. Southbound traffic is to be routed via Ferrocarilles St. which is one block from Ave. Juarez. The new plans will probably delay resumption of streetcar service, which had been scheduled for July 1.

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S ALT LAKE CITY LINES (SLCL)

SALT LAKE CITY: City commissioners have turned down a pair of compromise offers to

EQUIPMENT REPORT

Below is a list of passenger equipment acquired or disposed of by Western operators since our last report. Neither completeness nor currency is implied.

Name of Company	Vehicle Nos.	Builder	Model/Serial Nos.	Comments
NEW BUSES				
Continental Bus System	11306-11307	B & C	05GE/7767,7772	Dallas-Brownsville 5*
Union Bus Lines	22301-22302	B & C	05GE/7786-7787	" "
Airport Service Inc	5012-5015	GM Coach	PD4108/011-014	45 seats, NR
Orange Co Sightseeing	1001-1002	GM Coach	S8M5303A/220-221	49 reclining seats
Gray Line of LA	5304-5308	GM Coach	S8M5303A/-,-,-,-,236	49 recl seats
Associated Chtr Bus Co	A6039D-A6040D	GM Coach	S8M5303A/-	
Univ of Cal Berkeley	Unnum	GM Coach	TDH3301/079	Dental labs
	Unnum	GM Coach	T6H5305A/468	" "
Abilene Transit Sys	4032-4033	GM Coach	TDH3301A/-	Side route signs
Country Club Bus Line	Unk	GM Coach	TDH3301/-	(El Paso)
Citizens Transit,Ventura	150-151	GM Coach	TDH3501/831-832	Addn'l info
Airporter San Frncisco	324-327	GM Coach	PD4905/058-061	
California City Transit	Unnum	Minibus	MB1D/540	16 seats, Mich lights
City of Salem Ore.	600-616	GM Coach	TDH3501/692-708	
Modesto Mtr Bus Svc	114,116, 118,120	GM Coach	TDH3501/1041-1044	Correction
USED BUSES				
Aztec Bus Lines	702,704,708	GM Coach	TDH4509/	Ret.from Town Tour
Beaumont City Lines	3677,3683-3686,3824, 26,27,29	GM Coach	TDH3714/158,164-167, 584, 586, 587, 589	Ex-El Paso City Lines
El Paso City Lines	3985-4003	GM Coach	TDH4517/753-771	Ex-Mobile City Lines
The Town Tour (Anaheim)	701,4508	GM Coach	TDH4517/384,1358	Ex-LBPTCo 4501,4508
	727	Flxible	HiLevel/10599	Ex-Aztec Bus Lines
Calif Sightseeing Tours	C6668D-C6670D	GM Coach	SDM4501/-,096,-	Ex-Lake Shore -, 2041, -
Douglas Charter Lines	50	GM Coach	PDA4101/232	Ex ABL 6210
Leisure Sightseeing & Charter Co.	4106,4108	GM Coach	PD4104/3270,3254	Ex-GLW 8698,8682
	Unnum	GM Coach	PD4104/3239	Ex-GLW 8667
Bay Cities Bus(Oakland)	4502	GM Coach	PD4104/3238	Ex-CCBS
Golden State Chtr Bus	219-220	GM Coach	PD4104/1999,1265	Ex 194,197
Odessa-Midland Bus Line	L626	GM Coach	PD4106/732	Ex-TNM&O
Continental Bus Sys	11401-11406	Flxible	HiLevel/10358,59, 62,63,65,86	Ex-CRML 21416-21421

UTAH--SLCL (CONTINUED)

purchase SLCL. Dale Barratt, SLCL president, said he would reduce the original $672,-000 price to $652,700 if the city buys only the company's capital assets or $571,200 if it buys the stock. The city originally offered $472,000. In theevent a takeover is not completed prior to July 1, SLCL said it would be willing to continue operations on a month-to-month basis until a settlement is made, providing the city reimburses SLCL for any operating losses and the city would receive the profit, if any. The city currently is paying SLCL a subsidy of $11,250 per month.