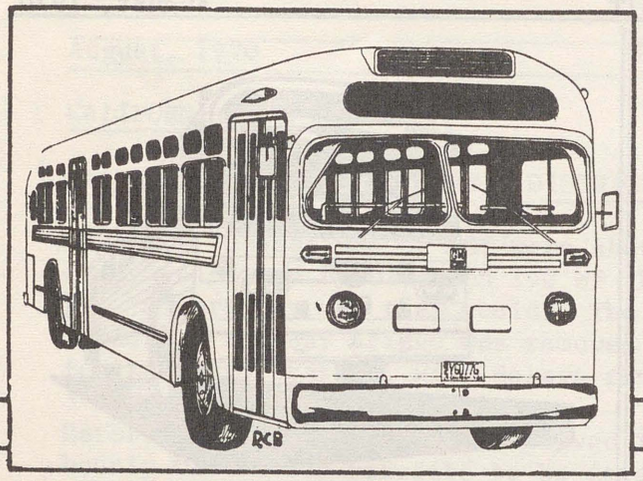


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C A L I F O R N I A

SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORP. (SDTC)

SAN DIEGO: SDTC has received a $1,042,434 federal grant for 200 two-way radios and a new administration and maintenance facilities (WT 7/70). SDTC has repainted its parlor coaches (one GMC PD-4106 and seven PD-4104s) with a white roof, light blue around the headsign area and above the side windows and a dark blue belt rail.

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY (SFMRy)

SAN FRANCISCO: Cable cars on Line 61--CALIFORNIA were replaced by buses on July 18, two days ahead of schedule (WT 6/70). Kirkland Division buses are used, with operators being assigned to the Washington-Mason (cable car) division. Schedules and equipment requirements are the same as the cable car operation; routing is the same, except for turnaround loops at each end. The cable cars are sidelined temporarily due to sewer construction.

Although the Montgomery and Civic Center BARTD/SFMRy subway stations are nearing completion (in terms of street restoration), construction of the Upper Market Muni stations and subway is just about the get underway. The next step calls for construction of the Muni Van Ness station and subway from the Civic Center station to Duboce Street. The portion of the subway between Civic Center and Van Ness stations will be tunneled (drilled), while the portion between Van Ness and Duboce (and eventually Castro Street) will be of "cut-and-cover" construction.

During this construction, which is scheduled to start this month, Market Street will be closed to through traffic between 7:00-9:00AM and 4:00-6:00PM except for Muni vehicles. The streetcar tracks will be moved to the sides of Market Street. The Van Ness station will be constructed under the intersection of Van Ness and Market (one of the busiest in the city) which will require the closing of all but four lanes of traffic.

During this period, trolley coach line 47--POTRERO, which now operates via Van Ness, Mission and 11th, will be routed via Van Ness, Grove, 10th, Mission and 11th southbound, and 11th, Mission, 9th, Hayes and Van Ness northbound. Except for some new special overhead work (curves and junctions), and that portion on 10th between Mission and Market, detour overhead to be used by line 47 buses is already in place.

The latest proposal to retain streetcar operation during construction of the Upper Market Street Muni subway and its connection with the Twin Peaks Tunnel at Castro is to install track and overhead along 20th Avenue between Judah (N line) and Taraval (L line), presumably with wyes at both ends. This would allow for operation of the K-L-M streetcar lines through the Sunset Tunnel while the Twin Peaks bore is closed.

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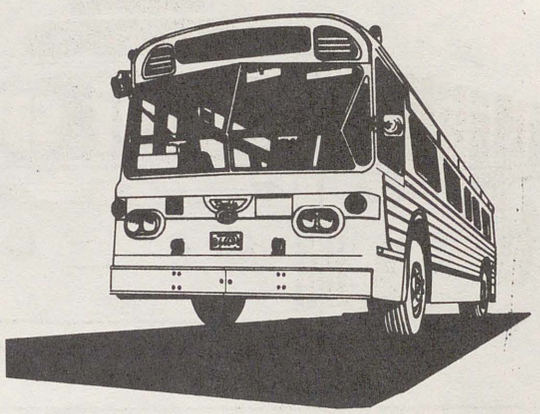
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MEETING NOTICE

September Regular Meeting:

Date: September 13, 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

October Regular Meeting:

Date: October 11, 1970

Welcome new WTS Member: Carl Benz, President, Channel Islands Bus System, Ventura (#94).

CALIFORNIA--SFMRy (CONTINUED)

Thus the L line would bypass the busy West Portal interchange point completely, while the K and M lines would serve it by coming east on Taraval, 15th, Ulloa, and West Portal Ave. This plan also would allow retention of the J and N lines by giving them access to Geneva Car House. Although there once were tracks on the concerned portion of 20th Avenue (MARKET STREET RAILWAY's Line 17) and, in fact, the tracks are still there, although covered with several inches of asphalt, residents of the area have expressed strong opposition to the plan.

AIRPORTRANSIT (APT)

LOS ANGELES: APT has applied to the Public Utilities Commission for a certificate to provide On Call service between the Los Angeles International Airport and the Ontario Motor Speedway, future home of the "California 500" auto race which is scheduled to open in September.

AIRPORT BUS SERVICE (ABS)

REDDING: ABS, which operates between Redding and the Redding Municipal Airport, has received approval to increase passenger fares and package express rates.

CALIFORNIA (CONTINUED)

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT (ACCTD)

OAKLAND: Operations of ACT were shut down from June 1 to June 19 because of a work stoppage called by Division 192 of the Amalgamated Transit Union. Commuters had to get to work any way they could. The new bus lane through the toll plaza on the approach to the Bay Bridge was removed and placed in service as a regular auto lane due to the heavy traffic, with delays running up to 45 minutes more than usual.

Before the strike, drivers received $4.23 per hour; the settlement provides $4.50 hourly with other benefits to be determined by a fact-finding committee. A new sign-up was to have gone into effect on June 7, but because of the strike was delayed to June 19. Here are the principal changes:

Route A--SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND 14TH ST.:On weekdays between 6:00AM and 9:00AMnow operates via Cypress, 32nd St.; on ramp, Nimitz Freeway, district ramps through special permit lane at toll plaza, to Bay Bridge and S. F. Terminal. At all other times, now operates via W. Grand overpass, bypassing Maritime St. stop to Bay Bridge. Owl trips continue to make Maritime St. stop.

Route E--SAN FRANCISCO-CLAIRMONT: Weekday two morning trips starting at College and Claremont at 7:07AM and 7:27AM were extended to Domingo Ave. at 7:04AM and 7:23AM.

Route 12--GRAND AVE.-WEST 14TH ST.: Trip which left 20th & Webster at 6:36AM cancelled due to insufficient patronage.

Route 14A--BROOKDALE AVE.-ADELINE ST.:Daily trips terminating at Peralta & San Pablo were extended to operate into Yerba Buena Terminal via Adeline, Yerba Buena right-of-way, San Pablo to Peralta and regular route to Oakland.

Route 56--SEMINARY AVE.: One coach was added between 12:00noon and 3:00PM to permit sufficient layover for recovery time.

Route 56C--SEMINARY AVE.-COLISEUM:

Route 57C--MACARTHUR BLVD.-COLISEUM: Route 56C weekdays and 57C daily, coliseum loop changed to operate via Hegenberger Road, Coliseum Way to roadway just east of Arena, to South Mall, to perimeter road, to Coliseum Way, to Hegenberger Road and regular route in both directions.

Charter coach 177 has been transferred to Division 4 (Seminary) due to an increase in charter work operating out of that division. The five GMC TDM-4501 charter buses are based as follows:

175	Emeryville	177	Seminary
176	Emeryville	178	Richmond
179	Seminary		

After bids were reviewed, an order for fifteen 53 passenger, 102" width coaches was awarded to GM Coach. Delivery will take place sometime in October and coaches will be altered so as not to have advertising space inside the coach, which will mean running the ceiling panels to the top of the standee windows. Also included will be antipollution devices for testing.

SIERRA LINES (SL)

LAFAYETTE: The April issue of Western Transit disclosed (in the Equipment Report) that SL purchased from Gray Line of San Francisco a GMC PD-4104 numbered 289. The bus (serial 2578) actually is numbered 451 at Sierra, not 289 as carried in WT.

Work continues on ex-AMADOR STAGE LINES PD4104 number 707; recently the interior was painted. It is hoped that the coach will be in operation by December.

CALIFORNIA--SL (CONTINUED)

Coach 304 (GMC TDM4515/105) which was involved in a serious accident last May has been scrapped and may be used as a source of spare parts for other coaches on the property. Coach 310 (GMC SDH4502/014) has been leased to FRANCISCAN LINES of San Francisco for an indefinite period.

ORANGE COUNTY RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (OCRTD)

SANTA ANA: The Orange County Board of Supervisors has scheduled public hearings on a proposal which may ultimately lead to a countywide vote on formation of a rapid transit district. Proponents of the proposed district say the solution to transit problems in Orange County hinges on placing all planning and operations in the hands of a single agency.

In fact, one of the main reasons for setting up the district appears to be to create a vehicle to receive state, federal or private funds that may be earmarked for transit.

Under current legislation OCRTD could levy a maximum 5¢ tax rate ($2.50 on a $20,000 home) and would be empowered to both acquire existing transit facilities and/or consolidate with the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT. Present Orange County transit service is provided by the following firms or agencies:

SCRTD--lines 55, 58, 59, 124 and 178.

ANAHEIM JITNEY SYSTEMS, operating two routes in Anaheim and to Knotts Berry Farm.

THE TOWN TOUR, running five routes in Buena Park, Anaheim-Disneyland area.

SANTA ANA TRANSIT CORP.--with five routes in the city of Santa Ana.

SOUTH COAST TRANSIT CORP.--with three suburban routes between El Modena-Santa Ana-Huntington Beach-Costa Mesa-Balboa-Laguna.

COMMUNITY CHARTER BUS SYSTEM--with its Santa Ana-El Toro Marine Base route.

LAGUNA BEACH TRANSIT--with two Laguna Beach city routes plus one to Laguna Hills Leisure World and Orange County Airport.

SAN CLEMENTE STAGE LINES--runs between San Clemente and Camp Pendleton.

AIRPORT SERVICE INC.--has one daily round trip between Orange County Airport, Huntington Beach, Seal Beach, Long Beach Airport and Long Beach.

AIRPORT COACH SERVICE--runs between Orange County Airport, Santa Ana, Disneyland, Buena Park, Fullerton and Los Angeles International Airport.

ORANGE COAST SIGHTSEEING CO.--operates three tours radiating out of Disneyland.

GRAY LINE OF LOS ANGELES--runs trips to Marineland and Universal Studios from the Anaheim-Buena Park area.

AMERICAN BUSLINES, INC. (ABL)

LOS ANGELES: On July 17 ABL instituted an additional round trip between Los Angeles and Las Vegas, departing Los Angeles at 11:30PM, returning from Las Vegas at 1:00PM. Present ABL LA-LAS VEGAS service consists of five daily trips (two enroute to and

FIVE YEARS AGO IN THE BOOSTER

(Highlights of August, 1965)

+WESTERN GREYHOUND LINES takes delivery of 60 New Look transit coaches for SFBACR service -- 9600-9659 (GMC TDM5303/004-063.)

+GRAY LINE OF WASHINGTON, D. C. purchases the former Los Angeles TANNER GRAY LINE with plans to replace much of the TGL fleet with intercity-type coaches.

+SCRTD announces two route extensions; on the east from Redlands to Yucaipa and on the north from Sylmar to San Fernando Valley Juvenile Hall.

CALIFORNIA--ABL (CONTINUED)

from San Diego, a 100 per cent increase in service within the past two years.

CAL COAST CHARTER (CCC)

SANTA PAULA: CCC recently moved its Santa Paula headquarters from a garage on the east side of town to a newer, larger facility on Mill Street, about two blocks from the downtown shopping area. CCC is a charter operator which also has school contracts and has a branch office in Camarillo on Lewis Road (Highway 34).

LONG BEACH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CO. (LBPTCo.)

LONG BEACH: LBPTCo. operators accepted, on a 173-44 vote, a new three-year labor contract giving them an immediate 55-cent hourly increase with an additional 47 cents spread over the second and third years of the agreement. The immediate raise brings the wage scale for operators to $4.15 an hour.

U T A H

SALT LAKE CITY LINES (SLCL)

SALT LAKE CITY: The Salt Lake City Commission voted, on June 17, 3-1 to purchase SALT LAKE CITY LINES for $530,000. The decision, however, hinges on the availability of federal assistance and the sale can be cancelled by August 9 if the federal funds are not forthcoming.

The original asking price for the property was $571,300 (WT 6/70). The city has agreed to provide $389,604 in municipal funds; the expected federal grant will provide the remaining $182,000.

T E X A S

DALLAS TRANSIT SYSTEM (DTS)

DALLAS: Dallas has been an "Exact Fare" city since August 9. Effective that day, DTS instituted a "Right Change" program wherein DTS patrons are required to have the correct change for basic and zone fares. DTS buses are now equipped with new locked fareboxes and operators no longer carry change.

Passengers boarding without the right fare will be issued special receipts for the total amount paid which can be presented at DTS offices after three working days for a refund.

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration has announced a two-thirds grant of $5,412,356 for further expansion of DTS' East Dallas bus division.

DON JAIME'S MINIBUSES (DJM)

LAREDO: There appears to be a Minibus line between Laredo and Chicago, which should set some sort of a record for long-distance operation of Minibuses. R. J. Krach has filed with the ICC an application for a temporary interstate authority to transport passengers and baggage in non-scheduled door-to-door service between Laredo and Chicago in the 19-passenger vehicles.

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E Q U I P M E N T R E P O R T

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				
American Buslines-	25515-25519	B & C	05SE/7978-7982	LA-Memphis pool
LA Division	25520-25522	B & C	05SE/7989-7991	LA-New Orleans pool
Amer Buslines-SW Div	26510-26515	B & C	05SE/7983-7988	LA-Mphs/LA-New Orls
Contn'l Panhandle	42502	B & C	05SE/7927	
Phoenix Transit Corp	1908-1909	GM Coach	T6H4521A/345-346	
Or Coast Sightseeing	1003-1004	GM Coach	S8M5303A/222-223	49 reclining seats
Assoc Chtr Bus Co	A6039D	GM Coach	S8M5303A/225	Addn'l Info
Community Chtr Bus	4006	Crown	2A426-11/35652	3-axle
Assoc Chtr Bus Co	A4322D-A4328D	Crown		2-axle
	A4334D-A4341D	Crown		3-axle
USED BUSES				
Channel Isl Bus Sys	4501	GM Coach	PD4104/304	CCBS/Pomona
Calif Sightseeing Tour	C5532D	GM Coach	PD4104/3256	Ex-GL-W 8684
	C5628D	GM Coach	PD4104/946	Ex-123
Leisure Sightseeing & Charter Co	4101,2,4,5, 7,9	GM Coach	PD4104/3210,3148, 3200,3246, 3253, 3175	Ex LSCC87,GLW 8576, LSCC 90, GLW 8674, 8681, 8603
	4505	GM Coach	PD4501/978	Ex-GL-W 8145
Cal Coast Chtr	197, 199	GM Coach	PD4104/3215,266	Ex-WGL 8643,GLOSF226
	103, 104	Crown	A504-11/33031,-	Ex-Campbell SchDist
Golden State Charter Bus Lines	218	GM Coach	PD4106/1503	Ex-Studio Tran 218
	455	Intl	1603/Carp/805103	32 seat sch bus
DISPOSITIONS				
Butte Bus Lines	801	GM Coach	PD4151/309	Listed for sale
Falcon Charter Svc	73	GM Coach	TDM4509/328	
	74-77	GM Coach	TDM4515/096,095, 030,027	
	78	GM Coach	TDM5108/015	

O R E G O N

EVERGREEN TRANSPORTATION CO. (ETC)

EUGENE: ETC, presently operating 11 routes on half-hourly headways Monday through Saturday between 6:15AM and 6:15PM, is due to be taken over by a transit authority Sept. 1. Present equipment consists of dark green school buses.

W A S H I N G T O N

TACOMA TRANSIT SYSTEM (TTS)

TACOMA:The City Council has authorized a program of reduced bus fares for senior citizens. For $1 those eligible can purchase an identification card; with this card, city bus fare is 10¢.