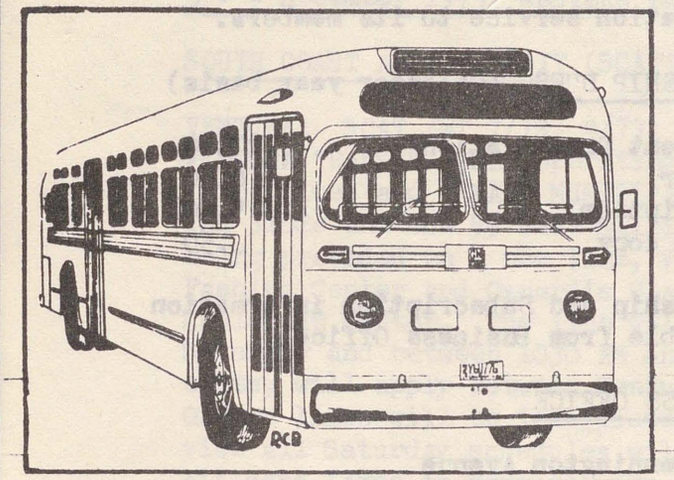


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CULVER CITY MUNICIPAL BUS LINES (CCMBL)

CULVER CITY: CCMBL instituted a new line, 4-FOX HILLS, serving the Fox Hills and Raintree areas and West Los Angeles College on October 31st. Service is operated Monday/Friday between 624AM-1012AM and 118PM-606PM using one bus. From Main Street and Washington Boulevard the line travels via Washington Boulevard, Duquesne Avenue, Jefferson Boulevard, Overland Avenue, Sawtelle Boulevard, Sepulveda Boulevard, Centinela Avenue, Bristol Parkway, Green Valley Circle, Buckingham Parkway, Windsor Drive and Canterbury Drive to Green Valley Circle. The regular 30 cent fare applies over the entire line and Senior Citizens fares also apply.

JOINT POWERS AGENCY (JPA)

MONTEREY: JPA is now providing bus service in the Monterey/Carmel/Pacific Grove area replacing service formerly operated by BAY RAPID TRANSIT COMPANY (WT 9/72, 6/73). Six former EL PASO CITY LINES TDH 4517s have been obtained on a lease-purchase plan (WT 11/73). The buses are painted white, crimson and blue (very similar to the DALLAS TRANSIT SYSTEM paint scheme). Base fare is 35 cents and fare collection is via Grant fareboxes. Five lines are involved: 1-MONTEREY-PACIFIC GROVE VIA PINE STREET, 2-MONTEREY-PACIFIC GROVE VIA LIGHTHOUSE, 4-MONTEREY-CARMEL, 6-MONTEREY-SEASIDE ORO VILLAGE and 9-MONTEREY-SEASIDE-DEL MONTE HEIGHTS. Lines 1 & 6 and 2 & 9 are operationally combined. BRT is still in the charter business, operates as GRAY LINE OF MONTEREY-CARMEL in the summer season and is now appearantly providing bus service to the Monterey Airport using a TDH 5103 whose origin is presently unknown. In the JPA service area the City of Pacific Grove has purchased two former REDWOOD CITY MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM Minibuses which are planned to begin operating soon on two fixed routes operating hourly within the city.

CITY OF MONROVIA (COM)

MONROVIA: At a cost of about $25,000 including salaries, maintenance and insurance COM will operate an intracity bus system beginning November 19th for eight months (WT 11/73). Using three TDH 3610s, late of REGIONAL TRANSIT, three routes will be operated Monday/Wednesday/Friday between 800 AM and 500 PM except for a one hour lunch break. To promote the new transit service two weeks fo free rides were offered after which the regular fare of 25 cents will apply.

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Next meeting - December 9, 700 PM

Future meetings - January 13, 1974
February 10, 1974

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CLUB NEWS

An increase in Western Transit Society dues and publication charges beginning January 1, 1974 was approved by the membership at the November meeting. The new schedule, on a calendar year basis, will be:

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Current WTS dues and charges were established four years ago and, then as now, the primary reason for a increase was the constant increase in the cost of materials and supplies used in printing the monthly issues of WESTERN TRANSIT as well as increases in postal rates.

Saturday January 19, 1974 is the date of the next WTS excursion, another Bus Garage Tour, visiting properties stretching eastward from Los Angeles as far as Yucaipa. Fare will be $5.00 with a 900 AM departure from the corner of Seventh and Los Angeles Streets downtown.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT timetables enclosed with November WT provided by Frank K. King, Manager of Bus Operations for OCTD.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERY MEMBER AND SUBSCRIBER FROM WTS OFFICERS AND EDITORIAL STAFF

SOUTH COAST AREA TRANSIT (SCAT)

VENTURA: SCAT (WT 7/73, 9/73) began operating November 4th combining the former VENTURA TRANSIT LINES operating seven Twin TC 31s and two GMC TDH 3501s over three lines and OXNARD MUNICIPAL TRANSIT LINES using 9 GMC TDH 3501s, two GMC TGH 3102s and one 55 seat Gillig on seven lines. Seven-day-a-week service is being provided on a new line, VENTURA-OXNARD, which operates between Buenaventura Fashion Center and Oxnard's Plaza Terminal via Victoria Road, Ventura College and Esplanade Center. The line will operate hourly between 730 AM and 630 PM Monday/Saturday and between 1030 AM and 530 PM Sundays. A 45 cent fare, rather than 60 cents, will apply between Ventura and Oxnard. Hourly Sunday service on the local Oxnard lines will be inaugurated, but to offset the expense of adding that service all Saturday schedules will be reduced from 30 minutely to hourly. Senior citizens fares in Ventura were raised a nickel (to 15 cents) to equalize them with Oxnard's. The City of Oxnard was planning to inaugurate a new line into the southeastern area along Channel Islands Boulevard upon arrival of new buses now on order (WT 2/73) and SCAT agreed to honor the city's commitment to area residents.

EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (ELACIA)

LOS ANGELES: ELACIA, established in 1967 to provide Eastside area residents with home to work service to several industrial plants (TB 11/67, 2/68, WT 4/69, 5/71, 8/71) on October 18th began operating a new "Dial Your Ride" service five twelve passenger Ford Econolines (See Equipment Report) in an area comprising Lincoln Heights, Boyle Heights, Cypress Park, El Sereno and Elysian Valley with boundaries extending one mile beyond the Northeast Los Angeles Model Cities area. Passengers can be dropped off anywhere within the one mile boundary extension, but an agreement with the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT provides that the vans cannot pick up anyone in that area. The vans are only permitted to operate in the City of Los Angeles and therefore cannot service the unincorporated area of East Los Angeles. The service is being run through next June 30. Overall cost of the project is $200,000 with 2/3 of it provided by the Federal Department of Transportation and 1/3 from the Model Cities program. Service operates Monday/Friday 700AM/700PM and patrons are requested to call in 24 hours in advance to arrange their ride. The main purpose of "Dial Your Ride" is to provide transportation to medical appointments for Senior Citizens, the unemployed and the working poor, persons who would have no way of keeping medical and other appointments and is not to be considered alternative transportation if a car is available. A 15 cent one way fare is charged.

HOLMES CITY BUS (HCB)

NAPA: In October HCB began operating two city bus routes (four lines thru routed) six days per week at a 25 cent fare using two TDH 3302As (See Equipment Report) replacing service formerly operated by NAPA TRANSIT COMPANY using one TD 3609. The RED line operates from Napa College on the south side via Soscol Ave (passing through Napa State Hospital), 3rd, Juarez, 1st, Randolph, Calistoga, Jefferson, Lincoln and a large north side loop via Vista, Redwood, Carol, Janette and Solano to Lincoln. The BLUE line operates in a large loop on the southwest side via 1st, Freeway Drive, Kilburn, Laurel, Homewood, Laurel, Foothill, Sonoma, Seymour, Spruce, Coombs, thru downtown, thence Main, Vallejo, Soscol, Lincoln, Main, Pueblo, Beard, Trancas and a north side loop via Baxter, Diablo, Yellowstone, Lassen, Trower and Jefferson to Trancas.

NORTHGATE TRANSIT, INC. (NGT)

DALY CITY: The Public Utilities Commission has approved NGT's request to discontinue the use of transfers on the SKYLINE COLLEGE and SERRAMONTE routes (WT 11/73) The use of transfers on the rest of the system had previously been discontinued. With the opening of BART's SAN FRANCISCO-DALY CITY service on November 5th (WT 11/73) NGT rerouted all of its lines serving Daly City to stop at BART, Daly City and has experienced a 25 per cent increase in its commute hour business.

REDLANDS BUS SERVICE (RBS)

REDLANDS: Following City Council approval both of RBS' lines will be adjusted. The FERN (South) route will be revised to serve Village Green Apartments by running along San Mateo Street, Pine Street and Ash Street to Brookside rather than turning on Brookside from San Mateo. The ORANGE (North) route will travel directly along Brockton Avenue between Texas and Washington rather than deviating at Columbia to serve the Community Center, now relocated, and it will travel north along Washington to Lugonia, then east to Orange rather than entering Orange from Brockton because of traffic congestion.

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT (ACT)

OAKLAND: AC Directors have authorized an application for federal funds ($2.5 million) toward purchase of 32 new 40 foot, 102 inch, air conditioned, V8 powered 45 high back seat buses to provide connecting service to BART from Pinole, Martinez, Pittsburg, Antioch, Brentwood, Alamo, Danville, Dublin, Pleasanton and Livermore. The buses are to be equipped with special mechanical devices to accommodate passengers confined to wheelchairs. A lift mechanism would be located at the door of each coach plus apparatus inside for anchoring a wheelchair to the floor. It is estimated this feature will add about $15,000 to the cost of each unit. ACT is also asking for bids on 42 new 35 foot, 96 inch 42 transit seat coaches with an option for 78 more buses. Line 18-PARK BLVD.-WALLA VISTA has been extended to serve Hiller Highlands students and Line 70-LE ROY HEIGHTS-SAN PABLO has been extended into Whitecliff Village.

PINK BUS LINE, INC. (PBL)

BUENA PARK: PBL has filed applications to extend its present BEACH BOULEVARD line and to institute summer only beach service between Pomona, Placentia and Newport Beach. The BEACH BOULEVARD is proposed to be extended northward into Hacienda Heights via Whittier Blvd. and Hacienda Blvd. to the Pomona Freeway. A third bus would be added and operate as a shuttle between Hacienda Heights and La Habra charging a $1.50 one way fare to Huntington Beach. A new POMONA-PLACENTIA-NEWPORT BEACH line has been proposed. Operating one round trip per day the line would begin in Pomona at Garey Avenue and the San Bernardino Freeway traveling via Garey Avenue, Pomona Fwy, Orange Fwy, Yorba Linda Blvd., Bradford Ave., Chapman Ave., Orange Fwy, Riverside Fwy, Newport Fwy, Newport Blvd., 32nd Street and Balboa Blvd. to Ocean Front and Palm. The one pick up point in Pomona would be Garey and San Berdoo Fwy with a $1.50 one way fare. The Placentia loading point would be Yorba Linda and Bradford with a $1.00 one way fare. The proposed schedule is:

830 AM	Lv	Garey and San Berdoo Fwy	Ar	520 PM
915 AM	Lv	Yorba Linda and Bradford	Ar	415 PM
1010 AM	Ar	Ocean Front and Palm	Lv	320 PM

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (SCRTD)

LOS ANGELES: On September 27th the route of Line 148-BALDWIN PARK-SOUTHWEST-NORTHEAST LOOP was revised to operate from Nubia St. and Maine Avenue via Maine, Joanbridge St., Bleecker St., Nubia St., Lante St., Olive St. and Maine to Ramona Blvd. The former routing along Maine between Olive and Nubia has been discontinued.

On November 2 RTD Directors voted 8-1 to grant amnesty to all RTD Operators who staged a "sick out" during the week of October 22-27 to back up demands for improved security along bus routes plagued by youth gang violence (WT 11/73), however, the Board emphasized the action was a one time ruling and that such protests would not be tolerated in the future. RTD General Manager Jack Gilstrap stated that of the 600 men who did not report for work about half did not have runs in the area involved and apparently used the incidents of violence as a springboard for their own internal union ambitions. He added that although the walkout was unfair to all employees who stayed on their jobs after much consideration he decided to recommend no disciplinary action be taken. Additional details are now available on service interruptions during the period - Lines 2-BROOKLYN AND HOOPER AVENUES and 95-VERNON-VERMONT did operate, but Line 96-SOUTH NORMANDIE AVENUE did not run. There were also substantial service gaps on Lines 5-HAWTHORNE BLVD.-UNION STATION, 6-SOUTH VERMONT-HIGHLAND PARK, 8-WEST 54TH-NORTH MAIN ST., 26-WEST PICO-EAST 1ST, 27-VERNON SANTA-BARBARA-LA CIENEGA and 92-WATTS-SIERRA VISTA and even Lines 13-LOS ANGELES-CULVER CITY-PLAYA DEL REY-EL SEGUNDO and 128-MARINA DEL REY COMMUTER FLYER. As part of an increased security effort equipment was shuffled to place additional radio equipped coaches on the south side. Radio equipped 7178-7199, which had been at D11 for Lines 58-LOS ANGELES-SANTA ANA and 72-LOS ANGELES-WHITTIER-FULLERTON, were sent to D3/10 for Lines 5, 6 and 7-SOUTH BROADWAY-EAGLE ROCK and non radio 7237-7258 went from D3/10 to D11. Line 7 had not been using 7200s, but 6100s which were placed on those runs on Line 70/71-LOS ANGELES-PASADENA which had 7200s - 7231-7236 are still on 70/71. In a three way trade non radio 5717-5726 were sent from D12 to D3/10 for use on Lines 25-WEST NINTH-NORTH FIGUEROA and 39-LOS ANGELES-GLENDALE-BURBANK. D3/10 sent non radio 5848-5857 to D4/5 to replace radio equipped 5800-5809 which are now at D12 for Lines 33-LOS ANGELES-COMPTON-WILMINGTON and 34-LOS ANGELES-LYNWOOD-BELLFLOWER.

Directors have ordered 212 mobile radios and 8 base stations from RCA Communications Division (WT 11/73). Also approved was a plan to equip all RTD coaches with flashing lights which could be triggered by operators experiencing trouble.

During Santa Anita's recent Oak Tree meeting the Los Angeles-El Monte-Santa Anita branch of Line 57-RACE TRACK OPERATION was routed, for the first time, along the San Bernardino Freeway Busway, serviced the El Monte Station, then traveled via Santa Anita Ave., Las Tunas Dr., Holly Ave. and Huntington Drive to Santa Anita.

By a 7-5 vote the Los Angeles City Council defeated a proposal by Councilman Joel Wachs requesting the district conduct an in depth study of providing minibus service across the Santa Monica Mountains on Benedict Canyon, Beverly Glen Canyon, Coldwater Canyon and Laurel Canyon between existing lines on Ventura Boulevard and either Sunset or Santa Monica Boulevards. RTD's written reply to the original informal request was that establishment of the service could not be justified due to very light population density in the mountains, lack of equipment capable of operating the long descent down either side of the mountain without experiencing brake fade due to heat build up and the need to purchase special vehicles for the purpose.

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY (SFMRY)

SAN FRANCISCO: The Twin Peaks Tunnel will be completely re-railed (the first time since it was opened in 1917) beginning January 1st over a six month period. The contractor will use the present M-OCEAN VIEW streetcar right of way to fabricate the new track and shuttle it into the tunnel which means Line M will be out of service during the construction and buses will be substituted. Construction will take place at night with some possible weekend shutdowns. Dramatic changes could occur on some of San Francisco's busiest streets if the Board of Supervisors adopts a "transit first" report recommended by the City Planning Commission. The plan would create exclusive lanes for buses and trolley coaches on portions of Mission, Kearny, Sutter, Third, Fourth and Fifth Streets. Proposals to extend five SFMRy lines to BART stations are now under consideration - Line 53-SOUTHERN HEIGHTS would be extended from 16th and Bryant Streets to 16th and Mission Streets, Line 23-CRESCENT would be extended along Mission from 26th to 24th, Line 51-SILVER, now ending at Mission and Silver would be extended to BART/Glen Park and Lines 25-BRYANT and 80-LEAVENWORTH would be combined into one line crossing Market at Fifth Street and serving BART/Powell Street. Since the start of BART's SAN FRANCISCO-DALY CITY line SFMRy has experienced a patronage loss and is studying Lines 9-RICHLAND, 11-HOFFMAN, 12-MISSION-OCEAN, 14-MISSION, 17X-PARKMERCED EXPRESS, 26-VALENCIA and 30-STOCKTON EXPRESS to determine what adjustments, if any, should be made. For the present time SFMRy will only provide emergency transportation for BART passengers in the event of a train breakdown - Line 99. The JITNEY OWNERS ASSOCIATION which operates 117 cars along Mission Street between the Daly City city limit and the Ferry Building duplicating Line 14-MISSION has stated that their business is down about 30 per cent since the beginning of BART service and that JOA is exploring the possibility of securing legal assistance in getting some type of subsidy for their operations.

FIESTACOACH (Barclay Transportation Company d/b/a) (FC)

HAWTHORNE: FC has applied for a certificate between the City of Long Beach and Mammoth Mountain for winter skiers service (MARK IV CHARTER LINES presently runs between several Southern California points, not including Long Beach, and Mammoth).

KINGSMEN TRANSPORTATION, INC. (KT)

ORANGE: Operating three 43 seat PD 4501s painted white with light blue and black trim and a single door C-44 ACF Brill 41 seat suburban coach similarly painted, KT has applied for a Class B Charter Certificate. (A Class B certificate allows the carrier to originate charters at points within a 40 mile radius of the firm's home terminal unless the certificate is modified).

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (SP)

SAN FRANCISCO: On October 17th the Public Utilities Commission authorized SP to increase its Peninsula commute fares in two phases, six per cent now and two per cent on January 1st. Single fare tickets will go up about five or ten cents. The five day monthly commute ticket (good for unlimited rides Monday/Friday) will rise from a low of $1.25 (SF/Millbrae) to $2.50 (SF/San Jose). In filing the rate hike requests SP stated it would need the extra money to pay increased employee pension costs as effective last October 1st an amendment to the Interstate Commerce Commission Act requires railroads to assume 3/4 (rather than 1/2) of the railroad pension fund.

AMERICAN BUSLINES, INC. (ABL)

LOS ANGELES: New service to the Union Plaza Hotel in downtown Las Vegas was started on October 19th. Northbound (to Las Vegas) schedules will serve the Las Vegas Depot, then the Union Plaza. Southbound schedules will originate at the Union Plaza and then serve the depot. A new "Up And Back Bus Fun Trip" offering patrons a bonus featuring Keno tickets and two $1 free play tickets is being featured. Service to the Hacienda Hotel has been discontinued. The Union Plaza Hotel, located at Main and Fremont Streets, serves as terminal for LAS VEGAS TRANSIT SYSTEM, INC. and GREYHOUND LINES-WEST buses.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (SCCTD)

SAN JOSE: The County Supervisors have given final approval to expand the SCCTD system to 200 buses during 1974, at least 85 of which are planned to be for "demand responsive" service with the balance to be operated on fixed routes. Only Highway Products, Inc. (Twin Coach) submitted a bid for the purchase of 134 new coaches, which were specified by SCCTD to be propane powered, 25 seat vehicles, but the sole bid of $5,759,454 was over $1,250,000 greater than the County's estimates and, as yet, no award of contract has been made. The SCCTD coach yard at San Carlos and Sunol Streets in San Jose is undergoing its second enlargement since the district began operations. The following coaches were sold at public auction on September 22nd and have been removed from the property: 59 and 80 (TD 4505s); 60, 81 and 85 (TD 4506s); 6505 (TDH 4507) and 6621, 6622, 6624, 6625, 6626 and 6627 (TDH 3610s). Only 59, 60, 81 and 85 had seen any active service since inauguration of SCCTD service last January 1st. An additional TDH 4507 has been acquired from AC TRANSIT (See Equipment Report) bringing the total of former AC buses on the property to 18.

CITY OF MENLO PARK (COMP)

MENLO PARK: Half hourly local service using six buses is expected to begin in mid April 1974 in this community immediately north of Palo Alto (WT 9/73). Like its neighbor, Redwood City, service will be operated using small buses under contract by the city with a private firm and all routes will radiate from the Southern Pacific Depot. SANTA CLARA COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT plans to extend its service northward from Palo Alto via El Camino Real and Stanford Shopping Center to connect with the Menlo Park system at the SP Depot.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (OCTD)

SANTA ANA: OCTD Directors have awarded the Keene Corporation of Chicago a $284,000 contract to provide the district 108 new fareboxes which will feature Keene's new Vacuum Revenue Processing System using locked fareboxes wherein the coins are removed from the farebox by a vacuum removal system, deposited in a master revenue vault, counted and sorted and untouched by human hands. Directors have also okayed the purchase of SOUTH COAST TRANSIT CORP on February 1, 1974 wherein all SCTC employees will become OCTD employees, coaches 2075, 2076, 2077 (TDH 4509s) and 2489 and 2660 (TDH 3714s) will be OCTD owned and SCTC will cease to be an operating firm. Directors have also approved the operation of 34 lines beginning next spring (there are presently 20 lines). In essence there will be 11 brand new lines, substantial extensions and/or reroutings to 9 existing lines and 14 lines which will remain as now although all present schedules will be reviewed with an eye toward providing more convenient transfer connections.

CITY OF PHOENIX/PHOENIX TRANSIT CORP. (PTC)

PHOENIX: The first of the new Flxible coaches (WT 10/73) went into service on October 22nd, the same day two new lines were started and midday service increased on several lines. Line 5-NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE was extended west from Peoria and 19th Avenue along Peoria and 27th Ave. to the new Metro Center. Lines 11-7TH AVE-NORTHERN and 29-ENCANTO PARK were also extended to the Metro Center from their former terminal at 27th Avenue and Alice. Ten minute headways on Central Avenue between Indian School Road on the north and Broadway on the south were accomplished by coordination of schedules of the nine lines traveling over that street. Line 13-WEST SOUTHERN was inaugurated and operates Monday/Friday between 630 AM and 630 PM on an hourly headway. Beginning downtown buses travel via 1st, Madison, Central, Southern, 39th Ave, Alta Vista Dr., 43rd Ave, Hidalgo, 39th Ave, Sunland, 38th Dr, Grove, 35th Ave, Roeson, 37th Ave, Tamarisk, 35th Ave, Southern and return to downtown via Central. Line 26-PARADISE VALLEY is a new line on the far north side operating Monday/Friday between 600 AM/900 AM and 300 PM/700 PM connecting at Central and Dunlap with Line 5-NORTH CENTRAL to/from downtown. Line 26 runs via Dunlap, Cave Creek Road, Cactus Road, 32nd St., Thunderbird, 36th St., Desert Cave Rd, 40th St., Shea Blvd. and 32nd St. to Cactus. Line 14-SOUTH CENTRAL-EAST BROADWAY now has half hourly base service (Monday/Friday) between downtown and 32nd and Broadway with continued hourly service to Okema Park. Line 15-SOUTH CENTRAL-EAST SOUTHERN now runs every 30 minutes in the base on weekdays and was extended from its former terminal at 40th and Southern via Southern, 48th St., Alta Vista, 46th Pl., St. Catherine, 44th St., Vineyard and 40th to Southern. Line 16-SOUTH CENTRAL-WEST BROADWAY now operates hourly Monday to Friday from 630 AM to 630 PM rather than hourly peak and two hourly base and was extended in South Phoenix along South Mountain Road, 7th Street and Monte Way. New Line 22-CROSS-TOWN is a combination of those portions of former Lines 6-CENTRAL-WEST CAMELBACK and 22-EAST CAMELBACK which traveled along Camelback Road (those then traveled along Central Avenue into downtown, but the new 22 does not). Beginning at 35th Ave. and Montebello buses travel Montebello, 27th Ave., Camelback Road to 32nd St. 30 minute weekday and hourly Saturday schedules are operated. Line 23-WEST INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD now has half hourly weekday base service rather than hourly.

CITY OF TUCSON TRANSIT SYSTEM (COTTS)

TUCSON: The ten coaches ordered from Flxible (WT 10/73) arrived late in October (See Equipment Report). These coaches have the same features as the GMCs (7312-7321) (WT 10/73) which includes EIP, air conditioning, yellow and white exterior paint scheme, blue interiors, water bumpers, side signs, lighted interior car card racks, but these have fibreglass seats with padded inserts. Service on Line 6-NORTH STONE into Bromley was not discontinued, but was rerouted into a one way loop via 1st Avenue, Roger and Tyndall. TTS reports that since the increased service to the far east side started August 19th even with all the additional route miles being operated the revenue per mile for the total system is up.

GALVESTON LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC. (GLS)

GALVESTON: An application has been filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas by the GALVESTON LIMOUSINE SERVICE DIVISION OF TEXAS BUS LINES, INC. to take over operations of GLS which operates airport service between Galveston and the Houston Intercontinental Airport using both Checker Aerobuses and regular automobiles, usually Chevrolets.

WHITE SANDS MISSLE RANGE (WSMR)

EL PASO: Fifteen new 53 passenger, air conditioned, 3 axle intercity type Crown coaches featuring upholstered seats and 330 horse powered diesel engines and costing approximately $65,000 each will join the WSMR fleet next spring. WSMR operates an extensive bus route network for employees in the El Paso/Southern New Mexico area.

BOISE URBAN STAGES (BUS)

BOISE: BUS, operated by BOISE-WINNEMUCCA STAGES, an intercity carrier operating between the cities of its corporate name, is providing city bus service in Idaho's capital city with the help of a city subsidy. A 25 cent system wide fare is charged (10 ride ticket for $2) and six routes (3 thru routes) are operated with hourly weekday base and Saturday schedules (3 buses) and half hourly weekday peak hour service (6 buses). BUS has three Flxettes, a Twin TC 25 and several orange colored conventionals, all equipped with two way radios to facilitate transfer connections downtown. Included in the fleet are:

10 Flxette	511-KE-F9/FX 271	18 seater
11 Flxette	511-KE-F9/FX 273	18 seater
12 Twin	TC 25/25004	23 seat, 2 door, ex Truckweld Equipment Company

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (RTD)

DENVER: Since approval of a $425 million bond issue by Denver area voters comprising six counties (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson) in September, the RTD Board of Directors has taken several steps to unify transit in its service area including sending letters of intent to purchase DENVER METRO TRANSIT, ENGLEWOOD-LITTLETON-FORT LOGAN BUS LINE and LONGMONT MINI. Appraisals are also underway, with an eye toward purchase, of BOULDER BUS COMPANY, EVERGREEN TRANSIT COMPANY and NORTHGLENN SUBURBAN BUS COMPANY. An application to UMTA for assistance in purchasing 115 new buses, construction of a new maintenance base, purchase of two way radios, bus shelters and miscellaneous equipment has recently been filed.

TRI COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (TRI MET)

PORTLAND: TRI MET began serving the new Washington Square Shopping Mall November 1st. Two lines were extended to the Mall - on weekdays Line 56-ALOHA-BEAVERTON-PROGRESS will stop at the Mall 16 times inbound (to Portland) and 17 times outbound (to Beaverton). Hourly Saturday service will also be offered. Hourly weekday service on the GREENBURG line also serves Washington Square. Extension of the MAPLEWOOD line which operates between downtown Portland and the southwest area is scheduled for January 28th. TRI MET has filed an application with UMTA for assistance in providing 615 bus shelters and reconstruction and renovation of the present S. E. 17th Avenue headquarters. The present office structure will be demolished to provide more bus parking area and the two remaining buildings (both built about 1917) will be remodeled to provide modern maintenance facilities and new offices.

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.

Company	Vehicle Nos	Builder	Model/Serial	Notes
NEW BUSES				
Tucson Transit System	7322-7331	Flxible	45096-6-1/57749-57758	
Holmes City Bus (Napa)	101-102	GMC	TDH3302A/195,194	
Stockton Metro Transit	1728-1735	GMC	T6H4523A/425-432	41 hi back seats
Orange Belt Stages	160	GMC	P8M4905A/404	Addtl info
Intl Sghtsng Tours	109	Prevost	P47-6/2051-72	Addtl info
East LA Comm Imprv Assn	1-5	Ford	Econ Super Van	12 seaters
USED BUSES				
Santa Clara Co Trnst	1717	GMC	TDH4507/1495	AC Trnst 1717
The Bug Line	unnumb	GMC	TDH4507/2462	Pink Bus 9
Town Tour Fun Bus Co	715-716	GMC	TDH4517/760,763	EPCL 3990, 93
Douglas Bus Lines	98, 100	GMC	PD4104/873,863	AVBI 824, 1324
Great Western Stg Lns	967	GMC	PD4106/967	GLW 7737
Fiestacoach	3803-3806	GMC	PD4106/1448,1022, 987,985	GLW 7866,7792, 7757,7755
Gray Line of L A	518-519	GMC	PD4106/2468,2472	OTC O-438,442
Orange Coast Sightseeing	1313	GMC	PD4106/1588	Ky Bus Lines
Franciscan Lines	156-158	GMC	PD4106/442	Ind Trails 122
			PD4106/1894,1904	LTP 135,145
	176-177*	GMC	SDM5301/150-151	DeCamp 290,291
	205	GMC	SDM4502/025	Ind Trails 51
Four Winds Transportation	411-412	GMC	PD4106/127,104	GLE 6162,6157
	531	Kass	SE/58104	CWL 14711
City of Pacific Grove	unkn	Minibus	MBF2D/404-405	PGMTS 404-405
Intl Sghtsng Tours	110	GMC	PD4107/1154	TUI 120

* - 177 is assumed fleet number

DISPOSITIONS

Greyhound Lines-West	1678	Mack	C49DM/1932	To SF Mobile School
	9076	GMC	PD4501/415	scrapped
Tri Met (Portland)	108-110	GMC	TDH3612/058-060	Offered for
	127	GMC	TDH3612/1153	sale at auc-
	182-183	GMC	TDH4517/084-085	tion on Oct
	184-185	GMC	TDH4517/156-157	26th in
	188, 197	GMC	TDM4515/118, 127	Portland
	255-258	GMC	TDH4519/787-790	

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