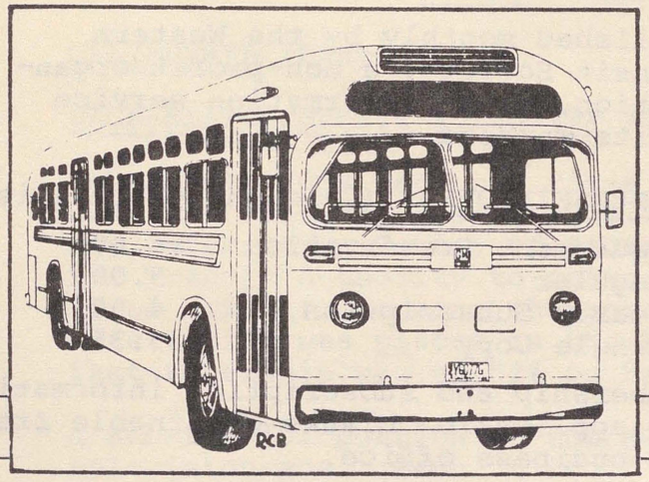


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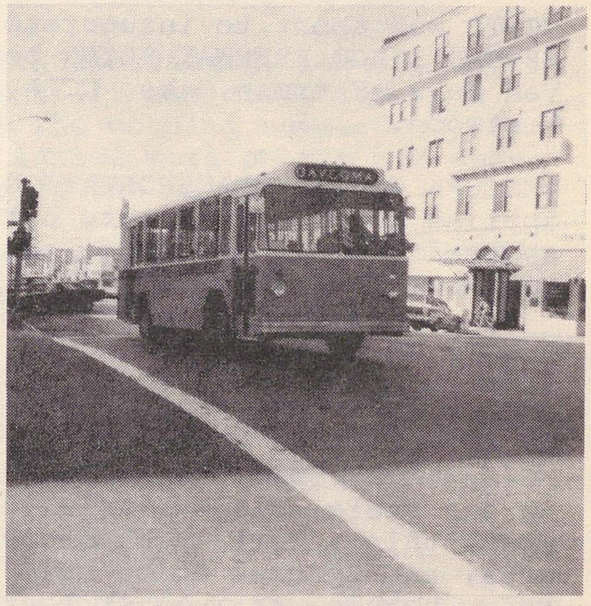
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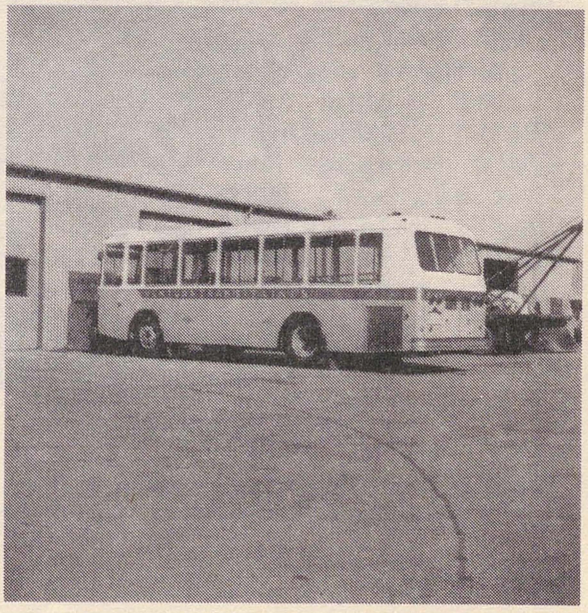
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C A L I F O R N I A

CITIZENS TRANSIT LINES (CTL)

VENTURA: CTL's new buses (WT 3/71) in the form of seven Twin Coach TC31's are now on the property replacing the remaining TGH 3101's and 3102's. The coaches are painted white and sky blue divided at the belt rail. The best is gold and the name "Ventura Transit Lines" is lettered on it in sky blue. See pictures at right.





ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (OCTD)

SANTA ANA: Consultants have been given the go ahead to develop details on a plan, one of four possibilities, that would provide thirty minute service in many Orange County areas at a 25¢ fare with a limited amount of service between areas. The study, expected to be completed about the first of May, will include costs, routes, schedules and transfer points. The first routes could be established by the end of the year, but it will take two to three years to establish lines for most areas.

AIRPORTRANSIT (APT)

LOS ANGELES: APT's LAX-LOS ANGELES route was revised to operate every 20 minutes from 6:20AM until 6:40PM with half hourly night service starting February 7th. At the same time owl service on this route was discontinued. The LAX-HOLLYWOOD-UNIVERSAL CITY route was changed from a 45/90 to 60/20 min. headway and one round trip was cut from the LAX-SAN BERNADINO route leaving two.

MEETING DATE

Next Meeting - May 14, 1972
Location: West side of Los Angeles 1/4 block North of Olympic Blvd., 3 blocks East of Fairfax

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Transportation SCRTD Lines 4 & 89
Future meeting - June 11, 1972

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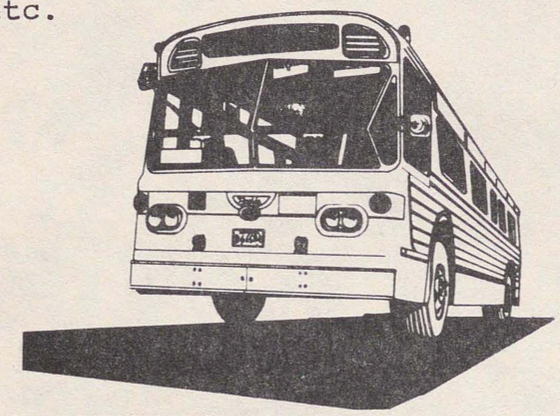
FIVE YEARS AGO IN "THE BOOSTER"

April 1967

SCRTD was about to inaugurate Line 88-SAN DIEGO FREEWAY FLYER between Van Nuys, Sherman Oaks, UCLA, and Westwood.

VENTURA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION CO. applied for a certificate between several Ventura County cities and Los Angeles International Airport

A bill was introduced in the California Assembly to require the PUC to issue three different classes of certificates to charter operators -Class A allowing pick ups anywhere in the state; Class B allowing pick ups within a certain geographical area; and Special to be used by motels, hotels, farm labor contractors, etc.



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CALIFORNIA (Cont'd)

SACRAMENTO TRANSIT AUTHORITY (STA)

SACRAMENTO: One cent bus rides were the order of the day on Friday, April 21st and Saturday, April 22nd. In connection with Earth Week, the Ecology Information Center of Sacramento persuaded the City Council to allow the Transit Authority to charge penny fares for the two days. All bus fares were 1¢, no zone charges or express charges were made. Special advertising was placed in the local papers and as a result the STA found that ridership was up 52% on Friday and 216% on Saturday.

A substantial portion of the advertising budget was spent for a series of television ads. Each "flight" or ad told told the viewer to "Come Along 'N Ride." This 30 second musical message was aired at various times during the evening viewing hours, and the whole theme was tied in with signs on the exterior of the buses inviting people to "Come Along 'N Ride."

As an advertising gimmick, the SACRAMENTO UNION contracted with the STA and ran free bus service on selected days. Bus 415 was outfitted with special interior and exterior advertising for the morning newspaper. On the days that the bus ran free, lovely young lasses were on the bus during the morning hours to give out free copies of the newspaper.

All three of the steam buses were in Sacramento on April 26th and the STA was selected to store and assist in servicing the equipment which was in town for demonstration to the legislature. The equipment included:

LEAR	GMC	T8H5305A/026	Turbine
SCRTD 6200	Flxible	111CC-D51/53447	6 cylinder double acting compound
AC TRANSIT	GMC	T6H5305/231	3 cylinder double acting compound

NORTHGATE TRANSIT COMPANY (NTC)

DALY CITY: Saturday service between Mission and Templeton and Westlake and Stonestown Shopping Center on the BROADMOOR-STONESTOWN route was discontinued on February 26th, but service still operates between Westlake and Stonestown on a half hourly headway weekdays. Last August 7th, Saturday schedules on the PALISADES route were discontinued - weekday hourly service remaining as before. On February 14th a new route, SERRAMONTE SHOPPING CENTER-SKYLINE JUNIOR COLLEGE was inaugurated. Service operates every 20 minutes from Serramonte beginning at 6:10AM until 6:30PM. One bus is used in a continuous shuttle. Fares are zoned - 25¢ to Hickey Blvd., and 10¢ additional to continue across Hickey in either direction. At the same time Monday-Friday midday headways on the BROADMOOR-STONESTOWN route were reduced from 30 to 60 minutely. NGT fares are now 25¢ weekdays and 35¢ on Saturdays and Sundays (WT 5/71).

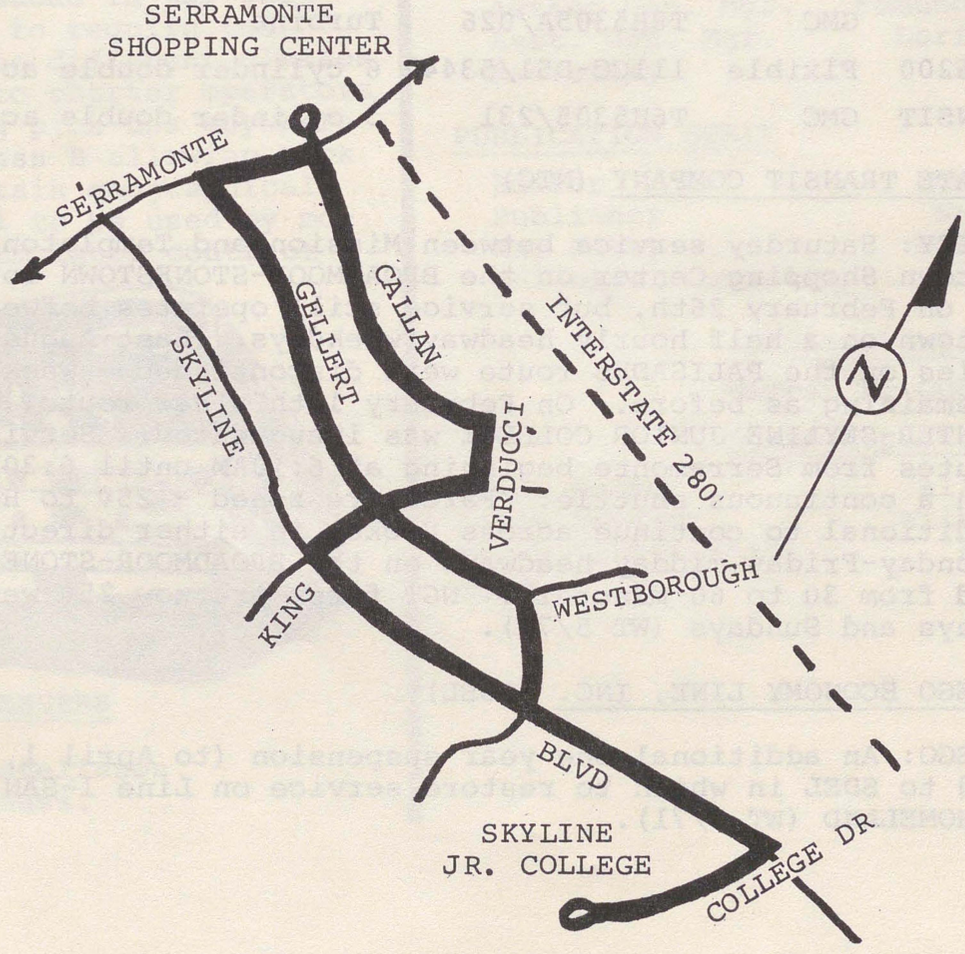
SAN DIEGO ECONOMY LINE, INC. (SDEL)

SAN DIEGO: An additional one year suspension (to April 1, 1973) has been granted to SDEL in which to restore service on Line 1-SAN DIEGO-LEMON GROVE-HOMELAND (WT 6/71).

NORTHGATE TRANSIT LINES

(#1) Serramonte Blvd., Callan Blvd., Westborough Blvd., Skyline Blvd., College Dr. to Skyline Jr. College. Returns via College Dr., Skyline Blvd., King Dr., Verducci Dr., Gilbert Dr. to Serramonte Shopping Center.

(#2) Gilbert, Verducci Dr., King Dr., Skyline Blvd., College Dr. to Skyline Jr. College. Returns via College Dr., Skyline Blvd., Westborough Blvd., Callan Blvd., Serramonte Blvd. to Serramonte Shopping Center.



CALIFORNIA (Cont'd)

SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORP. (SDTC)

SAN DIEGO On January 23rd Line R-LA JOLLA was rerouted to serve the new Veterans Hospital at La Jolla Village Drive and Interstate 5 near the University of California San Diego Campus. Service is provided seven days a week by all trips.

DE HUFF RAPID TRANSIT (B. De Huff d/b/a)

SAN FRANCISCO DRT has filed an application with the PUC to operate commuter service between Livermore and San Francisco. A hearing date has yet to be set.

BAKERSFIELD MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (BMTS)

BAKERSFIELD Weekday headways on Line - VIRGINIA COLONY-STOCKDALE HIGHWAY were reduced from 30 minutely (2 buses) to 60 minutely (1 bus) effective on March 6th. The route of Line 8 STATE COLLEGE (WT 6/71) begins at 19th and Chester and travels via Chester 21st St, H Street, California, and Stockdale Hwy. to the college returning along Stockdale, Ashe, Sundale (serving the retirement community of Kern City), New Thine Rd, California and Chester to 19th. Schedules leave downtown at 7 00AM and every 40 minutes until 5 40PM the last bus.

FUNLINER BUS CORP. (FBC)

LOS ANGELES FBC has applied for a certificate between San Fernando Valley points and Zuma Beach. Although the exact street routing is presently unknown this application would appear to be similar to the certificate granted in 1968 to George Frasca d/b/a FRASCA BUS LINES (WT 6/68) to operate between Chatsworth Street/Zelzah Avenue and Zuna Beach via Malibu. It is not known if FBL operated after the summer of 1968.

SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (SBMTD)

SANTA BARBARA Line 3 OAK PARK SAN ROQUE-WEST BEACH has been rerouted on the West Beach leg to avoid delays on State Street at U. S. Highway 101 and the SOUTHERN PACIFIC railroad tracks. Previously the buses made a large loop from Chapala via Haley, Castillo, Cabrillo, State, and Haley to Chapala. Now buses turn back at Cabrillo and State eliminating service along State Street.

AC TRANSIT (ACT)

OAKLAND Bus/Train coordination is taking a step forward as AC TRANSIT is installing special To BART signs on all the new look coaches. These blue signs will be illuminated when the coach is in service on a line that serves a BART station. The sign, which is located next to the head sign on the door side, has been observed on the following coaches 429, 509, 525, 556, 667, and 799.

AC TRANSIT (Cont'd)

A study of how to promote public transit will be conducted by Alan M. Voorhees and Associates in cooperation with the Behavior Sciences Corp. and Kaiser Engineers. The study is being set up as a joint benture of AC TRANSIT, BART, and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. The $180,000 study, which is being funded by a 2/3 federal grant, will make intensive research among East Bay and transbay riders when BART trains begin to run late this year. The project will cover a 15 month period.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (SCRTD)

LOS ANGELES The thirteenth Annual System Shake Up took place on April 9. Division 18 was consolidated with Division 10 and its six lines (31, 71, 107, 109, 110, and 119) and buses (5175 5199 and 5242 5254) became part of 10. Division 18 had been located at 182 North Raymond in Pasadena until the February 1971 earthquake destroyed a portion of the division building and D18 was physically transferred to Divisions 3/10 at Ave. 27 and Idell. Division 20 (Eastern Cities) was also closed and its fourteen buses (1200-1205 and 4217 4224) and three lines (140, 141, and 142) were moved into Division 2.

On January 24th Line 80 FIERY PARK was rerouted and extended in the Alhambra area to service the new Sears Roebuck general offices and retail store on Fremont Avenue. Line 80 was extended from Commonwealth and Fremont via Commonwealth, Date, Orange, and Fremont to Concord and then regular route. Previously buses traveled along Fremont from Commonwealth to Concord. Midday headway is now 40 minutely with 30 minute rush hour service.

The bus stop on the Hollywood Freeway inbound at Vermont Avenue was switched from the freeway to the corner of Oakwood and Vermont Avenues, about a block from the freeway. Inbound buses on lines 35 WEST VALLEY FREEWAY FLYER, 91 HOLLYWOOD BLVD., and 93-LOS ANGELES VAN NUYS-PACOIMA exit via the Vermont Avenue off ramp, L Oakwood Ave. to the bus stop, R Vermont Avenue and return to the freeway via the Vermont Avenue on ramp. When this section of the Hollywood Freeway was built in 1951, due to an engineering "snafu" the bus only lane was built off the fast lane rather than the slow lane or right lane and as a result it was necessary for buses to cross the four freeway lanes to use the bus only lane at Vermont and then cross back again to use the lane at Alvarado Street. For approximately the last 10 years, buses were stopping at Vermont on the freeway only Monday-Friday from roughly 6 30AM - 9:00PM and 3 30PM - 6 00PM.

Observed painted in the official paint scheme of RTD Yellow, Champagne Gold, and White are the following coaches

2104	2124	5169
2106	2143	5186
2109	2149	5196
2117	2154	5197
2120	5164	5199

CALIFORNIA (Cont'd)

MONTEBELLO MUNICIPAL BUS LINES (MMBL)

MONTEBELLO: MMBL's newest route, NORTHRIDGE (WT 10/71) was rerouted on March 20th to begin in downtown Montebello at Whittier and Montebello Blvds. traveling via Montebello Blvd., Paramount Blvd., Arroyo Drive, Hanging Rock, Ellingbrook, Jerseydale, Arroyo, Roseglen, San Gabriel, Hill, Potrero Grande, Pine, Graves, and San Gabriel to Potrero Grande. Service now operates on a 45 minute headway Monday Friday between 7:15AM and 5:15PM except for an hour break and on Saturday from 8:45AM to 5:45PM, 60 minutely.

GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT (GGT)

SAN RAFAEL: The board of directors has approved a 50% increase in the Sausalito ferry fare of adult casual (not commute) riders, but deferred action on a rate increase for children. The new adult fare will go to 75¢ from 50¢ effective May 1.

In other news, a public hearing was held regarding the application for federal funds to buy 34 more buses and three more ferries. The outcome of this hearing is not known at this time.

BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (BARTD)

SAN FRANCISCO: An immediate start on bus line extensions of the BART rail network in the East Bay was approved by the BART directors. The bus routes would be an extension of the train routes until the rail system can be extended. The cost will be about $1.8 million to set up and will operate at an expected deficit of up to $500,000. The money is reported to have to come from federal grants and from SB325 gasoline taxes. A contract with AC TRANSIT will be negotiated to run this service. These bus lines will be as follows: 1) Hayward or Bay Fair station to Livermore-Amador Valley, in southern Alameda county, 2) Concord station to Pittsburgh-Antioch-Brentwood in eastern Contra Costa county, 3) from Richmond station to Pinole in northern Contra Costa county, and 4) from Concord station up to Martinez. It is expected that 27 buses will be needed and that headways would be no longer than 30 minutely.

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY (SFMRy)

SAN FRANCISCO: Residents of San Francisco probably thought that the proposed service cuts had gone into effect the weekend of April 22 and 23 as a great number of Muni drivers had called in sick, and there were not enough drivers available to cover the runs. It seems as though on Friday the drivers all received retroactive paychecks amounting to several hundred dollars each because of the price freeze, and they decided to call in sick and take the weekend off. Unconfirmed reports say that there were no coaches out on some lines.

In an effort to curb vandalism to Muni buses, 40 of the GM coaches are being equipped with cast nylon seats. Presently on a trial basis, the coaches will be placed on various lines to assess rider reaction and to determine how the moulded seats hold up in daily usage. The seats, which are manufactured by the Flxible Company, are installed in the rear portion of the coaches, behind the center door.

CALIFORNIA (SFMRy)

Speaking of service cuts, there is still no definite word. Presently the whole issue is in court and the cutbacks were blocked by a Superior Court judge until the board of supervisors reviews them. A permanent injunction has been issued until the review has been made. Viewed by some as long over due, the service cuts primarily try to reduce one by one vehicle the amount of equipment on a line during off peak periods, and this has been accomplished generally by changing one of the terminals. Also, some lines were rerouted in neighborhoods where paralleling service existed. There were also some proposed changes in the headways of the owl service whereby lines with 30 minute owl service would receive 45 minute service and lines with hourly service would receive 90 minute owl service.

A new paint scheme is under consideration at the Muni. Because the newer coaches have had a tremendous problem with the maroon color becoming bleached out, a plan is being considered whereby any new rolling stock would receive the revised paint scheme. This presumably would apply to anything being repainted, though none of the GMC or Flxible coaches have received a complete paint job and they are going on 3 years old now. The new paint scheme calls for a white roof and sides down to the belt rail, the belt rail would be split with the top half maroon and the bottom half gold. The area around the windshield would be maroon and the front panel around the headlights as well as the areas below the belt rail would be gold.

As another economy move, the Muni has quit providing money changers at 4 locations - East Bay Terminal, S. P. Depot, 4th and Mission, and State College. This cutback affected four full time collectors and 60 drivers who worked two hours of overtime on weekdays.

T E X A S

WACO TRANSIT CORP. (WTC)

WACO: The City of Waco, armed with a $401,000 DOT grant, will soon purchase WTC, a subsidiary of AMERICAN TRANSIT CORP. which is currently operating under a subsidy provided by the city. Figures show 30% of WTC riders are school children. WTC operates ten routes using TGH3102, TDH3501, and TDH3612 coaches.

DALLAS TRANSIT SYSTEM (DTS)

DALLAS: On March 12th, the Bishop College leg of the LANCASTER route was extended just over a mile from its former terminal to the College Park area. DTS has announced that ridership on the SPRING CREEK EXPRESS route, which serves far North Dallas near Richardson, has risen by 90% since service was nearly tripled six months ago.

C O L O R A D O

DENVER METRO TRANSIT (DMT)

DENVER: The 37 new buses to be delivered in June are to be numbered as follows: Twin Coach TC 25 units 01-06; GMC suburban coaches 1-5; Flxible transits, model 111-CC-D06-1, 201-226. The net fleet size will be increased by only 27 buses, however, since 10 of the 23 Mack C-47DT coaches are to be retired after the new buses arrive. The eight slightly older GMC TDH5105 units are to remain on the roster as parts for them are easier to obtain than for the Macks.

Three of the Macks have been repainted, however, for the "Mile High Shuttle", a park-and-ride between Denver's Mile High Stadium parking lot and downtown. They were repainted solid white, but with orange "Have A Happy Day" disc faces painted on each of the 4 sides.

Below is a list of the buses thus far repainted in the new fleet colors of white, blue, and green:

No.	Model	No.	Model	No.	Model
100	TDH5302	513	TDH5301	806	T6H5305
104	"	547	"	807	"
133	C-47DT	718	TDH4516	808	"
137	"	801	T6H5305	809	"
138	"	802	"	810	"
315	F2D6V401-1	803	"	811	"
344	"	804	"	818	"
502	TDH5301	805	"		

As buses in the 8101-8118 series are repainted they are renumbered 801-818. Similarly buses 3101-3165 are becoming 301-365. Presumably, 4101-4103 will become 401-403.

In June, several route changes will be instituted:

Route 8-WEST 29th AVE.-UNIVERSITY PARK: A new loop will be established on the west end operating via W. 25th, Sheridan, W. 20th, Pierce, W 26th, Sheridan, and W. 25th. This loop will replace service now operated along W. 25th between Sheridan and Lamar. The loop at the east end of the route in University Hills is to split.

Route 14-EAST COLFAX: Rush hour service will be extended to Chambers Road.

NEW SERVICES: Express service to Green Mountain and Westland Shopping Centers, both located west of the city. Also, express service to the Happy Canyon Road area south of Denver.

DOWNTOWN REROUTING: All north/south lines will be located on Stout or California Streets, and all east/west routes will operate on 16th and 17th Streets, except for Routes 3-SOUTH BROADWAY and 14-WEST COLFAX which will continue to use 14th and 15th Streets. Eventual plans call for making 16th Street into a transit mall. When this happens, all east/west routes are to run on 16th Street.

COLORADO (DMT)

Night service is to be expanded, with Routes 3, 14, and the west end of Route 13 and the east end of Route 8 making their last trip from downtown at 11:15PM.

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	Vehicle Nos.	Builder	Model/Serial Nos.	Comments
NEW EQUIPMENT				
Cont'nl Wstrn Lines	14532-14535	B&C	05SE/8652-8655	LA/Wich/ NYC Pool
" " "	14536-14539	B&C	05SE/8656-8659	LA/SEATTLE Pool
Denver Colo Spgs-Pueblo Mtry	18519-18521	B&C	05SE/8556-8558	Denver/ El Paso
Gldn State Chrtr Lines	425	Crown	2A-743-11/36184	
Embree Buses	115-117	Ford	Superior	20/30 sch
" "	400-401	Chev.	Rally Wagons	
Assoc. Chartr Bus Co.	1713-1719	Intnl.	1600/Wayne	24/36 sch.
USED EQUIPMENT				
Orange Coast Sghtsng	6401	Flx	2363DD1/10699	ex ASI 6401
7K Transit (Houston)	671	GMC	TDH4509/1276	exBSTS 3456
DISPOSITIONS				
Pink Bus Lines	"Freedom"	GMC	TDH4801/011	to Bob Hendricks Diesc Buena Park
Rapid Transit Lines	515	GMC	TDH5104/048	to pvt party
Austin Transit Corp	6865	GMC	TDH4509/064	Green Bayou Assmbly God
Town Tour Bus Co.	709	Minibus	MC-25-1D-SPL/524	Plaza Intnl Hotel, Tucsc
Cont'nl Wstrn Lines	14705	Kass	SE/27837	pvt party
O-U Transit Lines	123	GMC	TDH3714/283	to pvt party