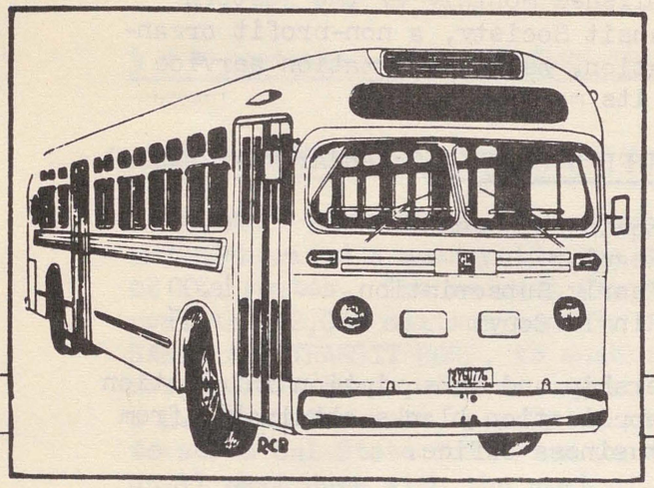


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C A L I F O R N I A

AMERICAN PACIFIC STAGE COMPANY (APSC)

LOS ANGELES: On July 1 APSC, a corporation formed to take over the operating rights of the former UNION PACIFIC STAGE COMPANY, began operating train connection bus service to the Union Station over two routes using three former UPSC PDA 4101s (See Equipment Report). Two round trips are run daily connecting with the westbound "Super Chief/El Capitan" and northbound "Coast Daylight" in the morning and the eastbound Super Chief/El Capitan" and southbound "Coast Daylight" in the evening. One route serves Long Beach (Breakers Hotel) and Lakewood Shopping Center while the other serves Orange (Town and Country Center) and Anaheim (Grand Hotel). A summer only round trip, connecting in both directions with "The Chief" was also operated.

OCEANSIDE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (OTS)

OCEANSIDE: OTS established a new route on a two hourly headway -- 1-OCEANA-MIRA COSTA COLLEGE-THUNDER HILLS on August 1st. In order to operate the new service without adding more buses hourly service on the VISTA WAY & EL CAMINO and WIRE MOUNTAIN HOMES branches was reduced to two hourly and the bus involved travels to the Thunder Hills area on the off hour. One bus handles these three branches. Hourly schedules on the remaining two branches of Line 1, CAMP DEL MAR and CARLSBAD, which are handled by the same bus remain as before. The "new" Line 1 route travels via Mission Avenue, Mesa Drive, El Camino Real, looping through the Oceana retirement community via Vista Pey, Vista Bella, Vista Oceana, thence El Camino Real to Plaza Camino Real, then along California Highway 78, College Drive (serving Mira Costa College weekdays only), Vista Way North, Thunder Drive, Galbar Street, Emerald Drive and Lewis Street to Thunder Drive returning to Oceanside via the same route.

REDLANDS BUS SERVICE (RBS)

REDLANDS: Both of RBS' routes, FERN and ORANGE, now loop through Plymouth Village except for the last trip of the day on each of the routes.

MEETING DATES

Next meeting - Sunday October 8

Future meeting - Sunday November 12

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

936 South Genessee Avenue
Los Angeles, California
7:30 PM

Transportation: SCRTD Lines 4 and 80

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FIVE YEARS AGO IN "THE BOOSTER"

September 1967

GREYHOUND/SCRTD Los Angeles Terminal was opened on September 10th with appropriate ceremonies.

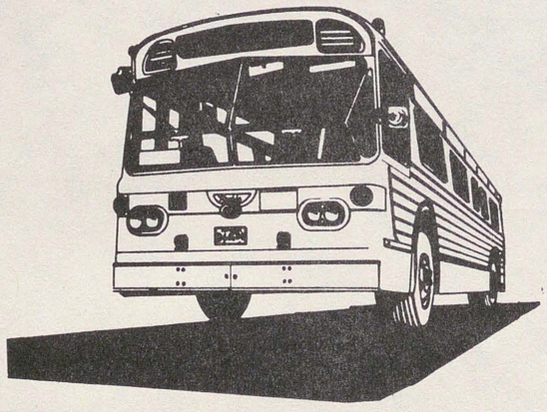
AIRPORT SERVICE, INC. instituted service to Monrovia, Arcadia and San Marino as an extension of its PASADENA-LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT route.

SCRTD placed an order with Flxible for 25 45 seat buses and 175 51 seat coaches for 1968 delivery.

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117 - Andrew Irwin, Davis, Calif.
118 - Michael McDonald, Los Angeles
119 - Alan Walker, Waterbury, Conn.



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ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (OCTD)

SANTA ANA: The OCTD Board has approved the 1972/1973 budget of $3,984,677 and authorized a countywide bus fare of 25 cents with free transfers on all of its routes. The reduced fares took effect on August 1st when OCTD took over the $2,000 maximum monthly subsidy paid by the City Of Santa Ana to SANTA ANA TRANSIT CORP. to enable SATC to stay in business until the nine new Flxible buses, now on order, arrive. The 72/73 spending program requires a 4.5 cent tax rate, nearly double last year's levy. Two ten cent bus routes to serve Cal State Fullerton University will begin operation on September 25 until next June with the cost of operation of these lines to be shared between OCTD and the school. Two plans will be offered. The Associated Students will sell $10 semester passes to students and faculty or members of the AS can ride for ten cents by showing a Student Body Card. The general public will pay the regular OCTD 25 cent fare. Two routes in the Placentia/Fullerton area will operate and four 53 seat buses, two for use and two for stand bys, will be required. The Placentia route will begin at the campus and travel via Nutwood Avenue, north on Bradford Avenue, west on Topaz Lane, south on Placentia Avenue and west on Nutwood to CSFU. The Fullerton route will traverse Yorba Linda Boulevard, Bradford Avenue, Palm Avenue, Placentia Avenue, Bastanchury Road, Associated Road and State College Boulevard. The nine buses originally ordered by the City Of Santa Ana will be built by the Flxible Company and will be 35 feet long, 96 inches wide with 6V-71 engines and have 41 transit seats. An additional 16 buses have been ordered by OCTD. To be built by Flxible they too will be 35 feet long but 102 inches wide with 8V-71 engines and feature 36 forward facing seats. They will cost $751,144 and be paid for from the district's operating funds with no state or federal monies involved. Buses will be painted white with a wide orange belt rail outlined in black and have blue interiors. OCTD established regular service to UC-Irvine when they assumed operation of SOUTH COAST TRANSIT CORP. on September 1st. SCTC is operating the routes under what is termed a Maintenance and Operations Contract. The new route, Line 65-SOUTH COAST PLAZA-U C IRVINE-BALBOA PENINSULA, operates hourly between 700 AM and 800 PM weekdays with two hourly service on Saturday. The SANTA ANA-BALBOA route has been numbered Line 53 and the SANTA ANA-LAGUNA BEACH route has been numbered Line 57 and had its headways improved. Eight buses (TDH 4519s and T6H4521As) have been leased from AMERICAN TRANSIT CORPORATION for use on these lines. They have now been repainted into the OCTD paint scheme. Three new routes have also been adopted by the OCTD Board, an experimemtal Dial-A-Bus program for La Habra which will utilize six 17-23 seat Flxettes offering door to door bus service scheduled to begin in December (the buses will be leased at a cost of $385 per bus per month) and two regular routes scheduled to commence in February 1973, both of which will be operated on half hourly headways. The first will be the HARBOR BOULEVARD line stretching 22 miles from La Habra to Balboa Boulevard in Newport Beach. This line was given the first priority because Harbor is one of the heaviest traveled arterials in Orange County. The line will serve numerous shopping centers, Fullerton Junior College, Disneyland, several hospitals and the beach area.

CALIFORNIA -- OCTD (CONTINUED)

SCRTD Lines 58-LOS ANGELES-SANTA ANA and 72-LOS ANGELES-FULLERTON presently serve portions of Harbor Boulevard, but these are primarily in the Fullerton/ Anaheim area. The second line, HUNTINGTON BEACH-U C IRVINE, will begin in Huntington Beach at 17th Street and Adams Avenue traveling along Adams, Fairview Street, Fair Drive, Newport Boulevard, Palisades Road and MacArthur Boulevard to the UC-Irvine campus and will serve Huntington Beach commercial areas, downtown Costa Mesa, Orange Coast College, Orange County Airport and UCI. By next summer OCTD plans to have 45 buses on the road in addition to the Cal State Fullerton buses

BAY RAPID TRANSIT COMPANY (BRTCo)

MONTEREY: BRTCo has filed a petition with the Public Utilities Commission seeking revocation of its certificate for its routes in the Monterey/Carmel area. A MONTEREY COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT bill is presently before the State Legislature and the proposed district could eventually take over BRTCo.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (SP)

SAN FRANCISCO: SP has requested PUC authorization to tear down its 58 year old San Francisco Depot at Third and Townsend Streets and build a smaller depot for its passengers one block west facing Fourth Street. Since the advent of AMTRAK with the Los Angeles/Bay Area/Seattle passenger service arriving and departing from Oakland, the only passengers are Peninsula commuters.

COMMUNITY CHARTER BUS SYSTEM (CCBS)

SANTA ANA: CCBS again operated the "City Of Santa Fe Springs Free Tram" service this summer using coach C913, a 1969 Ford 500/Superior thirty six passenger bus. The service operated six days a week from 900 AM until the last trip at 500 PM on an hourly headway between June 19th and September 4th. This year an additional stop was added to the loop type route at the Longworth Parkette, a mini-park on Longworth Street opposite the Santa Ana Freeway. This was the sixth year for this free bus service

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NOTE: The General Motors Operating Manual For Second Generation New Look Coaches Is No Longer Available.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (SCRTD)

LOS ANGELES: Lines 182-NEWHALL-SAUGUS-FRIENDLY VALLEY and 183-VALENCIA were started on July 10th as scheduled (WT 7/72) using 4200 series coaches. 4206 and 4207 were reassigned to Division 8 to equip these lines. Line 182 begins at Wiley Canyon Road and Lyons Avenue and travels along Lyons, Newhall Avenue, Market Street, San Fernando Road, Magic Mountain Parkway, Valencia Boulevard, Soledad Canyon Road, Sierra Highway and Friendly Valley Parkway to Avenue Of The Oaks. Line 183 is a two way loop with its one bus operating clockwise one trip, then counter clockwise. Beginning at Market Street and San Fernando Road via Market, Lyons Avenue, Golden State Freeway (pulling off to serve Calif. Institute Of The Arts), Valencia Boulevard (serving the College Of The Canyons) Magic Mountain Parkway and San Fernando Road to Market Street. Much of the area along the route of Line 182 is still undeveloped, in fact, during the last week of July coach 4209 ran over a coyote that ran across Soledad Canyon Road. The operator involved said he intended to pin up the coyote's tail on the Division 8 bulletin board with a sign, "First coyote shot down by the Newhall Division".

Beginning August 6th Senior Citizens became eligible for the reduced Senior Citizen fare (twenty cents off the regular rate) upon presentation of their Medicare Card. Previously the only authorization was by means of a special identification card provided by the Los Angeles County Department of Senior Citizens Affairs.

Equipment repainted since our last listing includes: 2129, 2136, 2142, 2150, 5178 and 5198. A number of 4000 series Flxibles are now going through the paint shop, the first buses to arrive in Los Angeles in the chrome yellow and champagne gold to be repainted.

A new two year agreement has been signed by SCRTD and the United Transportation Union representing the operators. It calls for a 5.5% salary increase each year (53 cents over the two years), additional Cost Of Living increases and increased pensions and group insurance payments (RTD will pay $55 per month per man rather than the previous $36). UTU members had threatened to walk off their jobs twice during the negotiations, but both deadlines were called off as the negotiations continued.

Three more lines have been air conditioned on Sundays using 6200s -- 12-WEST WASHINGTON-NORTH BROADWAY, 29-SAN PEDRO STREET-WEST SEVENTH STREET and 91-HOLLYWOOD BOLUEVARD. Division 7 Coach Runs on Line 01 had already been using 6100s on a daily basis.

Line 201-CONVENTION CENTER-PARK/RIDE has been rerouted, in the afternoon rush hour and northbound only, to operate along Flower Street in lieu of Figueroa Street between Pico and Wilshire Boulevards in order to avoid very heavy commute traffic

VENTURA TRANSIT LINES (VTL)

VENTURA: The largest realignment in Ventura's transit service took place on July 3rd when bus service was offered for the first time to East Ventura, Pierpont Bay, Saticoy and Montalvo. All routes either terminate at or pass by the Buenaventura Fashion Center on Mills Road east of downtown. In fact only one route, OJAI-MAIN STREET, goes downtown. Weekday service to Ojai has been increased from six to nine round trips and a new route from the Fashion Center to Wells Road via Telegraph Road for east county residents has been promised upon purchase of an additional new bus. Under the service pattern six buses are required with two needed on Sunday. The BRISTOL-TELEPHONE ROAD route operates from the Fashion Center to Saticoy on a 60/120 minutely headway via either Telephone Road or via Bristol Road through Montalvo. The PIERPONT-TELEGRAPH ROAD route begins at Victoria Avenue and Telegraph Road and travels west along Telegraph and through the Fashion Center, out Main Street and down on Seaward Avenue looping through the Ventura Harbor area. The OJAI-MAIN STREET route travels south from Ojai along Ventura Ave (California Highway 33) thence eastward along Main Street to Borchard and Main where the line branches, one route traveling past General Hospital, Fashion Center and then along Loma Vista Road to Victoria Avenue. The other branch traverses Borchard Drive and Preble Avenue to the Fashion Center and thence operates along Telegraph Road to Victoria.

VENTURA TRANSIT LINES SERVICE TABLE

Line Name	Monday - Saturday First Bus	Hdwy	Buses Req.	Last Bus	Sundays and Holidays First Bus	Hdwy	Buses Req.	Last Bus
OJAI-MAIN STREET	625AM	30/60*	4	830PM	800AM	30%	2	830PM
PIERPONT-TELEGRAPH RD	712AM#	60	1	610PM	-	-	-	-
BRISTOL RD-TELEPHONE RD	630AM¢	60	1	535PM	-	-	-	-

* - Includes nine trips weekdays and six on Saturday operated to Ojai

% - Sunday service between Dakota/Ventura Avenues and Fashion Center only

\# - First trip on Saturday is 912 AM

¢ - Operates Monday through Friday only

HAWAII

MASS TRANSIT LINES, LTD. (MTL)

HONOLULU: A new name for the city bus fleet, "The Bus", has been adopted and will be used in promotional campaigns like the one that introduced 35 new 49 seat Flxibles which went into service August 13th. A new paint scheme has also been chosen consisting of white to the belt rail, then three wide bands over the normally unpainted aluminum. The top band is lemon yellow (picture the color of a lemon), then orange (similar to SCRTD chrome yellow) and on the bottom yellow ochre (a yellowish SCRTD champagne gold). The wheels are gray and the buses have Keene fare boxes. The Flxibles are providing base service on Line 1-KALIHUKI-KALIHI and Line 8-WAIKIKI-AIRPORT-HICKAM and all suburban service to KAILUA and KANEOHE. All older coaches will eventually be repainted. A renumbering of former HRT buses has now been completed -- 900-929 (TDH 5301s and 5303s) are 500-529, the Dallas TDH 5303s are 550-599, the new Flxibles are 650-684 and seventeen GM buses the City of Honolulu purchased when MTL was formed are numbered in the 700 series. MTL operates the bus system under contract with the city. Fifteen 30-35 passenger buses have yet to be ordered to replace some TDH 4507s which were shortened by three windows for use on Lines 10-ALEWA HEIGHTS and 15-PACIFIC HEIGHTS which traverse narrow, winding roads. On August 15th the city took over LEEWARD BUS COMPANY's routes in rural Oahu and new service to Sea Life Park was started as an extension of the HONOLULU-KAILUA-WAIMANALO route.

TRADE WIND TOURS (TWT)

HONOLULU: TWT, a Honolulu sightseeing and charter operator, has been purchased by The Greyhound Corporation who has renamed the firm TRADE WIND TRANSPORTATION COMPANY. At least five MC 7s, with the Greyhound dog insignia and paint scheme, but lettered for TWTC are now in regular service.

MEXICO

MEXICOACH (MEX), (Gremio De Choferes Mexicanos De Tijuana C.R.O.C. d/b/a)

TIJUANA: MEX is now operating express bus service between San Diego, California and the Yellow Cab stand at the pedestrian footbridge in Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico providing the first international bus service in this area. Two new 41 seat Sultana coaches have been purchased for the route which has five round trips daily - leave Tijuana 930AM, 1201PM, 200PM, 400PM and 600PM and depart San Diego at 1100AM, 100PM, 300PM, 500PM and 700PM with 40 minutes running time. Buses stop at the Continental Trailways Depot and the Santa Fe Depot in San Diego. One way fare is $2.00 with round trips at $3.60. For patrons who wish to continue to other points in Tijuana an agreement with Yellow Cab will provide taxi service for an additional fifty cents. MEX has on file with the Interstate Commerce Commission for temporary authority which, if approved, will allow MEX to interline passengers with American carriers. At this time separate tickets for each company are required.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

Below is a list of passenger equipment either 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 EQUIPMENT				
Robert's Ilami Tours(Hawaii)	39-48	Flxible	111-CD-D05-1/56337-56346	55 seats, 1 door
City Of Honolulu (The Bus)	650-684	Flxible	111-CC-D06-1/56186-56220	49 seats, EIP
Kopecky Corp. Buses	2409	GMC	P8M4905A/215	47, RR
Associated Charter Bus Co	1471-1474	Intl	Intl1600/Wayne	24/36 sch
Gray Line Of Houston	123	Prevost	TS47/--	
Tucson Transit System	0172-1172	GMC	T6H4523A/021-031	Being renumb 7201-7211
NEW RAPID TRANSIT CARS				
BARTD	106-145	Rohr		Control cars
"	505	Rohr		Mid train car
USED EQUIPMENT				
American Pacific Stage Co	23, 27, 28	GMC	PD4101/175,179,180	Ex Union Pac 23, 27, 28
Embree Buses, Inc.	603-604	GMC	PD4107/212-213	Ex Peter Pan 105-6
Eastshore Lines	III307	GMC	PD4107/214	Ex Peter Pan 107
" "	331	GMC	PD4905/322	Ex ESL 309 (renumb)
Great Western Stage Lines	1692	GMC	PD4106/1692	Ex TNM&O L638
Holiday Lines	205	GMC	PD4106/1717	Ex LTR 125
Gray Line of Los Angeles	504,6,8,9	GMC	PD4106/379,--, 1031,1432	Ex OTC 406,--, GLW 7801,7850
" " " " "	4801-4810	GMC	TDH4801/--	4801 is ex SCPTD 2942
Aztec Bus Lines	901	GMC	TDM4801/001	Ex GLW 9450
Town Tour Fun Bus Co	703-704	GMC	TDH4517/1362,1364	Ex LBPTCo 4512,4514
Continental Western Lines	14920-14923	B&C	*01SE/6351,6494-06	Ex CWL 14302-14305

* - Former Golden Eagles converted into 40 Seat Silver Eagles