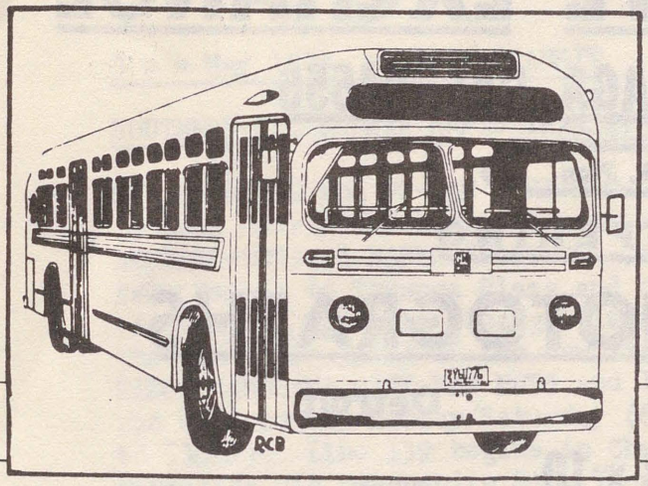


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SPECIAL NOTE:

March and April saw one of the largest expansions of transit service in Southern California as the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT, ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT, SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORP., SAN BERNARDINO MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM and the new EAST VALLEY TRANSIT inaugurated or expanded 21 routes. Much of this expansion can be credited to availability of SB 325 money (sales tax on gas for transit purposes) to fund the differences between the cost of service and the revenue generated.



SCRTD 1035 (T8H 5307A/1101) at Pomona Station on Line 53

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (SCRTD)

LOS ANGELES: During March and April RTD extended one line, inaugurated five new ones and doubled service on five lines as a part of RTD's plan to spend a portion of its gas sales tax money on improving and expanding bus service while continuing advanced study toward a rail rapid transit system. On March 5th Line 10-ADAMS-NORMANDIE PRAIRIE was extended from Vernon and Normandie to Adams and Central via Normandie and Adams. Service along Vernon between Normandie and Vermont was discontinued but Line 27-VERNON-SANTA BARBARA-LA CIENEGA operates there. Buses used on the first day were BR 1-2501, BR 2-2503, BR 3-2500, BR 4-2322 and BR 5-2326. WTS Members Tom Helliwell and Ed Buckley were on board on the first westbound schedule from Adams and Central (6:45AM) driven by Division 4 Operator Walter Thomas Jr. The Annual System Shake Up took place on April 8th and while there were no route changes Monday/Saturday service on Lines 14-NORTH HOLLYWOOD-BURBANK-VALLEY PLAZA, 16-NORTH HOLLYWOOD-SUN VALLEY-ROSCOE BLVD., 74-NORTH HOLLYWOOD-VAN NUYS-

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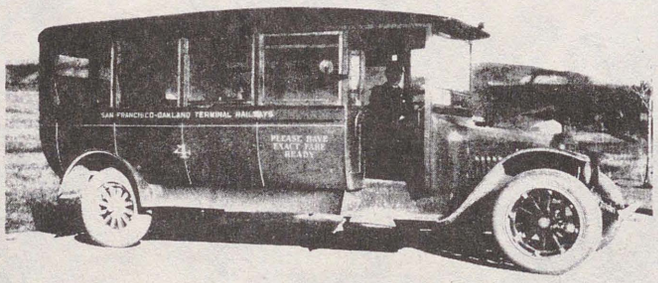
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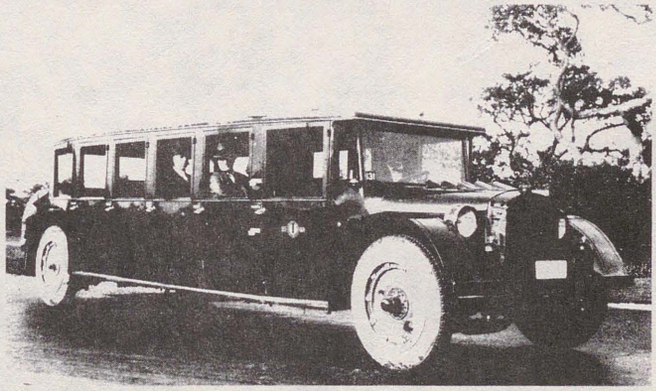
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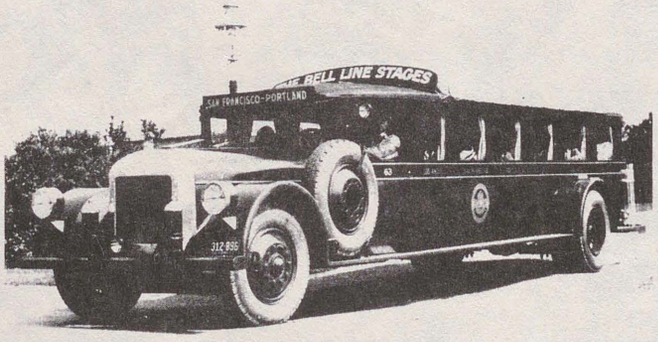
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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (Continued)

SAN FERNANDO and 90-SAN FERNANDO-STUDIO CITY-VAN NUYS was doubled from hourly to half hourly and hourly Sunday schedules were instituted. On Line 86-LOS ANGELES-BURBANK-NORTH HOLLYWOOD-CANOGA PARK thirty minute service was extended from Reseda to Topanga Plaza and on Saturday half hourly service is operated between Van Nuys and Topanga Plaza with hourly schedules on other portions of the line. On April 15 two new lines were established - 139-CHATSWORTH-NORTH-RIDGE-PANORAMA CITY-VAN NUYS and 143-ENCINO-BALBOA BLVD.-GRANADA HILLS. Both run half hourly Monday/Saturday (630AM to 630PM) and hourly on Sunday (930AM to 530PM). Line 139 begins in Chatsworth at Topanga Canyon and Devonshire St. operating via Devonshire St., Tampa Ave., Nordhoff St. and Van Nuys Blvd. to Victory Blvd. (Van Nuys). Line 143 starts at Ventura and Balboa Blvds.(Encino) and travels along Balboa Blvd. to Chatsworth St. (Granada Hills). Buses used on the first day were: 139-1: 7157, 139-2: 7120 and 143-1: 7161. WTS Members Todd Terpening, Warren Quon and Ed Buckley were out riding the lines on that first day and Warren also rode new Line 144-SAN FERNANDO VALLEY-WILSHIRE BLVD.-LOS ANGELES FLYER the next day. The line is operated Monday/Friday during rush hours with five inbound AM trips and five outbound PM trips. Coaches on the first day: BR 1-7139, BR 2-7106, BR 3-7143, BR 4-7170 and BR 5-7141. LINE 144 begins at Reseda Blvd. and Sherman Way in Reseda and operates along Sherman Way, Van Nuys Blvd., Victory Blvd., Hollywood Freeway, Highland Ave., Santa Monica Blvd., Vine St./Rossmore Ave., Wilshire Blvd., Flower St. and 7th St. to Maple Avenue. Inbound passengers boarding in the Valley must be destined Hollywood and Highland or beyond with discharge only stops being made at eight transfer points in Hollywood and at all stops on Wilshire. Outbound passengers can board downtown, on Wilshire and in Hollywood and must be destined to the Valley. Also starting April 16th was Line 145-SAN PEDRO-HARBOR CITY as RTD assumed operation of SAN PEDRO TRANSIT LINES who sold its operation to the district. Buses operate generally hourly six days a week between 700 AM and 700 PM over the former SPTL route - Pacific Avenue, 1st Street, Western Avenue, and Pacific Coast Highway to Normandie Avenue. One 5700 class Flxible is assigned to the line. On SPTL's last day of operation April 14th) Coach 36 (TDH 4510/501) was used on the route. Now it and Coach 38 (TDH 5103/577) are in storage at Vernon Yard. Both were former RTD coaches, 6700 and 2875 respectfully. On Friday March 16th the first of RTD's new 1000 class coaches (T8H 5307A/1066-1165) arrived at Division 2 - 1022 being the first one in. Through the efforts of the WT staff, principally Ed Buckley, we are able to list 93 of the coaches as they were logged in although all of them are now here.

March 16 - 1018, 22, 32, 39, 44, 76
March 17 - 1017, 46, 47, 50
March 18 - 1010, 26, 37, 39, 42, 45, 56, 60, 61, 63, 82
March 19 - 1003, 19, 40, 48, 49, 58, 62, 71
March 22 - 1055
March 23 - 1001, 35, 57, 70
March 24/5 - 1000, 14, 25, 51, 54, 64, 65, 66, 74, 77, 79, 84, 86, 88, 89
March 26 - 1004, 06, 16, 33, 38, 94
March 29 - 1007, 31
March 30 - 1075
March 31/Apr 1 - 1012, 15, 20, 30, 41, 43, 81
April 2 - 1023, 27
April 3 - 1009, 21, 85
April 4 - 1029, 59, 69, 93
April 5 - 1028, 52, 87

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (Continued)

April 6 - 1008, 53, 72, 73, 96
April 7 - 1005, 13, 68, 80, 92, 97
April 9 - 1095
April 10 - 1098
April 11 - 1091
April 17 - 1011
April 19 - 1099

All 1000s are to be assigned to Division 9 and on Wednesday March 28th the buses were placed into service - 1010, 22, 32, 39, 49, 50, 51, 55, 56, 57, 58, 60 and 63 were used on Lines 52-LOS ANGELES-ALHAMBRA-TEMPLE CITY, 53-LOS ANGELES EL MONTE-POMONA and 63-LOS ANGELES-EL MONTE VIA GARVEY. The 1000s feature air conditioning, EIP, 47 brown and tan bucket seats on pedestals, back lighted car card racks, champagne gold interiors with simulated wood paneling on the lower sides, air assist push doors and ICC white line. They also have water bumpers, numbers painted on the roofs and the area on both sides of the headsign is painted white instead of chrome yellow. Since the first day the coaches have been assigned to Lines 68-LOS ANGELES MONROVIA-GLENDORA, 69-HELIMAN AVENUE and 72-LOS ANGELES-WHITTIER-FULLERTON and all Division 9 7100s (7136-7177) were sent to Division 8 to provide additional A/C equipment and to equip the new lines. The 6500s (TDH 4801s) were, again, withdrawn from service - 6534 and 6542 on March 28; 6501, 03, 04, 10, 16, 20, 21, 38 and 44 on March 29; 6547, 52, 53 and 70 on March 30 and 6575, 76, 85, 88 and 90 on April 25. All were sent to Division 2 for removal of fareboxes and RTD decals and then on to Vernon Yard. The first of the new Flxible coaches (7200 series - model 111-CC-D06-1) arrived on April 26th - 7206. Coaches 7201, 04, 10 and 11 came in April 27th and over the April 28/29 weekend 7207, 08, 09, 12, 13, 17, 22 and 23 and 7219 on April 30th. The 7200s are also air conditioned, EIP equipped, have 51 orange transit seats in alternate patterns, champagne gold interiors with wood paneling on the lower sides, air assist push rear doors and roof numbers. There are no front air vents on either side of the headsign and this area is painted white (like the 1000s).

EAST VALLEY TRANSIT (EVT)

SAN BERNARDINO: Following abandonment of service by RTD between Upland and Yucaipa on April 7th (WT 3/73) EVT, subsidized for a minimum of 90 days by the County Board of Supervisors and operating from the SBMTS garage, began running April 9th using two buses running hourly between Fontana and Redlands. Four TDH 5105s from SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL BUS LINES have been acquired. Because of the subsidy the route is being kept separate from other SBMTS lines. Talk of some service to Upland and Yucaipa continues. Service leaves both Fontana and Redlands at 600 AM and hourly until 600 PM. Starting in Fontana at Juniper and Arrow Highway via Arrow Hwy., Alder Ave., Foothill Blvd/5th St., Arrowhead Ave, 2nd St., Sierra Way, Mill St., Tippecanoe Ave., Anderson St., Barton Rd., Brookside Ave. looping via Eureka St., Redlands Blvd., Orange St and Citrus to Brookside. Starting April 23rd the line was changed in Redlands to a loop via Brookside, Citrus Ave., Redlands Blvd. and Eureka St. to Brookside. There are five fare zones on the route which generally conform to city boundaries and the fares charged will be 20 cents for one zone with 15 cents for each additional zone.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (OCTD)

SANTA ANA: Friday the 13th of April was a "lucky" day for Orange County residents as two additional OCTD routes - 41-HARBOR BOULEVARD and 76-HUNTINGTON BEACH-IRVINE VIA COSTA MESA began operation using the new 300 series Flxibles (WT 4/73). Line 41 begins in La Habra at La Habra Blvd. and Main St. running via La Habra Blvd., Harbor Blvd., Ball Rd., West St., Katella Ave., Harbor Blvd., Wilson St., Placentia Ave., Superior Ave. and Balboa Blvd. to 23rd St. in Newport Beach. Line 76 starts at Main St. and Beach Blvd. (Huntington Bch) and travels Beach, Garfield Ave., Delaware St., 17th St., Mansion Ave., Main St., Walnut Ave., 3rd St., Lake St., Frankfort Ave., Delaware St., Adams Ave., Fairview Rd., Fair Dr., Del Mar Ave., Orange Ave., Mesa Dr., Irvine Ave., Bristol St. MacArthur Blvd., University Dr., California Ave., Bridge Rd. and Campus Dr. to UC Irvine. On April 23rd five new routes in the West Central area began. These routes plus Line 41 are being operated by THE TOWN TOUR COMPANY under contract with OCTD similar to SOUTH COAST TRANSIT CORP. (WT 1/73) using OCTD buses. SCTC is operating Line 76. Line 126-LA PALMA AVENUE starts at Buena Park Center and runs via La Palma Ave. and Tustin Ave. to Mall of Orange. Line 128-LINCOLN AVENUE, which is through routed with 126, also begins at BP Center having looped thru Buena Park via Lincoln, Beach Blvd. and La Palma via Dale St., Lincoln Ave., Euclid St., Crescent Ave., Loara St., Lincoln Ave., and Tustin Ave. to Mall of Orange. Line 127-EUCLID-KATELLA is a two way loop (1 bus running clockwise, the other counter clockwise). Beginning at Anaheim Plaza buses travel Euclid St., Katella Ave., West St., Cerritos Ave., Walnut, Santa Ana St., Citron St., South St., East St., Sycamore St., West St., Romneya Dr. and Euclid to the Plaza. Line 133-ANAHEIM BL.-STATE COLLEGE BL. is also a two way loop using 2 buses. Starting at The City coaches traverse The City Dr., Chapman Ave., Haster St., Anaheim Blvd., Lemon St., Orangethorpe Ave., Raymond Ave., East St., Sycamore St. State College Blvd., Vermont Ave., East St., Ball Rd., State College Blvd., Chapman Ave. and The City Drive. Line 132-ORANGE AVE. begins at Anaheim Plaza via Euclid St., Orange Ave., Walker St., Ball Rd., Grindlay St. and Orange Ave. to Walker (Cypress). Lines 127 and 132 are through routed.

SERVICE TABLE

| Line | Monday/Friday 1st Bus | Hdwy | Rqmt | Last Bus | Saturday 1st Bus | Hdwy | Rqmt | Last Bus |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 41-HARBOR | 703A | 65 | 3 | 915P | 703A | 65 | 3 | 915P |
| 76-ADAMS | 621A | 60 | 2 | 618P | 918A | 60 | 2 | 610P |
| 126-LA PALMA | 635A | 60 | 3 | 635P | 935A | 60 | 3 | 535P |
| 127-EUCLID | 655A | 60 | 3 | 655P | 920A | 60 | 3 | 522P |
| 128-LINCOLN | 705A | 60 | % | 705P | 1005A | 60 | % | 605P |
| 132-ORANGE | 620A | 60 | # | 718P | 920A | 60 | # | 620P |
| 133-ANAHEIM/ST. COLLEGE | 600A | 60 | 2 | 643P | 851A | 60 | 2 | 553P |

%-See Line 126 for coach requirements #-See Line 127 for coach requirements

The 300s sport 36 red individual forward facing bucket seats (five of which have a two level parcel rack next to them, generally over the wheel well), lite blue interiors with grey drivers area, ceiling on the walls and ICC white line. They are air conditioned, EIP equipped, have air assist push doors, fog lights,

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (Continued)

two piece headsigns (line number and destination) and aluminum wheel covers. There are no front ventilation vents and the Flxible insignia on the front is painted white rather than black (like the 200s). Due to the fog lites there is no fleet number on the front of the bus, only above the front door and the operator's window.

SAN BERNARDINO MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (SBMTS)

SAN BERNARDINO: January 22nd saw the beginning of Line 13-WEST COLTON running six days a week every half hour between 625 AM and 625 PM using one 300 class coach (TGH 3102). Beginning at 4th and E (San Bernardino) via E St., Rialto Ave., Rancho Ave., to Mill, then via one of two routes - P - via Mill, Pennsylvia Ave., C St., 7th St., Valley Blvd. and La Cadena Dr. to H St. or - R - via Rancho, F St., 3rd St. and H St. to La Cadena Dr. On the same day Line 1-COLTON-PARKDALE & BROADMOOR was rerouted and extended on the Colton end adding 1 bus. The Monterey Park branch operates from San Bernardino along Mt. Vernon, then Olive St., Fairview, Virginia, Illinois, Shasta, Mt. Vernon, H St, La Cadena Dr., Valley Blvd., Rancho Ave., H St., La Cadena Dr., O St., 11th St. and H St. to La Cadena. The La Cadena branch runs along Mt. Vernon and La Cadena to Valley Blvd and then runs to 11th and O as the Monterey Park does. A public hearing was held March 26th on SBMTS' federal grant application to assist the city in purchasing 16 new buses, two automobiles and one tow truck. Following the signing of an agreement whereby the City of Rialto will pay SBMTS 30 cents per bus mile operated within the city from its share of SB 325 funds, the city issued no cost passes to blind, handicapped and Senior Citizens of Rialto to use SBMTS buses. Beginning April 6th Line 9-BLOOMINGTON was rerouted to use Acacia Ave. instead of Sycamore between Foothill and Baseline. Line 12-RIALTO AVE.-MILL ST.-TRAILER PARKS was extended deeper into Rialto although the four round trips Monday/Friday continue as before. Outbound buses travel via Rialto Ave., Sycamore, Merrill and Pepper to Rialto and in via the old route. Previously the line went west only as far west as Eucalyptus Avenue.

FRESNO TRANSIT (FT)

FRESNO: Beginning on May 1st bus fares were reduced from 30 cents to 20 cents in an effort to lure more travelers out of their cars and onto FT buses. An experimental downtown loop route, a new crosstown route along Shaw Avenue and purchase of ten new air conditioned buses are also on schedule for FT after approval by the Fresno City Council.

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21 members and guests enjoyed a memorable excursion aboard SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY Western Flyer Trolley Coach 5001 on Saturday April 21st. We covered approximately one half of the "twin wire" system during our seven hour trip and wish to thank John McKane and Cameron Beach who handled all of the advance planning for the trip.

SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORPORATION (SDTC)

SAN DIEGO: SDTC has inaugurated four new lines and made major expansions on four existing lines. On March 12th three new shuttle routes were started in La Mesa, all operating seven days a week on hourly headways (625AM-820PM). Line E-1-GROSSMONT-JACKSON DR/LAKE MURRAY BLVD operates from Grossmont Center via Center Dr., Jackson Dr., Parkway Dr., Baltimore Dr., Lake Park Way, Cowles Mountain Rd., El Paso St., Lake Murray Blvd. and Dallas St. to Jackson Drive. Line E-2-GROSSMONT-SEVERIN DR/AMAYA DR operates from GSC via Center Dr., Mellmanon Dr., Amarillo Ave., Dallas St., Southern Rd., Dixie Dr., Manor Dr., Severin Dr. and a large loop via Gregory St., Amaya Dr., Severin Dr. and return to GSC. Line E-3-YALE/UNIVERSITY-KIOWA DR/LAKE MURRAY BLVD. operates from Yale and University via University Ave., Harbinson Ave., Colony Rd., 70th St., Lake Murray Blvd., Kiowa Dr., Maryland Ave. and Parkway Dr. to Lake Murray. April 1 and 2 saw many extensions - Line 12-BAYVIEW HILLS-NATIONAL CITY had Saturday and Sunday service added between downtown National City and 18th and Grove in Lincoln Acres on a 75 minute headway. Previously only weekday service was run. In addition weekday service was extended into the Tidelands Industrial Area of National City west of Interstate 5 via 8th St., Roosevelt Ave., 13th St., Tidelands Ave., 32nd St., Quay Ave., 24th St., Cleveland Ave. to 13th returning to 8th and National and then the former route. Line B-ALLIED GARDENS-NATIONAL CITY was extended from its former terminal at 47th St. and Logan Ave. via Logan Ave., 43rd St. and Highland Ave. to 8th St. in National City. Line B continues to operate Monday/Friday. Line E-EL CAJON had service on the Fletcher Hills branch extended from Brockton Ave. and Fletcher Pkwy into El Cajon serving the new Parkway Plaza Shopping Center via Fletcher Pkwy and Johnson Ave. to El Cajon Blvd. Hourly service is operated on this leg until 700 PM daily except Sunday. Line O-OCEAN BEACH-SAN YSIDRO was revised to have all service operate to and from the Border with alternate trips operating directly along National Avenue instead of via the Del Sol Blvd. routing. All trips now operate along National Avenue through National City. There is no more freeway service on Interstate 5. The five trips to Imperial Beach have been expanded to 19 daily trips although as part of a new route: O-1-IMPERIAL BEACH-NESTOR which connects with Line O buses at 25th Street and Coronado Avenue. Beginning at 25th and Coronado buses travel Coronado, 19th Street, Palm Avenue, 1st Street, Coronado Avenue, 9th Street, Holly Avenue, 11th Street, Iris Avenue and 13th to Coronado to 25th Street. Hourly service (30 minute weekday rush hour) is operated daily between 630 AM and 830 PM. Lines E-1, E-2, E-3 and O-1 are all operated with 600s (TDH 4519s).

AMERICAN PACIFIC STAGE COMPANY (APSC)

LOS ANGELES: APSC has just taken delivery of seven of their ten brand new P8M 4905A coaches (WT 4/73). These coaches are air conditioned, have 47 reclining seats, restroom, sealed windows and simulated wood grain paneling inside. They are painted a basic white with light blue trim and the name "AMERICAN PACIFIC" in red on the front of the bus. It is planned to use the coaches for charter service and continue using the PDA 4101s for the AMTRAK connection service from Long Beach and Santa Ana/Anaheim to Los Angeles Union Station.

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