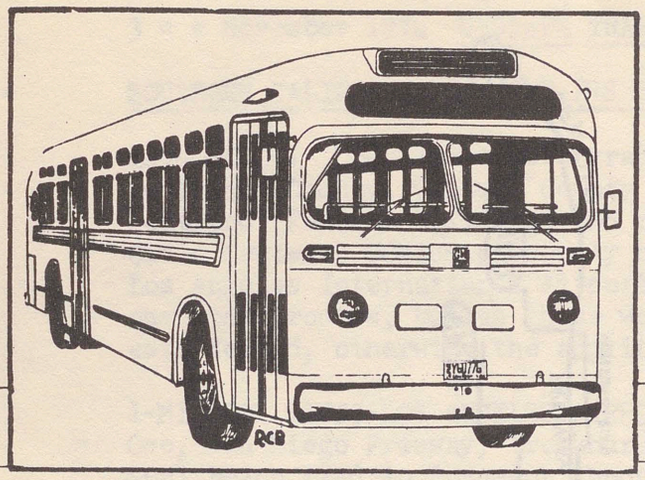


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SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORPORATION (SDTC)

SAN DIEGO: SDTC's new Flxible coaches, fleet numbers 701-725, arrived on the property (See Equipment Report) and are one door 49 seaters with luggage racks. They will be used on the express routes and have only those routes on the destination signs, all with red backgrounds. The PD 4104s will continue to be used on Line 90-HEARTLAND EXPRESS which operates Monday thru Friday from 630AM until 930PM on an all day 15 minute headway. Except during the rush hours alternate trips (designated 90A) bypass Grossmont Center (WT 10/74). Bids will be requested next month for 100 regular 53 seat transit type coaches and an additional 30 Mercedes Benz Model 0309 coaches are on order. Line 55-CORONADO SHUTTLE (WT 10/74) operates midday only on weekdays with no evening or weekend service and requires one Mercedes. Three additional lines in the El Cajon/Santee area are now on the drawing boards as well as another express line to San Diego State University from Ocean Beach (shades of the former BUG LINE - Ed. Note).

GREYHOUND LINES - WEST (GLW)

SAN FRANCISCO: GLW has filed application with the Public Utilities Commission seeking to abandon all local services in Route Group 12 (San Diego to San Ysidro) retaining only through service along the Freeway. Although the application does not so state SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORPORATION's 25 cent fare between San Diego and the International Border has affected GLW's patronage.

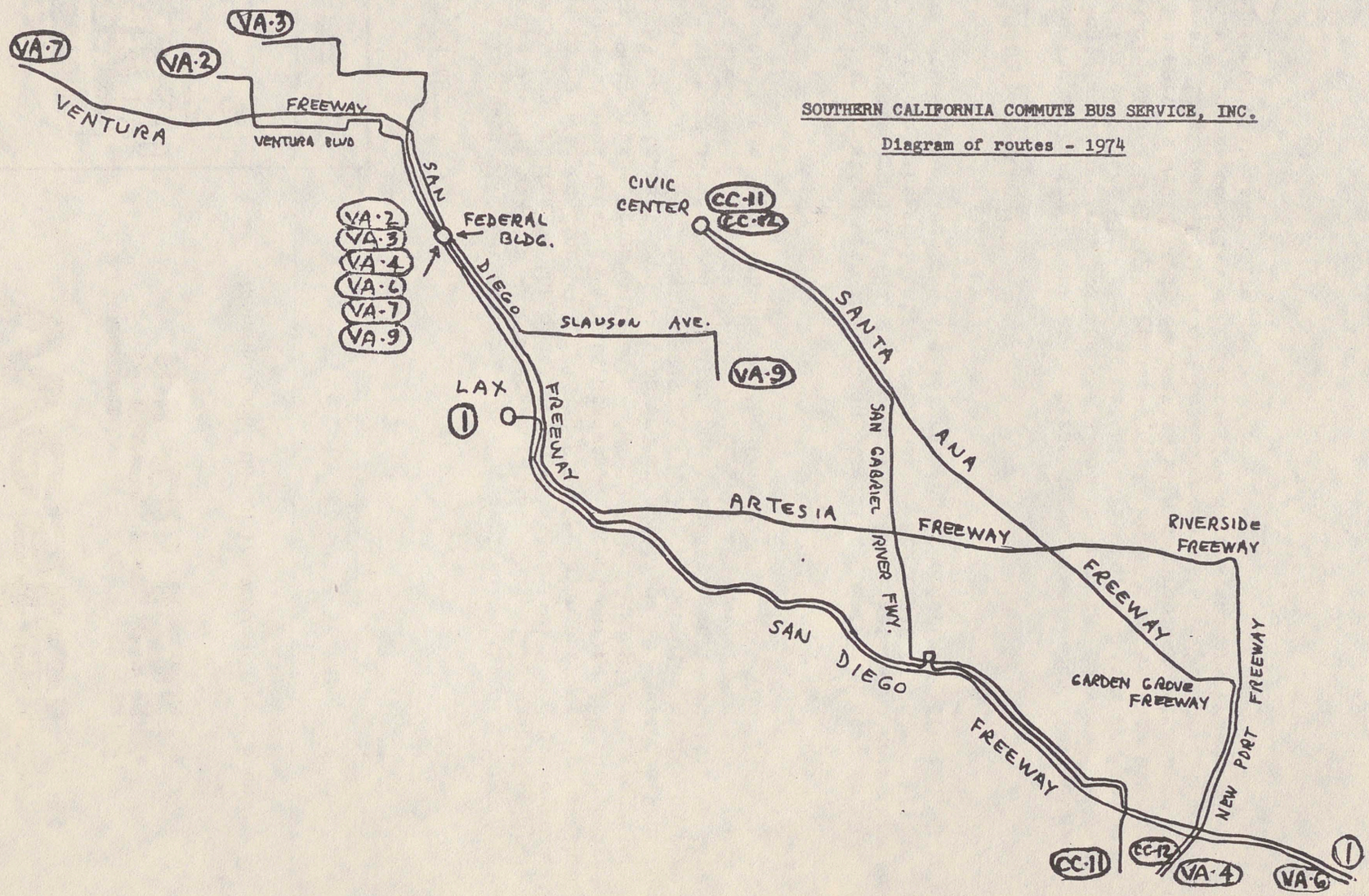
OVERLAND BUTTERFIELD STAGECOACH, INC. (OBSI)

NEWPORT BEACH: OBSI is seeking authority to operate a horse drawn stage coach line between Solvang and Los Olivos. Route would be from Solvang via Alamo Rd thru the tiny community of Ballard and via Pintado Rd to Los Olivos with stop at Mattei's Tavern, an historic landmark). Return trip is via Ballard Canyon and Chalk Hill Roads, a distance of 6 miles each way with a two hour trotting time. The service would be in connection with a three day package tour into the Santa Ynez Valley area and local passengers would be accommodated at $25.00 round trip on a space available basis only. The corporation owns forty five horses and one brand new concord type stage coach - equipped with seat belts.

SEND IN 1975 RENEWALS EARLY --- BEAT THE CROWD

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUTE BUS SERVICE, INC.

Diagram of routes - 1974



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMMUTE BUS SERVICE, INC. (COMBUS)

LONG BEACH: COMBUS has been granted a Passenger Stage Certificate between points in Orange County, Ventura County and Los Angeles County and places of employment in Westwood (Federal Building) and other nearby communities and also to the Los Angeles Civic Center. COMBUS presently holds PSC to operate between Mission Viejo and the Los Angeles International Airport industrial plants. Applicant had requested numerous other routes, but as these were in conflict with existing SCRTD services they were denied, otherwise the application was granted as requested. Routes include:

1-MISSION VIEJO-LOS ANGELES AIRPORT: Oso Parkway & Goleta Drive, Mission Viejo, via Oso, San Diego Freeway, Brookhurst, Warner, San Diego Freeway, Valley View, Lampson, Seal Beach Blvd to Rossmoor Shopping Center, return to San Diego Freeway, Inglewood Avenue, Compton Blvd, Aviation to Rosecrans, Aviation to Alaska, Aviation, El Segundo to McDonnell Douglas area.
VA2-WEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY-WESTWOOD: Fallbrook & Victory via Victory, Topanga, Ventura, Ventura Freeway, Reseda, Burbank, Balboa, Burbank, Sepulveda, San Diego Fwy, Wilshire to Federal Building.
VA3-NORTH SAN FERNANDO VALLEY-WESTWOOD: Devonshire & Canoga via Devonshire, Reseda, Roscoe, Sepulveda, San Diego Freeway, Wilshire to Federal Building.
VA4-NORTH ORANGE COUNTY-WESTWOOD: 17th & Newport Freeway via Newport Freeway, River-Freeway, Artesia Freeway, San Diego Freeway, Wilshire to Federal Building.
VA6-MIS ION VIEJO-WESTWOOD: Oso Parkway & San Diego Freeway via San Diego Freeway, Wilshire to Federal Building.
VA7-SOUTHWEST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY-WESTWOOD: Westlake & Ventura Freeway via Ventura Freeway, San Diego Freeway, Wilshire to Federal Building.
VA9-SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES-WESTWOOD: Long Beach & Firestone Blvds via Long Beach, Pacific Blvd, Slauson Avenue, San Diego Freeway, Wilshire to Federal Building.
CC11-HUNTINGTON BEACH-DOWNEY-CIVIC CENTER: Brookhurst & Adams, Huntington Beach, via Brookhurst, Warner, San Diego Freeway, San Gabriel River Freeway, Santa Ana Freeway to Los Angeles Civic Center.
CC12-TUSTIN-BUENA PARK-CIVIC CENTER: 17th & Newport Freeway via Newport Freeway, Garden Grove Freeway, Santa Ana Freeway to Civic Center.

There are no details available now as to routing in the Civic Center area and many of the routes have authority to veer off the freeway for a passenger stop then back to the freeway and this is not detailed unless the routing goes further off the freeway.

GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT (GGT)

SAN RAFAEL: October 7th saw a number of changes in GGT Sonoma County services. Line 71-COTATI-SONOMA STATE COLLEGE was extended on both ends, northward to Santa Rosa and southward to Petaluma. Service operates hourly Monday/Friday 600AM/1000PM requiring three buses. 76-EAST PETALUMA-ROHNERT PARK-SAN FRANCISCO was revised so that all trips bypass downtown Petaluma and instead serve East Petaluma and all trips begin or end in Rohnert Park rather than Santa Rosa. 78-SAN FRANCISCO-COTATI-SEBASTOPOL, which consists of five commute hour round trips serving Sebastopol, Cotati, Penngrove, Old Redwood Highway and East Petaluma, was also inaugurated.

THE TIME IS RIGHT TO SEND IN YOUR 1975 WESTERN TRANSIT RENEWALS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (RTD)

LOS ANGELES: The recent strike against RTD (WT 10/74) of 68 days duration ended on Saturday October 19th with the return of bus service. Mechanics, represented by the Amalgamated Transit Union, ratified 464-37 a new contract on October 10th calling for a 24 per cent increase over two years, 12.5 the first year and 11.5 the second year. Operators approved 1709-1001 a two year contract raising the previous hourly rate of $5.32 to $5.62 retroactive to June 1st, the final day of the previous contract, $6.00 an hour upon return to work, $6.10 on 6/1/75 and $6.21 on 12/1/75. Cost Of Living adjustments will be made on 3/1/75, 9/1/75 and 3/1/76. Total wages and COL will bring base pay to $6.81 an hour by May 31, 1976, the expiration of these wage pacts. During the strike Los Angeles Mayor Thomas Bradley spent three days in Sacramento attempting to convince the Legislature that binding arbitration might be necessary to end the work stoppage. Although the legislature did not enact anything, it is expected that during the 1975 session legislation dealing with the subject of public employee strikes may be enacted. Chances are that safeguards against strikes will be included in a bill to be introduced restructiring the transit district's 11 member Board of Directors (WT 10/74).

Extension of Line 46-HUNTINGTON PARK-SLAUSON AVENUE-LADERA PARK-CULVER CITY-MARINA DEL REY took place on October 19th. From the former terminal of Slauson and Fairfax hourly service 600AM/700PM Monday/Saturday has been extended via Slauson, Buckingham, Green Valley Circle, Sepulveda, Slauson, Jefferson, Centinela, Nixon Freeway, Mindanao Way, La Villa Marina, Fiji Way, Admirality Way, Via Marina, Pacific and Washington to Palawan Way.

Using 5172-5199 class TDH 4801s from Division 10 Line 119-WASHINGTON BLVD.-BALDWIN AVENUE began on October 27th. From Lincoln and Woodbury in West Pasadena buses run via Lincoln, Washington, Altadena Dr, Orange Grove, Rosemead, Foothill, Baldwin and Huntington Drive into Santa Anita Fashion Park. Half hourly headways (4 buses) are operated Monday/Saturday 600AM/1000PM with 40 minute Sunday service (3 buses) during the same hours. Buses on the first day were: BR 1-5172, BR 2-5194, BR 3-5191.

Line 150-LONG BEACH-SANTA MONICA was started on Sunday October 27th. Operated out of Division 12 the line operates on a daily schedule of hourly service between Long Beach and Redondo Beach and two hourly headways north of Redondo to Santa Monica 700AM/1000PM (WT 6/74). This line is a direct replacement for GREYHOUND LINES-WEST service whose abandonment was approved by the Public Utilities Commission during the strike.

Line 125-LOS ANGELES-SOUTH BAY-ROLLING HILLS-MARINELAND FLYER has had a third leg - Limited - added which operates two peak hour commute round trips in addition to the six trips on the 125 Commuter Flyer leg. Limiteds operate from Rolling Hills via regular Line 125 route to Hawthorne and Carson, then non stop via Hawthorne to Artesia rejoining the 125 routing toward Los Angeles.

The first of the 51 seat 3100-3299 series T8H5307As arrived on Monday October 28th at Division 2. The coaches sport a new paint design - the black window effect, a chrome yellow cumberbund and saddle tan in the usual areas. The coaches also have roof escape hatches, the first RTD buses so equipped but now a federal regulation for safety purposes.

The San Fernando Valley will receive new and extended services beginning on Sunday November 3rd (routing and schedule details will appear in December WT).

LONG BEACH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LBPTC)

LONG BEACH: September 29th saw the combining of Lines 2-SANTA FE AVENUE-CHERRY AVE. and 15-DEL AMO BOULEVARD into a single line. The new service begins at Del Amo and Bloomfield operating along Del Amo, southward along Santa Fe, through downtown Long Beach and loops northward to two separate North Long Beach terminals. The former 20/40 headway was reduced to 15/30. Medicare cards have replaced the special identification cards which were required to allow Senior Citizens to ride LBPTC buses for ten cents.

LAKE TAHOE BUS SERVICE

LAKE TAHOE: Owners of hotels, motels, casinos and ski resorts have joined Placer County officials and the North Lake Tahoe Chamber of Commerce in sponsoring a free bus service for four months this winter leasing six buses from KENNEY TRANSPORTATION COMPANY of San Francisco. The buses will serve Tahoe City, Truckee, Stateline, Kings Beach, Homewood and the resort areas between them.

PATTERSON TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (Jim Patterson dba)

UNION CITY: Using a fleet of four Mercedes Benz 19 seat Model 0309 buses (1-4) PTC began operations on October 14th. Three commuter routes, ALVARADO, CASA VERDE and DECOTO, operate on half hourly headways 530AM/800AM and 400PM/700PM all serving BART/Union City and between 800AM/400PM and 700PM/900PM two shoppers routes, ALVARADO and UNION SQUARE operate hourly. Fare is ten cents one way or twenty cents for an all day pass. Negotiations for a transfer agreement to/from BART are underway.

INTRA CITY BUS SYSTEMS - PART XI

SAN JACINTO TRANSIT SYSTEM is now operating a special Monday and Friday only service to Hemet. Traversing the city from 8AM to 9AM the bus then serves the Riverside County Building, Hemet Valley Hospital and Social Security enroute to Hemet. Return is scheduled for 215PM. Hemet's city councilmen have agreed upon creation of a nine city joint authority to operate a transit system in western Riverside County. No mention of money was made awaiting all cities action. NORWALK TRANSIT SYSTEM is to purchase two more Flxettes and one handicapped Dial A Ride vehicle which will operate upon demand to any part of Norwalk for 10 cents and will also transport passengers to Rancho Los Amigos in Downey so that NTS will cover parts of La Mirada, Bellflower, Santa Fe Springs, Cerritos and Downey. Effective November 1st HUNTINGTON PARK DIAL A RIDE will charge 25¢ for everyone regardless of age. Starting the day after Thanksgiving three vehicles will be in operation thru Christmas Eve at present hours and 1 bus will run for 5½ hours on Sunday.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (SCCTD)

SAN JOSE: Originally scheduled for a September 16th start the new arterial routes and Dial A Ride service areas have been postponed for at least two months. Problems in current labor negotiations, delivery delays on the 135 Twin Coaches and construction delays at the new North County operations base on Macon Ave in Mountain View, near the Bayshore Freeway and immediately west of Moffat Naval Air Station. Since July the TC31s have been operating "test runs" in the DAR zones, testing out the computer dispatch system, training operators and picking up "phantom" passengers on computer designed routes.

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REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (RTD)

DENVER: The Mountain Ride, the second major extension into RTD's mountain communities, offers a commuter route from Conifer to Denver. The morning and evening bus service connects the mountain communities along U. S. Hignway 285 to Conderella City, the Broadway/Lincoln corridor and downtown Denver. Douglas County residents now have a new shuttle service for shoppers on Thursdays and Fridays. On Thursday the bus operates from the Franktown area to Buckingham Square and University Hills while on Friday the bus travels from Castle Rock/Sedalia to Southglenn and Cinderella City Shopping Centers. On Tuesday and Thursdays only new local service within Brighton and a round trip from Brighton to Northglenn and Thornton (North Valley Center). Three additional Mercedes Benz buses have been added in Longmont doubling service and new routes were established in the northeast and southeast areas of the city.

GALVESTON TRANSIT COMPANY (GTC)

GALVESTON! GTC officials have told the city that the current $69,000 subsidy paid by the city to the company must be increased or the bus firm will be forced out of business. There are three options - cut the subsidy and let the firm die, continue the present system or build a new system consisting of 15 new buses, a new garage and downtown terminal.

HOUSTON TRANSIT SYSTEM (HOUTRAN)

HOUSTON: Seven lines have received service extensions in the first wave of changes under city ownership. JENSEN-HIRSCH will be extended to provide midday service in the Lakewood area rather than rush hours only. ALABAMA, which now ends at Greenridge & Richmond will be extended to Sharpstown Shopping Center and night service which ends in the 2600 block of Richmond after 700 PM will be extended to the 5000 block. MEYERLAND shuttle service will be extended on weekdays between the Willowbend and Greenway Plaza areas. A new JENSEN-LAKEWOOD route will cover the area now served by the LIBERTY-LAKEWOOD route. The SOUTHMORE line will be extended from South Park to Hartman Junior High. BELLAIRE will be extended to Braeburn Terrace during weekday peak hours and a new WASHINGTON-SPRING BRANCH line will begin with service to Memorial City Shopping Center via Hammerly.

TRI COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (TRI MET)

PORTLAND: Numerous service improvements are scheduled for next January 12th. A new BEAVERTON LOCAL line will operate each half hour over two legs from the Park and Ride station at Broadway and Lombard, to/from the Tektronix complex off SW Jenkins or to/from the Industrial Park and SW Allen Blvd. OREGON CITY LOCAL's service hours will be expanded to begin at 630AM ending at 1130PM. New peak hour schedules (three trips) between Canby and Oregon City will begin and a new line between LAKE OSWEGO-SUNSET begins. The new GRESHAM-LLOYD CENTER line will run weekdays between 6AM/10PM running from Gresham on East Burnside and 102nd to Gateway, then express on Banfield Freeway to Lloyd Center before continuing to city center. This will add service on seven miles of Burnside presently served by parallel lines on Glisan and Stark. TRI MET has placed an option on 15 TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION PCCs. Thirteen are ex Kansas City cars and two are ex Birmingham Pullmans. The specific KC cars are 4750, 4751, 4756, 4759, 4761, 4762, 4765, 4766, 4767, 4772, 4773, 4774 and 4779. The others will be selected when the option is exercised.

MEETING DATES

November 10, December 8, January 12
700 PM

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EQUIPMENT REPORT

Property	Vehicle Nos	Builder	Model/Serial	Notes
NEW				
San Diego Transit Corp	701-725	Flxible	53102-8-1/58942-58966	49 seat
Golden Empire Transit	4101-4114	Flxible	45096-8-1/58967-58980	41 seat
Norwalk Transit System	110-121	Flxible	512-XE-F73-19/	19 seat
City of Tucson	(1462,63,73	GMC	T6H4523A/832,833,831	Leased from
	(1474-1479	GMC	T8H5308A/179-184	ATC
	(1481,84,88	GMC	T8H5308A/175,185,178	"
Allen Transportation Co	714	GMC	P8M4905A/533	47, RR
Golden Gate Transit	861-892	GMC	T8H5307A/2206-2237	45 recl
Holiday Lines	212	Prevost	P-640-2275-74	47, RR
Associated Chtr Bus Co	(5003-5004	B&C	04E/1314-1315	50 recl seat
	(5010-5011*	B&C	04E/1337-1338	suburbans
USED				
Prescott-Whipple Stage	118-119	Flxible	571-LE-F6-1/FX118,119	Gray Line-Reno 113-4
Combus	(4701-4702	GMC	PD4501/516,-	Fiestacoach 4704-4705
	(5301	Flxible	FD6V-401-7/35005	Ex-
Arrow Charter Lines	1207-1209	GMC	PD4106/1014,984,970	GLW 7784, 7754, 7740
California Chtr Buses	58	GMC	PD4106/1987	LTR 161
City of Tucson (all	1312	GMC	TDH4519/045	Gray Line-Miam
leased	1648-1651	GMC	TDH4519/1362-1363, 1374-1375	OCTD 111-114
from ATC)	1738-1739	GMC	TDH4519/1732-1733	GL-Miami
	1831	GMC	T6H4521A/104	GL-Miami
	1834,44,45	GMC	T6H4521A/094,107,108	Huskie Bus Lines (Ill)
	1926-1927	GMC	T6H4521A/347-348	OCTD 131-132
	1832-1833	GMC	T6H4521A/105-106	OCTD 121-122
Salinas City Lines	206	GMC	TDH4801/049	BRT 126
Four Winds Transportation	503	Kass	SE/27846	CDL 12704
Douglas Bus Lines	4601	Kass	SE/58101	CWL 14708
Great Western Stage Lines	6593	B&C	01SE/6593	CCL 13751
Safeway Lines & Tour Co	620	Crown	A-504-11/32647	Ex-
Chapman Transportation	unnumb	Dodge	B37EE3Y040473	Sportsman Model-14 seat
DISPOSITIONS				
Prescott-Whipple Stages	1-2	GMC	TGH3102/1421,1424	To Boulder City CC
Bay Rapid Transit Co	(110	GMC	TDH4509/741	scrapped
	(128	GMC	TDH4801/057	pvt party

*-There are approximately ten additional suburban style Eagles which were originally destined for a German company-fleet and serial numbers presently not available