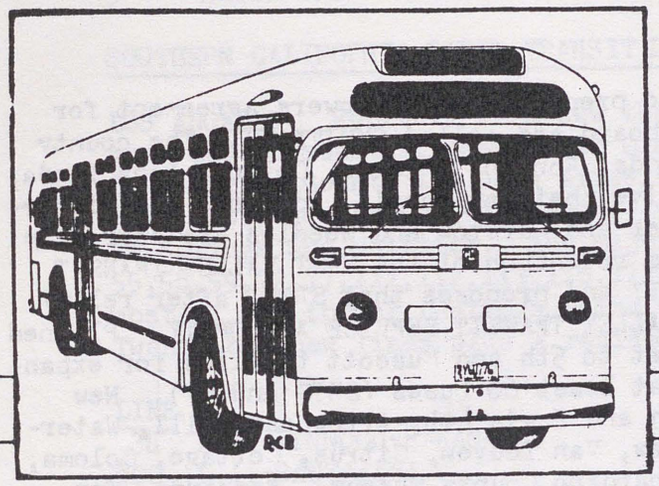


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LONG BEACH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LBPTCo)

LONG BEACH: LBPTCo changed six of their lines to correspond with the inauguration of the Mid Cities Improvement Program on February 22. Both branches of Line 1-EASY AVE-PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY were extended, the Studebaker leg east from Navy Hospital via Carson, Norwalk, Wardlow to Studebaker (connecting in Hawaiian Gardens with RTD 823, 825, 830 and OCTD 42) while the Palo Verde leg was extended from Palo Verde and Candlewood via PV and South Street to Cerritos Center. The Cherry Avenue leg of 2-SANTA FE AVE-CHERRY AVE was extended from Artesia and Cherry via Cherry to Alondra with a similar routing along Paramount replaced by RTD and the Downey Avenue leg was extended to Alondra from Jackson. 7-ORANGE AVENUE was extended northward along Orange from 71st to Rosecrans and the Woodruff Avenue leg of 9-EAST 7TH-BELLFLOWER was sent from Ashworth Street along Woodruff to Alondra and 15-DEL AMO BLVD-LAKEWOOD was rerouted inside the Lakewood Shopping Center. The Lakewood Blvd leg of 11-BROADWAY-LAKEWOOD-CLARK was short cut to Lakewood Center from Ashworth Street. Under study is a new line from downtown Long Beach to the new Cal State University and Colleges headquarters building presently under construction at the foot of Golden Shore. All of these extensions will increase LBPTCo's annual mileage from 5.5 to 6.3 million. Dial-A-Ride service for physically handicapped persons in Long Beach, Lakewood and Signal Hill began on January 15. Passengers are picked up at their homes and delivered to their destination by one of six specially designed buses (Dodge Sportvans with Far West conversions). The buses have hydraulic lifts for wheelchairs and special belts to anchor the chairs and also have three seats because it is expected some persons will be accompanied by an escort. One way fare is 50 cents (10 ride cards available @ $3.50) and patrons are requested to call in one day in advance if possible. The service is being operated under contract with the DIAMOND CAB COMPANY. LBPTCo directors have approved a plan to change from tokens to monthly passes for those riding at lower fares, but the effective date will not be known until arrangements for printing passes are completed and distribution outlets are established although it is believed the 60 outlets presently selling tokens will sell passes. There will be two types of passes, $10 for general use and $4 for Senior Citizens and present Student passes will not be affected. Tokens will continue to be honored for one year and negotiations will be started with RTD to work out an agreement on transferring between the systems or honoring each others' passes. Lines 1776 and 1976, the Belmont Shore and North Long Beach Minibus routes, together lost over $7,100 during January. Daily ridership on 17 was 42 a day with 10 a day on 19.

ROBERT G. HAGER BUS SERVICE (Robert G. Hager dba)

FRESNO. HBS which had been operating a home to work commute service between Reedley and Selma/Fowler has discontinued service due to lack of patronage and its certificate has been cancelled by the Public Utilities Commission.

SAN BERNARDINO TRANSIT SYSTEM (SBTS)

SAN BERNARDINO: City and county officials have agreed to prepare a joint powers agreement for a merger of bus operations in the county under a single board and called OMNITRANS. The county and the 10 city councils involved (San Bernardino, Redlands, Fontana, Rialto, Colton, Loma Linda, Chino, Montclair, Ontario and Upland) will all need to give their approval. Adelanto and Victorville are waiting and it is thought they will buy in later and Barstow and Needles are currently excluded as they have no bus service. The plan envisions retention of the WEST VALLEY TRANSIT SERVICE AUTHORITY, VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT SERVICE AUTHORITY and proposes that SBTS, after relinquishing its operating functions to OT be renamed EAST VALLEY TRANSIT SERVICE AUTHORITY. Planned in the next year is a move of SBTS from 163 South G Street to 5th and Muscott to allow for expansion of the fleet and installation of two way radios in at least 60 buses (SBTS and OT). New Line 17-LOMA LINDA was started on February 2nd - from 4th and E via 4th, Arrowhead, Mill, Waterman, University, Anderson, Prospect, Barton, Mountain View, Van Leuven, Citrus, Cottage, Coloma, Park, Poplar, Redlands, California (to serve new San Bernardino County Museum), Redlands, Tennessee, State, Citrus, Orange to Redlands. Hourly service 645A-645P Monday-Saturday is operated using 2 buses, usually 300 series TGH 3102s. Loma Linda's SB 325 contribution of $17,000 will go for this service instead of $23,000 for its share of Line 14 which the county is now paying. Line 14-POMONA-YUCAIPA VIA SAN BERNARDINO was greatly expanded on February 2nd. It now operates from Indian Hill Village at the Los Angeles County line to San Antonio Hospital in Upland, then as before to Yucaipa, but its eastern terminal is now Yucaipa instead of Calimesa as OT is operating hourly service between those cities (WT 12/75). Hourly headways are maintained end to end 6AM-8PM Monday-Saturday with hourly Sunday service only between Yucaipa and Redlands. Between Redlands and Yucaipa the line was rerouted via Sand Canyon and Crafton Hills College eliminating the need for OT's REDLANDS-YUCAIPA line (WT 12/75). Line 14 routing is from Indian Hill Village via Mills, Holt, Central, Moreno/7th, Mountain, Arrow, San Bernardino Rd, Grove, Arrow, Sierra, Foothill/5th, F St, 4th, Arrowhead, 2nd, Sierra, Mill, Tippecanoe, Anderson, Barton, Brookside, Eureka, Redlands, Cajon, Cypress, Citrus, Wabash, Sand Canyon, Crafton Hills College roadways and Yucaipa Blvd to 4th. Two weekday AM and PM trips in each direction divert from regular Arrow Highway routing via Cherry, San Bernardino Ave and Etiwanda to serve Kaiser Steel Corp. The line now requires 5 buses and 1000 series Flxible 45102-8-1s are used.

OMNITRANS (OT)

SAN BERNARDINO: On February 17th the City of Fontana received an additional line using the bus gleened from REDLANDS-YUCAIPA (see SBTS story) and a revision on the old route. The old route, NORTH FONTANA, meets Line 14 at Sierra and Arrow via Arrow, Palmetto, Merrill, Alder, Arrow, Locust, San Bernardino, Alder, Randall, Sierra, Foothill, Laurel, Baseline, Locust, Miller, Sierra, Highland, Jacaranda, Carter, Maloof, Highland, Tokay, Los Cedros, Citrus, Miller, Cypress and Arrow to Sierra. The new line, SOUTH FONTANA, begins at Arrow and Sierra via Sierra, Slover, Live Oak, Santa Ana, Calabash, Slover, Cherry, Valley, Sierra, San Bernardino, Citrus, Randall, Hemlock, Athol, Beech, Merrill, Juniper and Arrow to Sierra. A commuter's extension on this line runs at 715A, 815A, 315P and 415P along Randall to Cherry to Merrill and regular route serving Kaiser Steel during shift changes. 13 hour service is offered Monday thru Saturday with 10 hours on Sunday each line using one bus. Dial-A-Ride service began in Ontario and Upland on January 6th running 9AM/6PM Monday/Friday, each area provided with two station wagons painted in OT colors by PAUL'S YELLOW CAB OF POMONA. Potential riders need to call in advising the operator their location, the destination, phone number at pick up point and number of people to be transported and the DAR vehicle will usually arrive within 30 minutes. Subscription service is also available. Fare is 50 cents per trip and transfers will be available to OMNITRANS. This service is being operated on the Exact Fare system and Senior Citizens will be charged half fare.

SAN DIEGO ECONOMY LINE, INC. (SDEL)

SAN DIEGO: SDEL has petitioned the PUC for removal of restrictions against handling of local passengers between Chula Vista and the International Border at San Ysidro on its COLLEGE GROVE-SAN YSIDRO line since the discontinuance of GREYHOUND LINES service in the area.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (RTD)

LOS ANGELES: February 22nd saw the inauguration of the Mid Cities Improvement Program and substantial changes in Orange County operations. The Mid Cities Area of Los Angeles County includes Artesia, Bell, Bellflower, Bell Gardens, Cerritos, Downey, Hawaiian Gardens, Lakewood, La Mirada, Norwalk, Paramount, Pico Rivera, Santa Fe Springs and Whittier. The majority of existing lines linethe area (38,45,46,54, 55,58,59,72,77,111,112,113,116,117,118,124,132,136,137 and 363) were cancelled with most of the former routings being incorporated into a new 800 series of service routes. Twenty one new lines plus a revised 34 line comprise the new services:

LINE		DIV	EQPMT	MON/FRI	SAT	SUN
34	L.A.-LYNWOOD-PARAMOUNT	12	7400	60*	60	60
800	L.A.-SANTA ANA	11,22	72,7300	60*	60	60
801	L.A.-NORWALK VIA SF SPRGS	11	20,7200	30*	30	60
802	L.A.-BUENA PK-DISNEYLAND	11,22	72,7300	60*	60	60
820	L.A.-WHITTIER-LA HABRA-PUENTE HILLS	9,11	23,60,66, 7300	(15/30* (	15/30	20/60
821	PICO RIVERA-CERRITOS CNTR	9	6000	30	30	60
822	L.A.-WHITTIER-LA MIRADA	9	60,7300	20/60	20/60	20/60
823	NORWALK-HAWAIIAN GARDENS	12	5200	60	60	-
824	HUNTINGTON PARK-BELL GARDENS	2	40,4200	20	30	30
825	HAWAIIAN GARDENS-WHITTIER	9	4000	30	30	60
826	HUNTINGTON PK-PARAMOUNT	2	40,4200	20/60	30/60	30/60
827	EL MONTE-CERRITOS	9,12	55,6000	30*	30	60
828	MARINA DEL REY-PARAMOUNT	5	5800	15/30	20/60	20/60
829	PASADENA-LAKEWOOD-SEAL BEACH	9,12	55,6000	15/30	30/60	60
830	WHITTWOOD CENTER-BELLFLOWER	9	4000	60	60	60
831	PICO RIVERA-LAKEWOOD	9	4000	30	30	60
832	PLAYA DEL REY-HAWAIIAN GDNS	4	32,5400	15/30	15/30	20/60
836	IMPERIAL HIGHWAY	18	57,5800	15/30	15/30	20/60
840	ROSECRANS AVENUE	18	5800	30	30	60
844	ALONDRA BOULEVARD	12	5200	30	30	60
846	ARTESIA BOULEVARD	18	5800	30	30	60
860	LONG BEACH-DISNEYL-RIVERSIDE	12,13	5600	60/120	60/120	60/120

Headways shown are during base periods and those starred (*) lines have added rush hour service along all or a portion of the line

Line 34 (except Freeway Flyer) was truncated between Paramount and Bellflower-from RTD Depot via 6th, San Pedro, 7th, Alameda, Fernwood, Atlantic, Alondra to Hunsaker. The one Bellflower Freeway Flyer continues on the former routing leaving Bellflower 640A and RTD Depot 513P and is the only thru service between Los Angeles and Bellflower. To speed up service between Los Angeles and Orange Counties former Line 58 was discontinued and replaced by three new lines. 800 starts at RTD Depot via 6th, Boyle, 8th, Santa Ana Fwy, Paramount, Gallatin, Lakewood, SA Fwy, Pioneer, Rosecrans, Carmenita, SA Fwy, Artesia, Manchester, Orangethorpe, thru Fullerton Park/Ride lot, Magnolia, SA Fwy, Ball, West, Katella, SA Fwy, Garden Grove Fwy, Main and 2nd to Sycamore (RTD Station). Interlined with 800 is 802 which operates the same as 800 to Buena Park, then via Beach, Lincoln, Euclid, Crescent, Loara, Wilshire, Lincoln, Manchester, Ball and West to Disneyland. 801 took over the former 58S from RTD Depot to Norwalk via 6th, Boyle, 8th, Santa Ana Fwy, Atlantic, Telegraph and Norwalk/San Antonio to Rosecrans. 820 operates from downtown via 6th, Boyle, 8th, Soto, Pomona Fwy, Garfield, Whittier to Colima where it branches to La Habra via Whittier, Beach and La Habra to Euclid or via Colima, Hacienda, Gale and Azusa to Puente Hills Mall. From Beverly and Rosemead 821 travels Beverly, Pioneer, Orange Grove, Norwalk, Monte Vista, Palm, Floral, Pickering, Hadley, Bright, Philadelphia, Painter, La Cuarta, Ocean View, Whittier, Santa Gertrudes, Leffingwell, Carmenita and South to Cerritos.

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Line 822 starts at Olympic and Soto via Soto, Washington, Pickering, Mar Vista, Painter, Whittier, Laurel, Mulberry, La Mirada and Rosecrans to La Mirada Mall. Line 823 begins at Norwalk and Imperial via Imperial, Volunter, Leffingwell, San Antonio, Rosecrans, Bloomfield, Del Amo and Norwalk to Carson. 824 starts at Slauson and Pacific and Slauson, Eastern, Garfield, Foster Bridge, Suva, Loveland, Granger, Florence and Perry to Loveland. Line 825 starts at Whittier Quad via Whittier, Greenleaf, Broadway, Norwalk-San Antonio-Pioneer and Carson to Norwalk. From Slauson and Pacific Line 826 travels Pacific, Gage, Perry, Foster Bridge, Suva, Paramount, Gallatin, Downey, Davis, Brookshire, Stewart & Gray and Downey to Alondra. Line 827 starts at El Monte Station via Ramona, Valley, Peck, Workman Mill, Beverly, Painter, Philadelphia, Pickering, Washinton, Broadway, Norwalk, Los Nietos, Pioneer-Orr & Day, Florence, Studebaker, Firestone, Woodruff, Alondra, Studebaker, 183rd to Cerritos. Line 828 follows former 46 line to Florence and State where alternate trips go to Cecilia and Wilcox with others continuing via Florence, Old River School Rd, Imperial and Garfield to Alondra. Line 829 begins at Rosemead and Foothill in Pasadena via Rosemead/Lakewood, PCH, Ximeno, 2nd, Marina, PCH and Main to Electric. From Whitwood Center 830 runs via Santa Gertrudes, Lambert, Mills, Telegraph, Norwalk, Florence, Woodruff, Firestone, Lakewood and Bellflower to Alondra. Line 831 starts at Beverly and Workman Mill via Beverly, Durfee, Whittier, Passons, Telegraph, Paramount and Candlewood into Lakewood Center. Line 832 begins at Manchester & Pershing via Manchester, Loyola, 80th, Emerson, 88th, La Tijera, Manchester/Firestone to Long Beach where the line splits via the old route into Lynwood and the new via Firestone, Pioneer, Alondra, Norwalk to Carson. 836 is the old 137 extended on both ends. From El Segundo Blvd & Main via Main, Imperial and Beach into La Habra Fashion Square. 840 also starts in El Segundo via Grand, Sepulveda, Rosecrans and Santa Gertrudes to La Mirada Mall. 844 begins at La Mirada Mall via Excelsior, Escalona, Alondra and Long Beach to Greenleaf. First day buses were 5216 and 5218. Line 846 begins at Beach and Artesia in Buena Park via Artesia, Avalon, Artesia, Main, Walnut, Broadway, Artesia and Hawthorne to 179th (South Bay Center). First day buses were 5809, 5812 and 5818. Line 860 begins in Long Beach at Ocean and Locust via Ocean, Elm, 1st, Long Beach, 7th-Garden Grove Fwy (off at Seal Beach Blvd to serve Leisure World), Harbor, Katella, West, Ball/Taft, Tustin, thru Mall of Orange, Tustin, Lincoln, Newport/Riverside Fwy, 6th, Ramona, 3rd, Victoria, 6th/Magnolia, Van Buren, Riverside Fwy, Mulberry and 7th to Market (Riverside Station). First day buses on Line 821 included 3 6000s including 6043 and 6061 while 5501, 5527, 6037 and 6043 had the honor on 827.

There were also February 22 changes in the South Bay. 10-ADAMS-NORMANDIE-PRAIRIE was altered in Inglewood and now runs via Manchester, Hillcrest, Grace, Prairie, Artesia to Hawthorne replacing 104-INGLEWOOD AVE-HAWTHORNE which was, in turn altered to run from Inglewood Ave and Broadway in Hawthorne northward to Inglewood via Inglewood, Arbor Vitae, Eucalyptus and Manchester to Prairie. Line 105-INGLEWOOD-AIRPORT was revised to have only one routing - from Inglewood via Manchester, Oak, Arbor Vitae, Airport and Century into LAX. New Sunday service (30 minutely 9A/6P) was begun on Line 10 between Hawthorne/Artesia and Manchester/La Brea.

Additional buses in the black window paint scheme include 2262, 2276, 2278, 2279, 2281, 2361, 2500, 2501, 2503, 2504, 2506, 2507, 2508 and 7041, the first New Look to be chan

After threatening to cut back operations in San Bernardino County on February 1 (only Ontario Airport and San Bernardino Station would have had buses) because of the refusal of the county to fund any cost of transit, PTD and the county agreed on a 6 month $187,200 contract to keep service running and said agreement calls for Line 60F to stop at Montclair Plaza and 60G to be turned south on Central to Montclair Plaza.

TRANSIT IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY, formerly WESTERN RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY, is presently looking over a field of 15 candidates for the position of General Manager. With a fiscal 75-76 budget of $31,300 to pay for salaries, office and administrative expenses RTA will begin to determine how many buses and transit routes will be necessary, select possible sites for office and maintenance facilities and submit capital grant applications to the federal government. It is expected RTA, no sooner than 1977, will replace those RTD operations within the county, the LAKE ELSINORE TRANSIT SYSTEM, Rubidoux Dial-A-Ride and any other transit services being run independently.

Hemet has decided to convert its Dial A Ride system into 4 fixed routes, one bus on Florida Ave from Hemet West Park to Valle Vista, another on State as far south as Stetson, a third on the north side and a fourth on the south side (patrons could change to San Jacinto DAR buses at Sears Plaza on San Jacinto St) charing a 25¢ fare using a plan originated by county transportation officials, which has caused HEMACINTO CAB COMPANY to drop plans to file a lawsuit against the city claiming loss of revenue due to DAR.

The San Jacinto Dial A Ride bus program has been changed to allow buses into Hemet on Tuesday instead of Monday to give access to the County Administrative Center on the day the Health Department pffers chest X Rays and the county baby clinic operates. The Friday service will continue as before.

The City of Beaumont intends to take the lead in helping to create a bus service to serve the entire San Gorgonio Pass area which would encompass Beaumont, Banning, Oak Glen, Cherry Valley and Calimesa which could be operated by RTA. At this time Banning is not an RTA member and runs one loop type route using a model 711 Minibus anmed "The Banning Stage".

Riverside County officials are proposing a settlement of a suit brought by RUBIDOUX ORANGE CAB CO against the Rubidoux Dial A Ride under which the county would pay the firm $2 per ride to transport an average of 17 subscription riders daily and a guaranteed $12 per hour for stand by service for a minimum of four hours per day six days per week. Riders would still be charged the normal quarter fare.

TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM (TTS)

TORRANCE: December 22nd saw major changes in TTS schedules: Hourly night service (Monday thru Saturday 600P thru 1000P) was added on Lines 1-LOS ANGELES-GARDENA-TORRANCE-WALTERIA, 2-LOS ANGELES-NORTH TORRANCE-LOMITA and 3-LONG BEACH-SOUTH BAY. Saturday service from 815A until 615P was added on 4-RIVIERA-EL CAMINO and the Sunday only 5-SHOPPERS SHUTTLE was discontinued and replaced by Line 2 which (Sundays only) runs straight along Hawthorne Blvd between Del Amo and South Bay Center rather than the usual 190th and Anza routing.

TOWN TOUR FUN BUS COMPANY (TTFB)

ANAHEIM: Line 9-SOUTH COAST OCEAN EXPRESS began operating on December consisting of three round trips beginning in the Disneyland hotel-motel complex area destined for Movieland of the Air, Rogers Gardens, Fashion Island, Newport Dunes Aquatic Park and Balboa Island entrance. TTFB buses are now sporting new colors - Del Rio Red with a stripe of Sunshine Yellow with new renderings of the Fun Bus name.

VALLEJO TRANSIT LINES (VTL)

VALLEJO: With the arrival of its new buses VTL is preparing to provide greatly expanded service with improved weekday headways. Thirteen new GMC T6H4523N's have been received replacing TDH 3610s and supplementing the TDH 3501s which were some of the first buses to be federally funded (1965). A new image is being presented in the form of a brand new paint scheme. Replacing the familiar red and yellow is a solid white (excluding the fluted siding) with contrasting belt of gold and brown. The buses feature V-H transmissions, EIP, DD-3 parking brakes, Motorola two way radios, Keene K type fare boxes, side destination signs, partial driver's partition, rear mounted fuel tanks, air assist rear doors, hooded stepwell lights over front & rear doors, smooth aluminum over heating ducts, gold flicker melamine on ceiling and between windows - car card racks omitted, grab handles on front doors and 42 yellow American seats - 6462T bucket seats in front and 6463T fiberglass seats with padded inserts in rear. Refer to WT 6/72 for added information on VTL.

PATTERSON TRANSIT COMPANY (PTC)

UNION CITY: Beginning on last October 15 PTC began operating all day service on its three lines (CASA VERDE, DECOTO-PERRY and ALVARADO) rather than peak periods only. The three lines circulate throughout the Union City centering around the BART/UNION CITY station. Saturday operation on the DECOTO-PERRY line is scheduled and routed to connect with AC TRANSIT's Line 82-OAKLAND-HAYWARD in lieu of operating to the BART station. PTC equipment consists of white and green Mercedes Benz 0309Ds.

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY (MUNI)

SAN FRANCISCO: In keeping with the practice set by numerous properties across the country MUNI has repainted three vehicles into Bi Centennial colors. A GMC Diesel bus, T8H5305 - 3210 - received basically the Walter Landor scheme unveiled last year- the solid white body accented with a deep blue and an almost maroon belt. Stars and the stylized MUNI logo accent the bus. Marmon Herrington trolley coach 776 is solid white with blue and red accent stripes and a large logo near the rear and the words "San Francisco" on the side point to the 200 year celebration for both the nation and the city of San Francisco. The PCC streetcar (1170) is probably the most startling because this is the first time any of the PCC's have received special attention from the paint shop. The car is solid white with blue between the standee windows, red between the rub and belt rails and a large MUNI logo with '76. The car has been accented with white wheels and renumbered from 1170 to 1776. The car also received a new interior paint scheme with walls and ceiling solid white and new black floors installed in addition to all new seating apparently from a GMC bus and seating capacity has been increased from 53 to 61. The new Flyer trolley coaches are now coming from Winnipeg and after being tested and operators trained the first group are being assigned to Presidio Division.

ALMADEN TRAVEL SERVICE (Peter Myers, Patricia Hale and Dorothy Keech dba)

SAN JOSE: To operate as SAN JOSE TOURS CO. ATS is seeking a certificate to operate as a sightseeing carrier over four routes in the San Jose area using one 1976 Mercedes Benz 0309D 16 passenger bus. Tour 1 would be Metropolitan San Jose Tour, 2 to be Brunch, Browse and Wine Tasting Tour, 3-Santa Clara Valley, Los Gatos and Saratoga Tour and 4-Santa Cruz and Roaring Camp Narrow Gauge PP Tour. Tour 1 would run daily, while 2 and 3 would run several days a week and 4 would be Saturday only.

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CAMPUS TRANSIT SYSTEM (CTS)

STANFORD UNIVERSITY - PALO ALTO: CTS began January 5 for a 4½ month trial on a free cross campus shuttle bus line running from Escondito Village, a high rise student apartment complex on the east end of the campus, to the "Dean's Lawn" at the rear of Stanford Medical Center on the westside via Serra St, Via Palou, Campus and Quarry. There are 10 stops including residence halls, administration offices, academic buildings and the main stop at Memorial Court in front of the Quadrangle where connection is made with SCCTD Lines 24 and 50 for Palo Alto. Two leased buses operate on a 9 minute headway 7AM/7PM weekdays and 8 part time student drivers are employed. An unusual feature of the line is "private right of way" operation along Serra St between Lasuen and Lomita Mall which is closed off to normal traffic by lift gates but which can be actuated by a push button radio signal by the bus drivers for entry. Another unique aspect is the equipment which consists of two 30 passenger "trolley car" styled bodies built by Micro Bus and mounted on Ford gasoline powered chassis. Designed to simulate old open bench trolleys the wood and fibreglass bodies feature 7 cross benches which are open to the curb side only, an enclosed foreward driver's compartment and a false "deck" roof. Painted in Stanford colors of cardinal red with white wheels and trim, the buses are fitted with warning gongs to complete the trolley car effect. The project is financed by campus parking fees with an added $37,000 contributed by Stanford Shopping Center. After the first week the line was extended between 1130AM and 130PM to Stanford Shopping Center via Quarry and Arboretun Dr with a lengthened headway of 13-14 minutes. Beginning February 23 the service was expanded to include night service over an east-west loop serving inner Campus areas including dormitories on Escondito Rd, the upper "row" area, Jordan Qual laboratories and the University's computer center and terminating at the Oval in front of the Quadrangle. One bus runs in each direction around the loop and service is offered 630PM-1230AM on week nights and will be reviewed at the end of March to determine its future continuation until April 30 when the present lease expires on the buses. The Parking and Transportation Committee will evaluate patronage on the service to determine if service should resume in the fall.

SAN MATEO TRANSIT (SMT)

SAN MATEO: On February 17 certain trips on the suburban H-HALF MOON BAY-COLLEGE OF SAN MATEO line were extended north from Half Moon Bay via the Coast Highway to Montara terminating at 7th & Main serving the coastside communities of Miramar, Princeton, El Granada and Moss Beach with a deviation in El Granada via Coronado, Plaza Alhambra and Capistrano Ave. Last November 10 Line N-HILLSDALE-CSM VIA NORFOLK was extended over a short branch leg near CSM from Route 92 Freeway via West Hillsdale Boulevard and Campus Drive to Laurelwood.

WILLIAM PATRICK O'BRIEN

SALINAS: WPO is seeking a certificate to operate one round trip per week between Salinas and Calexico with no intermediate points being served. The proposed route would be from Salinas via U. S. Highway 101, California Highway 46, Interstate 5, Interstate 10 to Indio, California 111 and 86 to Calexico. Fares would be $20 one way and $35 round trip. Buses would depart Salinas between 3 PM and 6 PM Fridays only and leave Calexico 8 PM on Sundays only. Service would operate from late March to late September only using one PD 4106.

BOB BROWN'S SKI & SPORT SHOPS, INC. (BBSS)

SAN PABLO: Presently operating betw en San Pablo and Kirkwood Meadows for skiers BBSS is seeking another route from Berkeley via Orinda, Concord and Antioch to Kirkwood Meadows using one 14 passenger Dodge Sportsman.

NORWALK TRANSIT SYSTEM (NTS)

NORWALK: NTS began a new route between Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs, Whittier and Pio Hondo College on February 2nd. Stops are made enroute for passengers to and from the college, but no local service is offered. To provide enough buses NTS bought 5 TDH 4512s from REGIONAL TRANSIT (Sacramento) thru AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL BUS EXCHANGE and they will be regeared to allow them to go up the steep hill at the college. NTS has also purchased a used TDH 3612 giving them a total of 30 buses. Eighteen Transcoaches are under construction in Chatsworth and these will replace the Flxettes and except for the handicapped vans will make NTS an all diesel fleet.

INTRA CITY MUNICIPAL BUS SYSTEMS-PART XVIII

CITY OF COMMERCE MUNICIPAL BUS LINE has a new bus on order which will be used for special organization trips within a 150 mile radius of the city as well as a 13 seat van for special needs which will be fitted with a special loading ramp and wheel chair facilities. The City of Huntington Park has renewed its Dial A Ride contract with ALL AMERICAN CAB COMPANY and at the same time increased the fare to 50 cents for adults with seniors and children accompanying adults 25 cents. The City of Arcadia, having been informed that federal funds will not be available this fiscal year to subsidize the Dial A Ride taxi service increased their DAR fares for all patrons to 75 cents and 50 cents for seniors on February 1st. Service on national holidays will no longer be available. The Thousand Oaks City Council has decided to join SOUTH COAST AREA TRANSIT on July 1st on a trial basis if the County of Ventura and city of Camarillo agree to share the cost of running buses in the area.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (SCCTD)

SAN JOSE: A regularly scheduled fixed route handicapped rider service using FMC Handy Buses 534-537 was inaugurated November 24, 1975. A long cross county route extends from Stanford Medical Center in the northwest to Hillview (Eastridge Shopping Center) in southeast San Jose. Service is offered weekdays only from about 6AM until 10PM and is divided into 2 segments - "Handycoach-West" from Stanford via downtown Palo Alto, Middlefield & Charleston Rds, Alma St and Mayfield Mall to San Antonio & El Camino Real (Mountain View) and "Handycoach-East" from De Anza College via McClellan, Bollinger and Prospect Rds in Cupertino and Saratoga, Saratoga Ave and Stevens Creek Blvd, Valley Fair Shopping Center and thru central San Jose via O'Connor Hospital, Valley Medical Center, San Jose City College, Meridian Ave, San Carlos St, San Jose State University, South 7th, Keyes, McLaughlin, Tully and Quimby Rds to Hillview. 3½ round trips are offered at 80 minute headways throughout the day on Handycoach West and 9 round trips every 90 minutes on Handycoach East. In addition there are 2 thru round trips over the entire route operating express over the gap between Mountain View and De Anza College except for a scheduled stop at El Camino Hospital via El Camino Real, Grant, Homestead and Stelling Rds. Three of the four FMCs are required to fill out the schedule with 1 assigned to North County Division (Mountain View and the rest stationed at Central Division (San Carlos & Sunol-San Jose). With the start of BART weekday night service on November 28 evening schedules on 66-SAN JOSE-BART/FREMONT VIA MILPITAS were changed to add 10PM and 11PM southbound trips. On January 4th weekday headways on 22-MENLO PARK-HILLVIEW between 1st/Santa Clara & Hillview were decreased to 15 minutes by adding two buses, Saturday service on 52-AMES/MOFFETT FIELD-FOOTHILL COLLEGE was extended over the full route and headways decreased to 45 minutely and operating hours increased to 7AM/7PM, selected peak hour trips on Line 66 were rerouted to serve the IBM Complex, certain peak hour trips on 82-ROSEMARY GARDENS-RUNEYARD TOWERS were rerouted to serve the industrial complex north of town and weekday headways on 86-PALO ALTO DEPOT-SOUTH PALO ALTO lengthened from 30 to 35 minutes to allow better schedule performance.

SUN VALLEY BUS LINES, INC. (SVBL)

PHOENIX: GREYHOUND LINES, INC. has reached agreement with the stockholders of SVBL and THE TANNER GRAY LINE OF PHOENIX for the acqusition of the two companies. SVBL operates scheduled service between Phoenix and Las Vegas via both Wickenburg and Lake Havasu City/Needles and also runs charter service from Phoenix. TGL operates sightseeing tours within Arizona and tours from Phoenix to seven southwestern states. SVBL's PHOENIX-MESA-TEMPE suburban line using T6H4521As and TDH 4509s has been turned over to the PHOENIX TRANSIT SYSTEM.

HOUSTON TRANSIT SYSTEM (HOUTRAN)

HOUSTON: A fifth mini-bus line operating between downtown and the Texas Medical Center was begun on February 23rd operating 600AM/600PM Monday/Friday charging regular 40 cent adult and 20 cent handicapped rider fares. The buses are equipped with a hydraulic lift for passengers in wheelchairs. The City of Houston will be applying for federal funds to construct two maintenance and storage facilities for the HOUTRAN fleet and for purchase of two way radios to fully equip the fleet. As of January the HOUTRAN fleet consisted of 405 buses including TDH4517s, TDH5301s, TDH5303s, T8H5307As, SDH5302s and Grumanns. The City Council has approved plans to advertise for bids for another dozen small buses.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (RTD)

DENVER: Exclusive bus lanes on Lincoln Street (inbound in the mornings from Interstate 25) and on Broadway (outbound in the evening) commenced operations in mid October, the second pair of exclusive lanes in the RTD district. 24 lines serving downtown Denver were rerouted to use either all or a portion of the lanes. On January 1st RTD acquired the City of Boulder bus system as a result of an agreement between the city and the RTD Board. PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO, which had operated the buses under a franchise agreement with the city ended its participation in the system and conveyed to RTD the 10 buses it owned in the system. On January 5 RTD initiated new circulator service, THE BOULDER LIFT, serving the Justice Center, University of Colorado, downtown and Crossroads areas of Boulder.

TRI COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (TRI MET)

PORTLAND: Next July 1st TRI MET will initiate the first fare increase since 1969 as regular adult fares will go from 35¢ to 40¢, high school student fares from 25¢ to 30¢, grade school student fares from 15 to 20, honored citizens will continue to pay 10 cents between 9AM and 300PM and ride free after 700 PM, but will have to pay the regular adult fare before 900AM and between 300PM and 700PM. Monthly passes will be $14 for unlimited riding. Starting last November 30th Line 62-ZOO-OMSI was changed to operate hourly 9AM/6PM daily between downtown Portland and the Portland Zoo and was extended south from the Zoo to the Beaverton Park & Ride.

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EQUIPMENT REPORT

Property	Vehicle Nos	Builder	Model/Serial	Notes
NEW				
Stockton Metro Transit Dist	1744-1750	GMC	T6H4523A/1728-34	
Texas Motor Coaches	unkn	GMC	T6H4523A/1787-88	
Nava Hopi Tours	83-84	MCI	MC8/Serial 12150-51	47PP
Regional Transit (Sacto)	(1702-1707	Minibus	MPT5080A/1192-97	17 seat Trams
	(1900-1905	Transcoach	2311/7104-09	Wheelchair lifts
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USED				
Holiday Lines	(220	GMC	PD4106/2195	
	(301	GMC	PD4107/519	GLOLA 301
Bremerton-Tacoma Stages	106	GMC	PD4107/549	Demo
Franciscan Lines	195,-	GMC	PD4107/571-572	Carlsbad Caverns Caaches 28-9
Gray Line of Los Angeles	(4401	GMC	PD4107/1115	OTC 0-466
	(4402	GMC	PD4107/1118	MCC M-149
	(4403,4404	GMC	PD4107/1112,1114	OTC 0-463,465
	(4405-4406	GMC	PD4107/1116-1117	MCC M147-M148
	(4407-4408	GMC	PD4107/1119-1120	MCC M150-M151
Pacifica Municipal Transit	753,793	GMC	TDH4507/1478,1582	AC 1753,1793
Norwalk Transit System	451-455	GMC	TDH4512/2136,2139, -,2808,-	PT 117,120, -,128,-
Orange County Transit Dist	4577-4581	GMC	T6H4521A/496-500	LBPTCo 4577-4581
Arrow Charter Lines	(4811,4829, (4831	GMC	TDH4801/185,264, 226	PT 4811,4829, 4831
	(5305	GMC	TDM5103/037	PT 5305

DISPOSITIONS

Sierra Lines	303	GMC	TDM5108/016	For sale
Scenic Hyway Tours	500	R&C	01SE/6656	For sale

SERIAL NUMBERS FOR BOEING-VERTOL CARS

1-3	San Francisco Municipal Railway	1200-1202
4-6	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority	3400-3402
7-103	San Francisco Municipal Railway	1203-1299
104-275	Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority	3403-3574

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