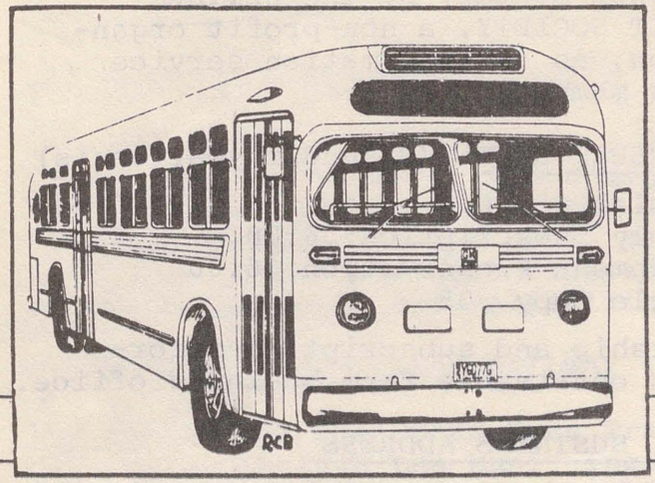


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C A L I F O R N I A

AC TRANSIT (ACCTD)

OAKLAND: The directors of BART and AC Transit will be asked to approve a plan whereby riders in the East Bay will get their local bus rides at half fare if they take their round trip by rapid transit. They will pay the full 25¢ fare in the morning and pay the full fare on BART, but in the evening they will receive a special transfer before leaving the BART station entitling them to a single fare AC Transit bus ride without charge. If the plan is approved by the directors of both systems, it will become effective in March when the trains begin running. The reduced fare plan will be underwritten by both systems. Plans for a similar arrangement with the Municipal Railway are still in the preliminary stages because the trains will not be running in San Francisco until next year at this time or later.

The first modern steam powered bus has undergone tests and evaluations before being sent to Washington, D.C. for demonstrations before Congress and DOT officials. Coach 666, a T6H5305, has been fitted with a steam engine by William Brobeck, head of a Berkeley engineering firm. The steam generator is contained in the rear of the bus, while the engine condensers and auxiliary parts are mounted under the floor mid-coach. There is no difference in the appearance of the coach and driver controls remain the same. Preliminary tests have indicated that the power system is capable of delivering more horsepower than the diesel system replaced. Also, because of higher horsepower and inherent high torque characteristics, the system delivers better acceleration. Fuel consumption with the steam system is greater but all exhaust is recovered by condensers. Upon return from Washington, drivers will be trained how to operate the coach and then it will be placed into revenue service.

Under an amended government grant, AC Transit will buy 35 new buses. 15 will be 33 passenger buses with wall mounted cast nylon seats. The other 20 coaches will be 51 passenger units, presumably GM's T6H5307's, and will feature EIP Kits, flooring and acoustical treatment to reduce noise levels, lo sac needle injectors, and two way radios. No anticipated delivery date has been mentioned.

FIVE YEARS AGO IN "THE BOOSTER"

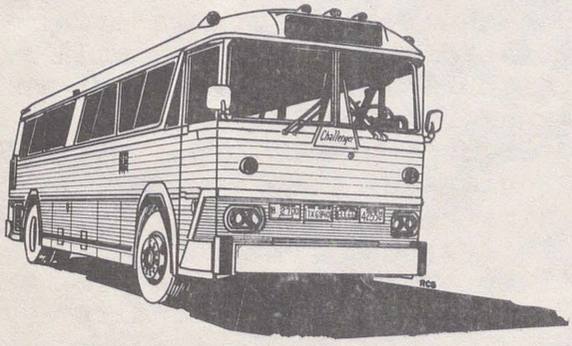
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SAN LUIS TRANSIT LINES operating four routes in San Louis Obispo using two TDH3610's discontinued operations.

Ventura's CITIZEN TRANSIT LINES established 40 minutely Saturday service on its BUENA CENTER- COLLEGE AREA-VENTURA PLAZA route.

The City of Yakima, Washington was preparing to take over the privately owned YAKIMA CITY BUS LINES.

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MEETING NOTICE

December Regular Meeting

Date: December 12, 1971
Time: 7:30PM Sunday
Place: 936 South Genessee Ave.
Los Angeles

Location: West side of Los Angeles 1/4 block north of Olympic Blvd., 3 blocks east of Fairfax Avenue.

Transportation SCRTD Lines 4 & 89

January Regular Meeting

Date: January 9, 1972

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BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (BART)

OAKLAND: BART has suffered it's first pre-operational two car crash. On November 2nd a train under manual operation ramed into another rapid transit car parked at the Coliseum Station. Reports indicate that the operator of the train may have dozed off while behind the controls. BART directors ordered an inquiry into the case to dispel any public fears about the reliability of the safey system.

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY (SFMRy)

SAN FRANCISCO: The Urban Mass Transit Administration has awarded $1.97 million to improve the Muni, including $2.5 for the cable cars. A spokesman for the Muni said the $1.97 million award is the first step in the Muni's $44 million program to build new shops and garages and to install new streetcar tracks. The PUC has already received $31.7 million this year from the Federal Government and $10 million more is expected next year. $2.5 million of the new grant will go to rebuild 7 cable cars and build three new ones and also to renew most cable car tracks. The PUC is expected to ask the mayor and the board of supervisors to approve $950,000 to purchase the three block square at 22nd and Indiana for a new motor coach garage and coach storage facility. The commission is also expected to approve the revised specifications for 78 new subway-surface cars. It has been estimated that the new cars will cost $350,000 each.

SACRAMENTO TRANSIT AUTHORITY (STA)

SACRAMENTO: Upon the opening of the new Highway 50 Freeway, the STA immediately began express service on Line 1 FOLSOM BLVD. operating one trip in the morning and one trip in the evening between College Greens/ Glenbrook to the state office building complex downtown. Considerable running time is saved by using the freeway and thus makes it worthy of the extra nickel premium fare charged.

In other news, Govenor Reagan has signed into law a bill that allows the establishment of the SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT. This would replace the existing SACRAMENTO TRANSIT AUTHORITY. Voter approval is necessary before the district can be activated.

GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT (GGT)

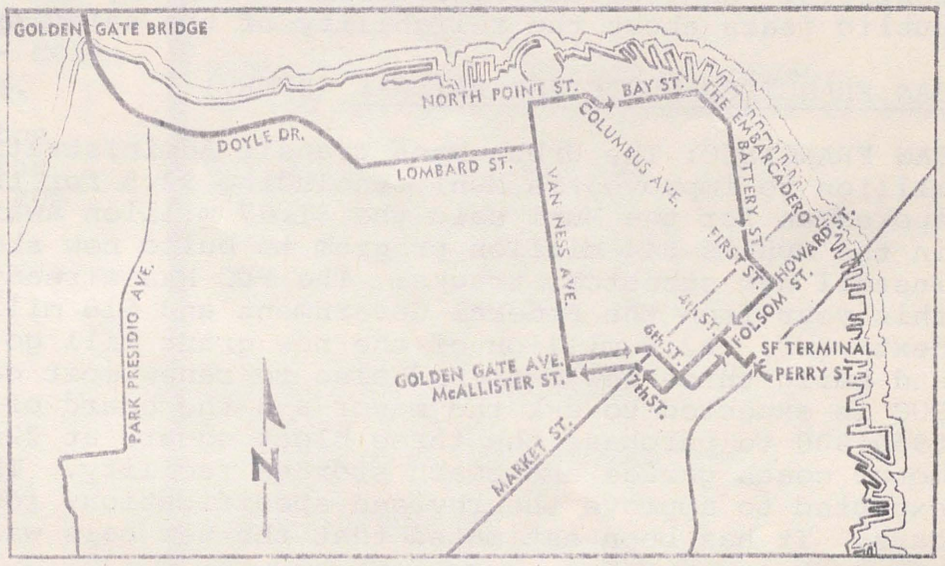
SAN FRANCISCO: The start of bus operations between Marin County and San Francisco has now been put off until at least the first of the year. Agreement remains to be reached on how to handle pension benefits for Greyhound drivers who choose to work for the Bridge District. While Greyhound commute service will continue to the time that the District takes over, some purely local service in Marin may start in mid-December.

Discussions are being held with the NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC RAILROAD about acquiring its abandoned right of way between Corte Madera and Sausalito

CALIFORNIA (GGT Cont'd.)

for possible future mass transit use. Authorization has been given to seek Federal funds to buy the ten miles of right of way, valued for local tax purposes at $1 million.

The new routes and fares have been established for the buses when they go into service. The accompanying map shows service from Marin to the Civic Center and another route operating via the Financial District. These routes will follow for the most part the routes operated by GREYHOUND LINES - WEST. However, there will be an extension of the present Novato service into a residential section of Novato. Also there will be an extension of service that presently goes into San Rafael and back into Terra Linda in northern San Rafael. New routes to be phased in after the initial system begins operations including a run into east San Rafael, a run into Santa Venetia, a run into Sleepy Hollow, a run into Ignacio, a run into Marinwood, a run into the east side of Corte Madera, and a run into Rohnert Park in Sonoma County. All of these would connect with service to San Francisco.



Fares will generally be lower than Greyhound, except in a few instances. The rate structure was divided into five zones: Zone 1-San Francisco to toll plaza (50¢, up 10¢ from Greyhound); Zone 2-San Francisco to Mill Valley and Tiburon; Zone 3-to Sonoma County Line from Corte Madera; Zone 4-Petaluma to Rohnert Park; Zone 5-to Santa Rosa. The commute books offered will be "convenience books" valid for the calendar year of issue and good for bus or ferry and for payment of bridge tolls. Local fares will be 25¢ in Marin and within Zone 4 and Zone 5.

SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORP. (SDTC)

SAN DIEGO: Service between College Grove Shopping Center and the Alvarado Medical Center on Line 5-CLAIREMONT-MARKET STREET was discontinued on September 12th. Hourly service Monday thru Friday had been operated. All service now begins and ends at College Grove including Sundays. Previously, Sunday schedules terminated at College and Streamview Avenues, three minutes away.

LAGUNA BEACH TRANSIT (LBT)

LAGUNA BEACH: City officials have proposed extending bus service to Laguna Hills Leisure World and the Laguna Miguel area by the first of the year. The city may receive Federal money to run the line on a demonstration basis. The former private company, LAGUNA BEACH TRANSIT, served Leisure

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World on its LAGUNA BEACH-ORANGE COUNTY AIRPORT route, now discontinued. Before that, LAGUNA LIMOSINE SERVICE had provided bus service there.

CITY OF BURBANK (COB)

BURBANK: For two weeks in October the Surety Savings and Loan Association in Burbank operated a 12 seat, open sided Minibus on an experimental basis to aid in planning a small bus system now under study. Service was run hourly from 9:00AM to 5:00PM Monday through Friday and from 9:00AM to 1:00PM on Saturdays over two routes.

SANTA ANA TRANSIT COR. (SATC)

SANTA ANA: Friday, October 1 was the first day of expanded city bus service financed by the City of Santa Ana. Monday thru Friday all five routes operate every half hour from 6:45AM until the last bus at 5:20PM. One bus is assigned to each route which now, in addition to the route number, have been color coded - - 3-SOUTH MAIN (Red), 4-SULLIVAN (Blue), 5-NORTH BROADWAY (Black), 6-HONER PLAZA (Yellow), and 7-SOUTH FLOWER (Green). On Saturdays, Line 3 operates half hourly using one bus between 7:45AM and 5:15PM. Lines 4 and 7 operate hourly between 7:45AM and 4:45PM with Lines 5 and 6 beginning at 8:15AM and ending at 5:15PM on hourly headways. Operationally one coach is used on Lines 4 and 5 with another on Lines 6 and 7. Three buses, TDH 3714's from AUSTIN TRANSIT CORP. have been added to the fleet for expanded operation. Coach no. 2488, a 1954 built TDH 3714, has been outfitted with a stereo tape player.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (SCRTD)

LOS ANGELES: Line 201-CONVENTION CENTER-PARK/RIDE began operation as scheduled on November 1st. During peak hours, five Minibuses from Line 200-MINIBUS LOOP are utilized on a five minute headway and during the midday one 4000 class Flxible is run on a 20 minute headway. On the first day the AM buses included 1105, 1106, 1114, 1115, 1117; the midday bus was 4027, and the PM coaches were 1102, 1106, 1108, 1110, and 1116. Line 201, like Line 200, is assigned to Division 3. The 1100's carry headsigns reading "201-CONVENTION CENTER" while the 4000's have "SPECIAL" headsigns with a 201-CONVENTION CENTER windshield card. The buses fly two white pennants and bus stop signs are green rectangles with the words "Convention Center-Park/Ride Bus Stop" on them. The last time park-ride service was operated was in 1956 when the former METROPOLITAN COACH LINES ran between the Hollywood Bowl and downtown using their 600's (SCRTD 2200's). Although this service was not successful, it provided the impetus for today's Line 35-WEST VALLEY FREEWAY FLYER.

Observed painted in the District's colors of RTD Yellow, Champagne Gold, and White are 2030, 2031, 2035, 2105, 2121, and 5195.

FREEDOM BUS LINE (FBL)

BUENA PARK: FBL, operated by PINK BUS LINE interests, began serving the City of Buena Park with a one bus loop line operating on an hourly head-

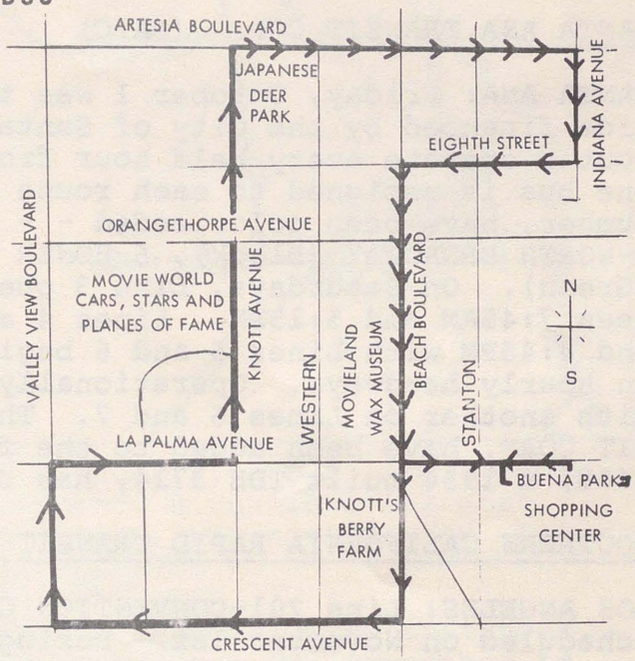
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way on October 1st. The route is designed to serve Knotts Berry Farm, Buena Park Shopping Center, Movie World of the Stars, Japanese Village and Deer Park, and Movieland Wax Museum. The first trip of the day departs Japanese Deer Park at 9:30AM and operates hourly through 6:30PM except for a one hour break at 12:30PM. Service operates daily except Monday with a 25¢ fare, exact change being required. A $5.00 monthly pass is also available entitling the pass holder and up to three members of his family to ride together. One TDH4801, ex SCRTD 2910, is used on the route and is painted red, white, and blue with white stars in a very wild design.

FREEDOM BUS

Japanese Deer Park	Artesia & Beach Blvd.	Artesia & Indiana	Indiana & Eighth Street	Eighth & Beach Blvd.	Movie-Land Wax Museum	La Palma & Beach Blvd.	Buena Park Center
9:30 AM	9:34	9:37	9:39	9:43	9:46	9:47	9:56
10:30	10:34	10:37	10:39	10:43	10:46	10:47	10:56
11:30	11:34	11:37	11:39	11:43	11:46	11:47	11:56
1:30 PM	1:34	1:37	1:39	1:43	1:46	1:47	1:56
2:30	2:34	2:37	2:39	2:43	2:46	2:47	2:56
3:30	3:34	3:37	3:39	3:43	3:46	3:47	3:56
4:30	4:34	4:37	4:39	4:43	4:46	4:47	4:56
5:30	5:34	5:37	5:39	5:43	5:46	5:47	5:56

Knott's Berry Farm	Knott Ave. & Crescent	Crescent & Valley View	Valley View & La Palma	Knott Ave. & La Palma	Knott Ave. & Orange-thorpe	Movie World Cars, Stars & Planes of Fame	Japanese Deer Park
10:00	10:05	10:08	10:10	10:14	10:17	10:23	10:29
11:00	11:05	11:08	11:10	11:14	11:17	11:23	11:29
12:00	12:05	12:08	12:10	12:14	12:17	12:23	12:29
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5:00	5:05	5:08	5:10	5:14	5:17	5:23	5:29
6:00	6:05	6:08	6:10	6:14	6:17	6:23	6:29



O R E G O N

TRI COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (TCMTD)

PORTLAND: Tri met's 39th AVENUE route has been extended southward from 39th and Gladstone about 2/3 mile to 39th and Holgate. Tri Met is now investigating institution of transfer privileges between itself and DUNTHORPE MOTOR TRANSPORT operating one route to the southwest area. On September 5th the 102nd AVENUE and 122nd AVENUE routes, which began operation during the Spring were each reduced from a 25 minute headway with two buses to a 50 minute headway using one bus.

N E V A D A

CITY OF RENO (COR)

RENO: City officials have begun attempts to secure an areawide bus system. It is believed that under present laws the city could not operate bus service without enabling state legislation and at this point

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possible legislation is being explored. It has also been suggested that the Sparks and Washoe Counties be contacted about the possibility of a county wide bus system. Presently NEVADA TRANSIT COMPANY operates two routes in and between Reno and Sparks and one route on Reno's south side. West of Virginia Street there is no bus service in the city.

H A W A I I

MASS TRANSIT LINES, LTD. (MTLL)

HONOLULU: Mass transit in Honolulu returned to normal October 17 for the first time since January 1st when employees went out on strike against HONOLULU RAPID TRANSIT COMPANY. Service is no longer operated by HRT, which is in the process of going out of business. Instead, the service is operated by MTL, an authority set up by the City of Honolulu; the city acted last summer after it became apparent that the strike against HRT would not be settled.

MTL now has a fleet of 108 buses with 100 of them scheduled during peak periods. When HRT was in operation, it scheduled about 110 units during peak periods. Additionally, MTL has 50 buses on order from GMC - those being 30 - 53 passenger coaches and 20 smaller ones.

MTL currently is operating 50 second hand TDH 5303's purchased from DALLAS TRANSIT SYSTEM in April of this year as MTL's first step in getting transit service resumed. These 50 coaches were picked from DTS' roster of its first 95 new look coaches, and they are still running in Dallas' colors and fleet numbers (ranging from 1 to 95). MTL recently purchased 30 buses from HRT (900-909 TDH5301's and 910-929 TDH5303's) which retain the former HRT two tone green paint scheme, although scattered units have received a tangerine belt rail stripe which gives them a superficial resemblance to the ex-Dallas units. These 80 new look buses are all air conditioned. The remaining 28 buses now in service consist of selected GMC older style coaches of 35 and 45 passenger capacity leased from HRT. Included are a number of unique units which were delivered as TD4007's but had a center section removed to shorten the wheelbase, permitting operation on several hilly routes with sharp curves which the larger buses cannot negotiate.

Negotiations are underway for the HRT garage, maintenance base and storage yards located at S. Beretania and Alapai Sts. Meantime, MTL buses are stored at various city yards, garages and vacant lots scattered all over the city. A makeshift city maintenance facility has been set up diagonally across the street from the HRT complex, which has been the center of Honolulu transit operations since the horsecar days and has housed streetcars, trolley coaches, and motor coaches in turn for more than 70 years.

October 17th marked the return of near normal schedules on all routes. For several months, service was given on trunk routes only with curtailed rush hour service limited by the availability of only 50 buses.

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 or currency is implied.

Name of Company	Venicle Nos.	Builder	Model/Serial Nos.	Comments
NEW BUSES				
Santa Cruz Metro T.D.	811-816	GMC	TDH3301/103-108	
City of Commerce Muni	317	GMC	T6H4521A/688	
Orange Coast Sightsng	1101-1102	GMC	S8M5303A/287-288	49 Recl.
San Diego Mammoth Ski	2408	GMC	PD4905/251	correct.
Assoc. Charter Bus	4357D	Crown	A-426-11/36079	
" " "	4360D	"	" 36082	
SCRTD	1101-1118	Mini	MB-159/729-746	20 seat
Mission Vly Hotel Cir	---	Mini	MB-137-1D/622	19 seat
Greyhound Lines-West	1880-1886	MCI	MC7/---	
Embree Buses, Inc.	117	Ford	Superior	20/30 seat
Richmond Transport.	1-3,5	Intnl	1600/Carpntr	66 seat
	4	Ford	7000/Carpntr	66 seat
USED BUSES				
Santa Ana Transit Corp.	2475	GMC	TDH3714/255	ex Austin
" " " "	2903	GMC	TDH3714/757	ex Austin
" " " "	2904	GMC	TDH3714/758	ex Austin
Bay Rapid Transit	126	GMC	TDH4801/149	ex SCRTD
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Freedom Bus Line	unnmb	GMC	TDH4801/011	ex SCRTD
Arrow Charter Lines	1106	GMC	TDH4801/019	ex SCRTD
Town Tour Fun Bus	715	GMC	TDH5301/186	ex CCBS
" " " "	2110	GMC	TDH5103/540	ex CCBS
Abel Charter	267	GMC	PD4104/864	ex GLOSF
Antelope Valley Bus	127	GMC	PD4106/1707	ex LVTR
Fiestacoach	4703	GMC	PD4501/037	ex GL-W
Channel Is. Bus Sys.	4601	Kass	SE/58111	ex No.Bay
Community Chtr Bus	50	Crown	A-779-11/34029	ex PSL
Associated Chtr Bus	4245D	Crown	A-426-11/35672	ex ?
" " "	4545D-4546D	Crown	2AD-743-11/	ex Yellostn
" " "	5506D-5507D	Crown	A-743-11/35301	ex Yellostn
			35294	ex Yellostn
Safeway Lines & Tour	609	Crown	A-504-11/33282	ex ?
" " "	610	Crown	A-426-11/35876	ex ?
DISPOSITIONS				
SCRTD	2908	GMC	TDH4801/009	pvt pty
SCRTD	(II)6659	GMC	TDH3610/394	pvt pty
S.F. Muni	2662	Mack	C49DT/2402	M. Sheridan lsd. E'shore
Fiestacoach	24	GMC	PD4104/3031	pvt pty
Adams Chtr Coaches	11	GMC	PDA4101/---	for sale
" " "	17	YC	TD4505/495	for sale
" " "	24	GMC	PD4103/1190	for sale