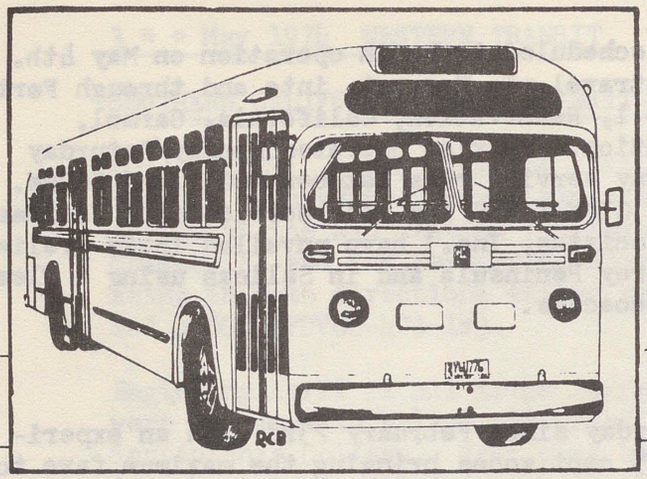


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LONG BEACH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LBPTCo)

LONG BEACH: Two new crosstown lines were started April 14, both of which run half hourly 600AM to 600PM seven days a week. Line 15-DEL AMO BOULEVARD begins at Long Beach and Del Amo Blvds. and travels via Del Amo, Bloomfield, Centralia and Studebaker to Del Amo. Line 16-LOS CERRITOS CENTER starts in the Los Cerritos Center via 182nd, Gridley, South, Atlantic, Market, Long Beach, Del Amo, Long Beach Freeway, Broadway and Long Beach to 3rd returning via 3rd to Freeway and return to Cerritos. Coaches 4567 and 4568 (TDH4519s) were on Line 15 the first day with 4577, 4578 and 4581 (also 4519s) on Line 16. Direct connections are made with Line 15 at Del Amo and Long Beach by both inbound and outbound Line 16 buses.

GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT (GET)

BAKERSFIELD: Half hourly rush hour weekday service (700AM/1000AM and 300PM/600PM) has been instituted on the Virginia Colony leg of 2-STOCKDALE HWY-VIRGINIA COLONY and the South P St leg of 6-LA CRESTA-SOUTH P STREET using the same bus. GET is now on the Exact Fare system. System wide fare is 25 cents. A majority of the GET fleet has been repainted in new schemes, all painted white above the belt rail and in at least one of several colors below - yellow, red, green, gold and maroon plus variations of the basic colors.

CITY OF COMMERCE MUNICIPAL BUS LINE (COCMBL)

COMMERCE: Armed with its share of Los Angeles County subsidy funds COCMBL now starts its RED and GREEN lines one hour earlier (700AM vs 800AM) and instituted a new industrial area weekday rush hour only ORANGE line which originates at the Food Giant Center on Whittier Blvd. and travels via Gerhart, Olympic, Goodrich, Eastern, Randolph, Malt, Slauson, Greenwood, Bandini, Garfield, Telegraph, Malt/Garfield, Cletilla, Saybrook, Washington, Telegraph, Tubeway, Smith Way, Hoefner, Telegraph, Eastern and Goodrich into Food Giant Center. Morning trips leave Food Giant at 545, 630, 715 and 800 with afternoon trips at 215, 315, 415 and 515. The system does not charge any fare and is using its subsidy money to begin this new service.

ORANGE BELT STAGES (OBS)

VISALIA: On March 1st OBS changed the morning round trip between Goshen Junction and Hanford to operate daily except Sunday and cut back one Goshen-Porterville trip to Visalia leaving two daily round trips one of which operates through to/from Bakersfield.

JOINT POWERS AGENCY (JPA)

MONTEREY: Another new line, 7-SEASIDE-MARINA, was scheduled to begin operation on May 4th. Beginning at Fremont and Broadway in Seaside buses travel via Fremont, into and through Fort Ord exiting at 12th Street Gate, California Highway 1, Reservation, California, Carmel, Reindollar, Vaughan, Carmel and Seacrest to Reservation. Service operates Monday/Saturday hourly between 600AM and 600PM using one bus. Sunday service runs between 900AM and 500PM. Two additional TDH 4517s were obtained from EL PASO CITY LINES for this service (See Equipment Report). JPA's consultants (Alan M. Voorhees & Associates, Inc.) have unveiled their preliminary report which calls for 17 routes on the Monterey Peninsula and in Salinas using a fleet of 35 foot, 96 inch, 8V71 engined, air conditioned coaches.

SAN BERNARDINO MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (SBMTS)

SAN BERNARDINO: SBMTS has been operating each Saturday since February 23rd with an experimental 10 cent fare (Regular fare is 25 cents with 5 cent zones bringing the maximum fare to 40 cents). Although the revenues have dropped twenty per cent patronage has risen 150 per cent for the same number of Saturdays last year. An advertising campaign using the theme "Step Up In Society, Let Our Chauffeur Pick You Up" is currently under way.

AARDVARK LINES, INC. (ALI)

FULLERTON: ALI has purchased the stock of the former PINK BUS LINES, INC. Included in the purchase is a fleet of 13 buses including two TDH4509s used on the San Diego State College student run BUG LINE. ALI plans to concentrate on charter business and perhaps contract commute service. Each ALI bus will sport a decal of a yellow aardvark wearing a sheepish grin. Thomas Evans, former city transit administrator for the City of Phoenix is ALI's General Manager.

FOR FREE

A new, dynamic booklet entitled " 50 Golden Years With Interstate Busses ". Available free with either a two year subscription to Interstate Busses for $19.00 or Used Busses Digest for $19.00 or a combination of one year each for $19.00. Includes California, Oregon, Washington area. Payable to INTERSTATE BUSSES, P. O. Box 7, Harrison, New Jersey, 07029.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (RTD)

LOS ANGELES: A new line was instituted on April 1 to handle expected overloads on the San Bernardino Freeway Express Busway. Line 400-LOS ANGELES-EL MONTE STATION begins at the RTD Station and buses travel via Maple, 6th, Wall, 8th, Main, Aliso/Commercial and San Bernardino Freeway (including Busway) to El Monte Station. Operating in both directions during rush hours only the line uses 1000s (T8H5307As) and 6000s (FDV8C-401-1s).

Beginning April 21 all trips to/from Pomona on Line 401-LOS ANGELES-LA PUENTE-POMONA were rerouted in Walnut via Grand Ave. and Temple Ave. to Pomona Blvd. to serve Mt. San Antonio College. Most peak hour short turn trips to/from Valley Blvd. and Azusa Ave. have been extended to Valley and Lemon St.

Line 55-LOS ANGELES-NEWPORT-BALBOA was also revised April 21. All trips now run via 8th, Olympic and Atlantic between 8th/Soto and Atlantic/Telegraph in lieu of the Santa Ana Freeway providing East Los Angeles with an additional line into the downtown area. No local passengers are handled west of Olympic and Arizona.

Line 77-MAYWOOD-BELL was extended eastward in the Maywood industrial area April 22. On Monday thru Friday from 600AM until 600PM service was extended east on Slauson from Heliotrope to Eastern Avenue. The 900AM to 300PM deviation to serve the Senior Citizens Center continues.

The Los Angeles City Council has approved an ordinance which will allow operation of a bus only contraflow lane stretching 1½ miles on Spring Street. Double yellow dividing lines will mark the exclusive east side bus lane from 9th to Macy Streets. Spring is one way southbound and the buses will travel northbound in their own lane.

The new El Monte Busway Terminal has received the National First Honor Award of the Society of American Registered Architects. The idea for the two level circular shaped building was conceived by the RTD staff and is the first such station to be built exclusively for a busway operation in the country. On a 15 acre site, the landscaped structure provides convenient passenger boarding from ten loading berths. Inside the station escalators and stairways carry busway patrons from the 700 car parking lot to the upstairs information and waiting room and the loading berths that surround the building.

To enlarge its fleet to handle the increased patronage caused by the Los Angeles County 25 cent flat fare RTD has purchased a total of 89 used buses including 14 from CITRAN in Fort Worth (TDH3501s to be numbered in the 1400s and TDH3714s to be numbered in the 2500s) and 75 buses (TDH4512s to be numbered from 2224 up and TDH 5105s to be numbered from 6598 down) from METROPOLITAN ATLANTA RAPID TRANSIT AUTHORITY. It is estimated it will cost $2,000 per unit to refurbish the buses for RTD service.

RTD operators voted in a union representation election April 24 to decide if they wanted to continue being represented by United Transportation Union or the newly organized Bus Union Service. In February 30 percent of the operators signed petitions to decertify UTU. The men were unhappy over the fact the union medical plan went bankrupt and that the union did not exert its greatest effort for protection from violence on board district buses. UTU retained its representation rights by receiving 1500 votes to 1100 for BUS. The present labor agreement with UTU will expire on May 31st.

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Line 139-CHATSWORTH-PANORAMA CITY-VAN NUYS was extended southward from the former Victory and Van Nuys terminal via Van Nuys, Ventura, Hazeltine, Riverside to Woodman returning via Woodman, Ventura and Van Nuys. This change, effective April 21, gives a one vehicle ride on Van Nuys between Panorama City and Sherman Oaks.

April 25th saw a demonstration of an electronic device made by Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing that would enable operators to electronically control traffic lights to speed up bus service. Signal control can be achieved by installation of 2 devices, one in the bus and one in the signal control box at an intersection. Coach 1097, a T8H5307A, was used in the demonstration along Spring from 1st to 3rd. The operator tripped a switch in the bus which flashed a high frequency beam to the control box 1/3 mile away. If the light controlling traffic on Spring was green when the signal was activated it remained green until the bus passed the intersection. If it was red the signal activated a mechanism to change the light to green after a safety period during which pedestrians already in the crosswalk could reach the curb.

The first two of five proposed park-and-ride commuter bus operations began May 1st. Line 53F-SAN GABRIEL COMMUTER FREEWAY FLYER begins at the San Gabriel Drive In Theatre and travels via Abbot, Valley, Del Mar, San Bernardino Freeway Express Busway and regular 53 route to Washington and Olive. Westbound trips depart the theatre between 630AM and 806AM (ten trips) and in the afternoon from Washington/Olive from 400PM to 535PM (ten trips). 2300s from Division 9 are used. On a daily basis the cost is 75 cents (50 cents bus fare, 25 cents parking) and on a monthly basis ($10 Monthly Pass and $2 parking). The other line, 58E-LA MIRADA COMMUTER FREEWAY FLYER, begins at the La Mirada Drive In Theatre and travels via Freeway Dr., Excelsior, Santa Ana Freeway, Soto, Whittier Blvd/6th St, Central and 5th to Figueroa. Outbound trips travel Flower, 6th/Whittier Blvd, Boyle, 8th, Santa Ana Freeway, Carmenita, Firestone, Alondra and Freeway Dr to the theatre. This line uses both 2000s and 2300s out of Division 12. Morning trips leave 610AM, 630AM and every 15 minutes until 800AM, 830AM and every half hour until 1000AM. Afternoon trips leave Flower and 5th 400PM, 430PM and every 15 minutes until 600PM. The cost of this service is the same as Line 53F. During the hours no special Freeway Flyer service is run, on request, Line 58 trips will deviate from the regular route by leaving the Santa Ana Freeway at Carmenita, thence via Firestone stopping at Alondra to let riders off to walk across the freeway bridge to the parking lot, then returning to the SA Freeway. Three other park-and-ride services, from drive in movie parking lots at Roscoe and Noble in Van Nuys, Buena Vista and San Fernando in Burbank and the junction of the San Diego and Harbor Freeways, are under considerations.

Free rides for blind persons began at midnight May 4th and beginning May 15th persons 62 and over and students will be able to purchase Los Angeles County Monthly Passes for $5 instead of the previous $9. The student rate was made contingent on the Los Angeles Unified School District implementing a program to distribute passes.

NORWALK MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (NMTS)

NORWALK: NMTS, scheduled to begin service August 1st, has 12 new 19 seat, two door, air conditioned Flxettes with AM-FM tape decks, 390 Ford low compression engines and the newer style square windows. The buses are painted white over silver with a red belt rail. NMTS intends to add a gold stripe above the red. Using fixed routes and charging a ten cent fare they plan 15/20 minutely headways and, if schedule permits, buses may deviate up to two blocks off route to give door service to patrons. Transfers will be offered to connecting LONG BEACH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY buses at Bellflower and Alondra Boulevards.

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ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (OCTD)

SANTA ANA: A tremendous bus service expansion program (certainly the largest in modern transit history) will occur May 13th when OCTD inaugurates 14 new lines and substantially extends 9 other lines. One way route mileage will increase from 284.4 to 600.5, over a 100 per cent increase. Transit service will be offered for the first time in La Palma, Yorba Linda, San Juan Capistrano and San Clemente along with expanded service in all other Orange County cities. All new lines will operate hourly and service along Harbor Blvd. and between Santa Ana/Costa Mesa/Balboa will now run half hourly. All fixed route service will operate from Divisions 1 and 4. Line 21-FULLERTON PARK-N-RIDE-SUNSET BEACH VIA VALLEY VIEW will travel via Magnolia, La Palma (thru Buena Park Center), Beach, Lincoln, Valley View/Bolsa Chica and Warner to Weatherly (one block short of Coast Highway) in Sunset Beach. Line 29-HUNTINGTON BEACH-LA HABRA VIA BEACH BLVD. will continue as before. Line 30-ORANGEFAIR MALL-ORANGE VIA ANAHEIM HILLS will begin at Almond and Glassell in Orange and run via Glassell, Taft, Cambridge, Meats, Tustin (thru Mall of Orange), Riverdale, Lakeview, Santa Ana Canyon, Imperial and Orangethorpe to Harbor. Line 35-FULLERTON PARK N-RIDE-HUNTINGTON BEACH VIA BROOKHURST starts at P-N-R via Orangethorpe and Brookhurst to Bushard (one block short of Coast Highway in Huntington Beach). Line 37-HUNTINGTON BEACH-LA HABRA VIA EUCLID will run between La Habra and Huntington Beach via Euclid, Warner, San Mateo, Slater, Beach and Main to 3rd and Walnut. Line 38-SEAL BEACH LEISURE WORLD-MALL OF ORANGE VIA LA PALMA (former Line 126) will still begin at Mall of Orange and run via La Palma to Buena Park Center, then will continue on La Palma, Moody, Lincoln, Denni, Ball, Bloomfield, Cerritos, Los Alamitos, Orangewood/Montecito, Bostonian, Foster, Copa De Oro, Montecito, St. Cloud and Seal Beach Blvd. to Leisure World. Line 41-NEWPORT BEACH-LA HABRA VIA HARBOR BOULEVARD will remain as at present. Line 42-TUSTIN-BUENA PARK CENTER VIA LINCOLN (former Line 128) will be extended eastward from Mall of Orange via Meats, Santiago/Wanda, Collins, Prospect, Spring, Prospect, Chapman, Esplanade, Fairhaven, Prospect, 17th, Holt, Newport to Larwin Square at 1st. Line 43-NEWPORT BEACH-BREA VIA HARBOR BLVD. AND PLACENTIA is the former Line 116 extended on both ends. Beginning at Birch and Brea in Brea buses will travel via Imperial, Associated, Birch, Kraemer, Yorba Linda, Bradford, Chapman, Placentia, Nutwood, State College, Chapman, Harbor and same as 41 to Newport. Line 47-ORANGEFAIR MALL-SANTA ANA VIA ANAHEIM is a combination of the former Anaheim Blvd. leg of Line 133 and North Bristol leg of Line 57. Beginning at Orangefair Mall buses travel Lemon, Anaheim Blvd./Haster St., Chapman, City Dr (thru both Orange County Medical Center and The City), Memory Lane, Bristol, Civic Center and Flower to 6th. Line 49-LA HABRA-SANTA ANA VIA STATE COLLEGE BLVD is an extension of the former Line 49 from The City to downtown Santa Ana via City Dr., Memory Lane, Bristol, Civic Center and Flower to 6th. Lines 47 and 49 will provide alternate service between The City and Santa Ana. Line 50-SEAL BEACH-MALL OF ORANGE VIA KATELLA is the same as before except that service between Mall of Orange and Villa Park is now being provided by Line 42. Line 51-BALBOA-SANTA ANA VIA BRISTOL AND RED HILL replaces the former South Coast Plaza trips of Line 57 running via Flower, Santa Ana Blvd., Bristol, Sunflower, Main, Red Hill/Santa Ana, Mesa, Orange, Old Newport, Hospital, Newport and Balboa to Ocean Front and Palm. Line 53-BALBOA-SANTA ANA VIA MAIN AND NEWPORT BLVD. will operate as before except that it will be rerouted via Newport and Del Mar between Newport/Bristol and Del Mar/Orange. Line 56-WEST GARDEN GROVE-EL MODENA VIA GARDEN GROVE begins at Valley View and Chapman via Valley View, Lampson, Knott, Garden Grove, Lewis, Metropolitan, City Dr (thru The City and OCMC), Chapman, Feldner, Almond, Cambridge and Chapman to Hewes. Line 57-LAGUNA HILLS-SANTA ANA VIA LAGUNA BEACH is an extension of former 57 from Laguna Beach Station to Laguna Hills via Laguna Canyon and El Toro Road which replaces LAGUNA BEACH MUNICIPAL TRANSIT LINES' Line 4-MISSION VIEJO.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT Continued

Lines 60-SEAL BEACH-SANTA ANA VIA WESTMINSTER and 64-WESTMINSTER-SANTA ANA VIA BOLSA AVENUE will remain as before. Line 61-NEWPORT CENTER-SANTA ANA VIA JAMBOREE replaces the South Coast Plaza trips on Line 53 via Flower, Santa Ana, 5th, Main, MacArthur, Sunflower, Main, MacArthur (thru Orange County Airport), Jamboree, Eastbluff, Jamboree, San Joaquin Hills and Santa Rosa to Fashion Island. Except for operating on Bayside Drive between Coast Hwy and Jamboree Line 65-HUNTINGTON BEACH-BALBOA VIA IRVINE operates between Balboa and South Coast Plaza as before plus being extended to Huntington Beach via Sunflower, Harbor, Talbert and Beach to Main. Line 69-YORBA LINDA-SANTA ANA VIA CSUF AND GLASSELL begins at 6th and Flower via Flower, Santa Ana, 5th, Mortimer, Santa Ana, Grand/Glassell, Palm, Tustin (thru Mall of Orange), La Palma, Miller, Crowther, Bradford, Chapman, State College, Nutwood, Placentia, Yorba Linda and Fairmont to Cordova. Line 70-HUNTINGTON HARBOUR-SANTA ANA VIA EDINGER starts at 6th and Flower running via Flower, Santa Ana, 5th, Main, Chestnut, Standard, Edinger (thru Huntington Center), Bolsa Chica, Heil, Saybrook and Davenport to Algonquin. Line 74-LAGUNA HILLS-SANTA ANA VIA INTERSTATE 5 begins at 6th/Flower via Flower, Civic Center, Broadway, 10th, Spurgeon, Washington, Santiago, Santa Ana Freeway to El Toro Road and Laguna Hills. The return trip will be via SA Fwy, Grand, Santa Ana Blvd, Fuller, Washington, Broadway, Civic Center and Flower to 6th. Line 76-HUNTINGTON BEACH-TUSTIN VIA IRVINE is being extended on both ends. In Huntington buses will travel via Main and Orange to 17th instead of north to 5 Points. Upon arrival UCI buses will be extended along University, Culver, Irvine Blvd to Newport (Larwin Square). Line 82-WEST NEWPORT-IRVINE VIA COAST HIGHWAY is designed primarily to handle UCI traffic from the beach area. Starting at 32nd/Balboa buses travel Balboa, Coast Hwy, Jamboree, Ford, MacArthur, University, California, Bridge, Campus to UCI. Line 85-SAN CLEMENTE-LAGUNA HILLS VIA MONARCH BAY will begin at Laguna Hills Mall and travel via Paseo de Valencia, La Paz, Crown Valley, Coast Hwy, Granada, La Cresta, Golden Lantern, Coast Hwy, Doheny Park Road, Victoria, Camino Capistrano, Camino Estrella, Camino de Los Mares, Avenida Vaquero, Camino Capistrano, El Camino Real, Del Mar/Victoria, Madrid, Ola Vista, Califa, Del Presidente, San Luis Rey and El Camino Real to Camp Pendleton Gate. Line 91-CAPISTRANO BEACH-LAGUNA HILLS VIA MISSION VIEJO, which replaces in part LBMTL Line 4, will travel El Toro, Muirlands, La Paz, Marguerite, Crown Valley, Puerta Real, Marguerite, Avery (into Saddleback College), Marguerite/Rancho Viejo, Junipero Serra, Camino Capistrano, Del Obispo, Coast Hwy, San Diego Fwy and Camino Estrella to Grants Plaza. Line 110-LA HABRA DIAL A RIDE will remain as before. Line 132-CYPRESS-DISNEYLAND VIA ANAHEIM PLAZA is a combination of the former 132 and the East St/Sycamore leg of the former 127. Beginning at Lincoln and Moody the line travels Lincoln, Walker, Orange, Euclid, Romneya, West, Sycamore, East, South, Citron, Santa Ana, Walnut, Katella and West to Disneyland. Line 133-THE CITY-ORANGEFAIR MALL VIA STATE COLLEGE BLVD is a shortened version of the old. Starting at The City, buses travel City Drive (thru OCMC), Chapman, State College, Ball, East, Vermont, State College, Sycamore, East/Raymond, Orangethorpe, Lemon and Orangefair to Harbor. Line 138-WEST GARDEN GROVE-THE CITY VIA CHAPMAN begins at The City via City Drive and Chapman to Valley View. Line 143-TUSTIN-EAST 17TH-SOUTH FLOWER are the Tustin trips of 145 on a slightly different routing-Larwin Square via 1st, Newport, 17th, Broadway, Civic Center, Flower, St. Andrew, Standard, Warner, Halladay, Central and Main to St. Andrew. Line 145-NORTH GRAND-EAST 17TH-SOUTH FLOWER are the 4th and Mabury trips of the old 145. Line 146-TUSTIN-EAST 1ST-GREENVILLE continues as now except that while the 4th and Mabury trips will use Mabury between 1st and 4th the Tustin trips will travel on Golden Circle 1st to 4th. Operationally joined will be 21/35, 29/37, 41/43, 47/49, 51/53, 56/138, 57/91, 60/64, 74/85, 143/145/146.

NORTHGATE TRANSIT COMPANY (NTC)

DALY CITY: This cooperative operation, an off shoot of the long established Mission Street jitney service, started service about 15 years ago using an assorted fleet of converted delivery vans and minibus type vehicles. Today all 17 buses are transit types and most of these are TGH 3101/3102s. There are six lines in the system, all of which either serve or connect to the new BART/Daly City station -

1-SERRAMONTE VIA WESTLAKE/ST. FRANCIS HEIGHTS (Returns via Line 2)
2-SERRAMONTE VIA JUNIPERO SERRA/ST. FRANCIS HEIGHTS (Returns via Line 1)
3-PALISADES-FAIRMONT/SKYLINE COLLEGE (Thru routing)
4-BROADMOOR VIA HILLSIDE
5-BROADMOOR-STONESTOWN
6-DALY CITY-SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

1, 2, 3 operate to Mission/Templeton via BART
4, 6 terminate at BART

SERVICE TABLE

	WEEKDAYS				SATURDAY				SUNDAY			
Line No.	1st Bus	Last Bus	Hdwy	Reqd	1st Bus	Last Bus	Hdwy	Reqd	1st Bus	Last Bus	Hdwy	Reqd
1	600A	900P	20(Peak) 30(Noon) 60(Eve.)	5 4 1	600A	900P	30	3-Day 1-Eve	700A	900P	60	1
2	550A	645P	20(Peak) 30(Noon)	* *	615A	615P	60	*	730A	630P	60	1
3	610A	650P	60	2	No service				No service			
4	700A	630P	30-60	3(Peak) 2(Noon)	No service				No service			
5	705A	635P	20-30	#	No service				No service			
6	630A	630P	30	2	700A	600P	60	1	No service			
	Totals --			12(Peak) 10(Noon) 1(Eve.)				4(Day) 1(Eve)				2

*-Equipment requirements under Line 1 #-Equipment requirements under Line 4
Line 1, 2, 3 times shown from Mission and Templeton
Line 4, 6 times shown from BART/Daly City Line 5 times shown from Broadmoor

GRAY LINE TOURS COMPANY (GLOLA)

LOS ANGELES: A new paint scheme has been adopted for the PD4106s and suburbans. It is white from the roof to the belt rail, a wide red belt rail and silver below. There is also a thin red vertical stripe just above the side windows. Coach 4818 (TDH4801/241) has been repainted with a replica of a limosine adorning the sides. The bus is being used on special commute service for employees of Union Oil Co.

GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT (GGT)

SAN RAFAEL: A two year labor contract including an immediate 30 cent per hour wage hike (to $5.80) became effective April 1. Also included was a 15 cent hourly raise plus an undetermined cost-of-living increase October 1, COL increase Jan 1 and 40 more cents next April 1. To help finance the increased labor costs removal of the 25 cents per ticket discount on GGT commute tickets has been recommended to become effective June 1. Present cash fares to SF (75 cents to $1.50 depending on length of ride would remain the same.

ALBUQUERQUE TRANSIT SYSTEM (ATS)

ALBUQUERQUE: UMTA has approved the city's grant application for funds to purchase six new 45 seat buses. A $20.7 million bond issue before Albuquerque voters includes provision for funds to match 80 per cent federal grants and would enable the city to buy 52 more 45 seat buses and 30 small buses. ATS purchased three Flxettes (fleet nos. 101-103) last year which are painted in the system's new paint scheme - white over chrome yellow with broad red and blue bands below the belt rail. Coaches 401, 404 and 406 (TDH 4517s) have also been painted in this scheme.

MASS TRANSIT LINES, LTD. (MTL)

HONOLULU: MTL has found a small bus which can successfully be operated in the city's hilly areas - a 25 passenger Bluebird. After testing such a bus from MACKENZIE TOURS which is a one door, suburban style edition, it was decided that after modifying the front door, entrance steps and a few other items this model would perform well in the hills. Seven coaches will be ordered.

RAPID TRANSIT LINES, INC. (RTL)

HOUSTON: The City of Houston purchased RTL for $5.3 million effective April 14th. RTL will manage the system under contract with the city paying operating costs including salaries and fringe benefits. An application will soon be filed to buy 100 new buses and renovate the present fleet. The city may cancel the contract if a new areawide transit authority is created. RTL will now file a petition to rescind its recent request for a fare increase to 45 cents (WT 1/74).

TRI COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (TRI MET)

PORTLAND: TRI MET and VANCOUVER-PORTLAND BUS COMPANY began a limited transfer exchange April 1. TRI MET will issue transfers which will be honored by VPBC as fare to Hayden Island and VPBC will issue transfers to those boarding at Hayden Island bound for Portland destinations on TRI MET. Transfers will not be honored beyond Hayden Island for travel to/from Vancouver. The Flxible Company was selected to build 80 new 49 passenger air conditioned buses ($55,857 per bus-185 day delivery).

BREMERTON-TACOMA STAGES (BTS)

TACOMA: BTS began new service last November 16 between Bremerton, Poulsbo and Winslow with two round trips Monday thru Friday. Service being handled with 4106s with EVERGREEN TRAILS markings. ET now controls BTS and the even numbered buses used may be former PACIFIC TRAILWAYS units.

INTERCITY TRANSIT (IT)

OLYMPIA: IT, which provides city bus service in Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater now has a fleet of four Twin Coach TC 29s and two TDH 3612s. 1974 plans for adding 6 new buses with eight in daily operation to provide half hourly headways on all five lines. A new maintenance facility is to be constructed in connection with the city and five passenger shelters, thirty bus benches and new bus stop signs are planned.

STEVENS STAGE LINE (SSL)

PORT TOWNSEND: Using either a 33 passenger Flxible Clipper or Checker Aerobus SSL is now running the Port Townsend to Center GREYHOUND connecting service.

MEETING DATES

Next Meeting: May 12 - 700 PM

Future Meeting: June 9 - 700 PM

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CLUB NEWS

New Member #131 - Steve Edwards, Lafayette, California

Ten WTS Members and guests enjoyed a delightful day in Bakersfield and Lancaster as our group visited GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT, ANTELOPE VALLEY BUS, INC., KERN COUNTY BUS SYSTEM and ORANGE BELT STAGES.

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SUBURBAN COMMUTER SERVICE (SCS)

PICO RIVERA: PUC hearings are scheduled May 16th on SCS' applications to lift the present restriction of Line 3-SIMI VALLEY-LOS ANGELES whereby no local passengers may be handled south of Santa Susana St. and Chatsworth St., to increase both cash and ticket fares and add an additional route to/from Simi via the Wilshire district. It is planned to ask that the restriction be moved eastward to Devonshire & Woodman to allow passengers along Devonshire ride to and from downtown Los Angeles. One way Los Angeles/Simi fares would rise from $1.25 to $1.75, Chatsworth/Simi fares 75¢ to $1.00 and Los Angeles/Simi ticket books from $11.25 to $13.75. The Wilshire route would be routed via Hollywood Fwy, Highland, Melrose, Rossmore, Wilshire into the downtown area. The route directly along the Hollywood Freeway would continue as now.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

Company	Vehicle Nos	Builder	Model/Serial	Notes
NEW				
Orange County Transit	601-663	Flxible	45102-8-1/58541-58603	36 fwd facing seats
Huntington Park Dial A Ride	10-11	Dodge	Tradesman 300	16 hi back
Golden Empire Transit	(3301	GMC	TDH3302A/220	33 seat, AC
	(2201	Twin	TC25/497	22 seat, AC
Intercity Transit	-	Twin	TC29/25150-25153	
Vancouver (Wash) Transit	77-82	Twin	TC31/25203-25208	
City of Helena (Montana)	-	Twin	TC25/25218-25219	
City of Billings (Montana)	-	Twin	TC31/25297-25301	
Everett Transit System	-	Twin	TC31/25478-25495	
USED				
Antelope Valley Bus, Inc	(501	MCI	MC5/5034	GLW 2582
	(2324,2424,	GMC	PD4104/1418,1999,	CST C5632D,
	(2524		3215	Leisure 219, PBL II10
Kingsmen Transportation	4301-4303	GMC	PD4501/-,019,596	-,GLW 1252, GLW 8211
Joint Powers Agency	3972,3999	GMC	TDH4517/720,767	EPCL 3972,99
Douglas Bus Lines	(208	GMC	TDH4801/054	Mark IV 442
	(210	GMC	TDH5103/303	SCS 2801
WEST COAST BUSES NOW IN THE EAST				
Lake Shore Motor Coach Lines (Ogden)	1101-1105	GMC	TDH3501/776-778, 1047-1048	To Hudson Bus Lines 6701,05,02,03,04
Salt Lake City Lines	(3516-3520	GMC	TDH4509/1787-1791	To Union St Rwy 503, 500,501,504, 507,508,502
	(3774,3776	GMC	TDH4509/2222,2224	
SCRTD	(2747,63,68,74,93		TDH5103/048,064,069,	To Greater
	(2819,21,22,25,59		075,094,120, 122,123,302, 561	Portland Transp. 505, 508,507,503, 502,504,501, 510,509,506

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AUTOBUSES INTERNACIONALES (AI)

EL PASO: The El Paso City Council has approved a resolution allowing AI to operate between downtown El Paso and downtown Juarez to help fill the gap caused by the discontinuance of EPCL's International Carline (WT 9/73). When this service begins the present City of El Paso streetcars will stop pending extension of the route to the Civic Center and Chamizal National Memorial.