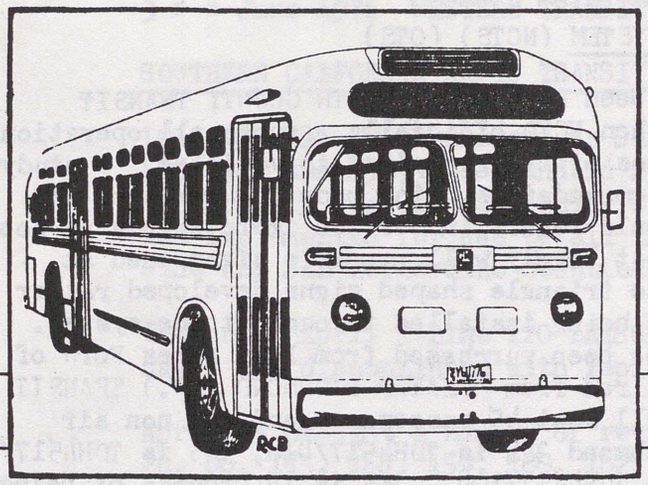


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ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (OCTD)

SANTA ANA: Localized Community Service lines were inaugurated in Westminster and Buena Park on May 3rd, each city having two lines. Service is operated by private concerns under contract with OCTD. Monday/Friday service runs 30 minutely 600A/700P and hourly until 1000P. Saturday service operates hourly 900A/500P. In Buena Park Lines 121 and 123 are run by COMMUNITY TRANSIT SERVICES, a firm associated with DAVE SYSTEMS, INC., using a fleet of ten 721 series Transcoaches 121 begins at Buena Park Center via Stanton, Crescent, Grand, Jackson, Western, Monroe, Knott, San Bruno, San Antonio, San Francisco, Holder, Myra, Claudia, Marcella, Florence, Belle, Brenda, Ball, Holder, Lincoln, Valley View, Patton, Lee, Moran, Hershey, Ward, Holder, La Cienega, San Marino, San Lorenzo, Holder, Knott, El Verano, Western, La Palma to Buena Park Center. Service operates each way on the two way loop. 123 also starts at BPC via La Palma, Dale, Carnation, Cyclamen (alternate trips direct via Stanton), Stanton, Orangethorpe, Fullerton Park/Ride Lot roadways, Dale, Whitaker, Los Robles, Commonwealth, Indiana, Artesia, Dale to Country Club, (then alternate trips continue via Malvern with the remainder serving the Los Coyotes area via Country club, Los Coyotes, Waverly, Lincolnshire, St. Andrew, Country Club), then all via Malvern, Beach, Franklin, Western, Artesia, Darlington, Commonwealth, Western, 8th, Knott, 9th, Beach, Orangethorpe, Stanton, Cyclamen, Carnation, Dale (alternate trips direct via Stanton) into BPC. In Westminster DIAL-A-RIDE MANAGEMENT is operating ten Transcoaches on 161-TRASK-HAZARD-NEWLAND and 162-WESTMINSTER MALL-EASTSIDE-HUNTINGTON CENTER. 161 begins at Westminster Mall via Mar Vista, Sunnycrest, Larchwood, Springdale, Croupier, Calneva, Spa, Pancho, Westminster, Milan, Vallecito, Winthrop, Duncannon, Bolsa Chica, Garden Grove, Melanie, Springdale, Iroquois, Kiowa, Edwards, Trask, Hoover, Hazard, Jefferson, Bolsa, Newland and Edinger into Huntington Center. 162 is a two way loop from Westminster Mall via Edwards, Westminster, Golden West, Maple, Olive, Main, Hoover, 22nd, Beach, Westminster, Newland, Hazard, Magnolia, Westminster, Bushard, Hazard, Ward, McFadden, Beach, Edinger (thru Huntington Center), Center, Gothard, McFadden, Golden West and Bolsa into Westminster Mall. Friday April 24th was the last day of operation for Lines 171-IRVINE INDUSTRIAL LOOP and 172-IRVINE MIDDAY SHUTTLE which were both discontinued due to lack of ridership. The Summer Shake Up takes effect June 20th and will include the following: 21-SUNSET BEACH-FULLERTON PARK/RIDE VIA VALLEY VIEW will return to its original routing, directly along Bolsa Chica/Valley View between Warner and Crescent as 54-EL MODENA-HUNTINGTON BEACH VIA CHAPMAN & SPRINGDALE is extended southward from Chapman and Valley View via Chapman, Valley, View, Lampson, Springdale, Warner, Edwards, Slater and Springdale to Warner. 25-CSUF-HUNTINGTON BEACH VIA KNOTT/GOLDEN WEST is being rerouted into Hughes Plant in Fullerton during weekday rush hours and onto the Huntington Beach Parking Area and hourly Sunday service (9AM-5PM) is being operated for the summer only between the Fullerton Park/Ride Lot and Atlanta & Magnolia. 38-LA PALMA AVENUE is being extended from Seal Beach Leisure World into downtown Seal Beach via Seal Beach Blvd, Electric, Marina, 1st and Ocean to Main, this also for the summer. 82-WEST NEWPORT-U.C. IRVINE VIA COAST HIGHWAY is taking its annual summer hiatus and the new 1100 series 47 passenger Flxibles will be placed into service around the system replacing an equal number of 36 seaters which will receive a number of maintenance inspections.

NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM/OCEANSIDE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (NCTS) (OTS)

OCEANSIDE: Effective immediately the name of NCTS has been changed to NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT which name will be implemented July 1, 1976 when NCTD officially assumes all operations of OTS. A new logo has been developed and is in process of being applied to vehicles. A study is being conducted by a local consulting firm with recommendation being made for revision and improvement of regional (interurban) services which could result in service improvements as soon as July. New bus stop signs are being designed and most likely will resemble signs used at NORWALK TRANSIT SYSTEM. The new signs will replace the triangle shaped signs developed rather recently by OTS/NCTS and which have been in process of being installed throughout the system. Five buses appeared on the property during April having been purchased from Leon Aames Ford of Redondo Beach. The coaches are all GMC TDH 4517s acquired from GREATER RICHMOND (VA.) TRANSIT COMPANY and as yet have no NCTD Fleet numbers. They all seat 45 passengers and are non air conditioned, two are 1960 models and three 1961s. Richmond 344 is TDH4517/818, 345 is TDH4517/819, 347 is TDH4517/821, 355 is TDH4517/104 and 357 is TDH4517/108. 355 is in process of being repainted with a newly developed NCTD paint scheme which includes painting the entire coach white, then adding the chrome yellow and royal blue stripes at the belt rail which run the length of the coach and then sweep up near the front of the coach in 'Greyhound' fashion, black rub rail and black window treatment including painting the window frames black. The NCTD logo appears on the left and right sides of the coach near the front door (and under the driver's window) area. The coach interior has been repainted a light green color similar to present OTS coaches and the interior dashboard has been painted black. None of these buses has been in revenue service and most likely will not be until the new NCTD paint scheme has been applied and certain mechanical work completed.

WILDE & WILDE, INC. (W&W)

FRESNO: W&W is seeking a PSC to operate a demand responsive system (dial-a ride) in and around Fresno. The geographical limits would be north of Herndon Avenue on the north, west of Temperance on the east, north of American on the south and the western limits would be Brawley. Fare would be $? per person with Senior Citizens at $1.25. Service would operates Monday thru Friday 800AM to 600PM. W&W lists some 40 Plymouth and Dodge taxicabs in the equipment list. For many years (about 1955 to 1960) W&W held a PSC to operate between the Southern Pacific roundhouse and the Southern Pacific freight yard north of Fresno. The service was operated seven days per week, twenty four hours per day charging a 15 cent fare using a manual Johnson fare box to collect the fares.

GOODTIME TOURS & COMPANY (Michael Anthony Kadletz dba)

FULLERTON: GT&C is seeking a PSC to operate between points within Orange County and El Segundo on a home to work type of operation alleging that present DOUGLAS BUS LINES service is not adequate. GT&C presently holds a PSC to operate from Chapman and Lewis in the City of Orange to the Douglas Aircraft Plant in Long Beach. The proposed equipment shows two GMC PD 4106s.

UNITED TRANSIT (Roy Arledge dba)

SAN JOSE: UT was granted a PSC to operate between the United Airlines Maintenance Base at San Francisco International Airport and points in the Santa Clara Valley and also between the Lockheed Plant and points in the Santa Clara Valley. Arledge asserts that the company has been without funds since approximately January 1, 1976 and therefore has been unable to continue its public utility obligations. The Public Utilities Commission therefore revoked the PSC.

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SOUTHERN CALFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (RTD)

LOS ANGELES: With changes in San Bernardino County operations on April 11th (Lines 445, 484 and 496) the standard 25¢ fare (down from 30¢) was instituted along with the $10 Monthly Pass and $4 Senior Citizen and Handicapped passes. A new transfer form was implemented for use by all transferring passengers in Zones 4, 5, 6 and 7 (Riverside and San Bernardino Counties).

Beginning April 1 Line 120-LEISURE WORLD-LOS ANGELES FREEWAY FLYER (1 round trip weekdays) was discontinued with replacement service offered on Lines 36 and 860.

April 25 brought a number of revisions in San Fernando Valley services affecting Lines 24, 86, 155, 157, 159, 160, 162, 163 and 167. The 24G routing between Burbank and San Fernando was discontinued and incorporated as part of an extended 162-RIVERSIDE Dr-GLENOAKS BLVD via Olive, Glenoaks, Maclay and Truman to Mission. The 24L routing was extended from Truman and Mission to Olive View via Truman, San Fernando Rd, Foxford, Foothill, Bledsoe and Olive View Dr replacing half of Line 167. Base and weekend service to Los Angeles is 20 minutely on the entire 24-LOS ANGELES-SAN FERNANDO. 157-SEPULVEDA BLVD-VAN NUYS BLVD was also extended in San Fernando via Maclay, 7th/Borden, Polk, Foothill and Sayre to Eldridge replacing the Sylmar leg of 167. Lines 155 and 160 were operationally combined into 160-LAUREL CANYON-WHITE OAK-ZELZAH-RINALDI switching routings in San Fernando. Daily night service (after 7 PM) on 159-COLDWATER CANYON-LANKERSHIM was discontinued. 163-SHERMAN WAY-MAGNOLIA BLVD was extended westward from Van Nuys & Sherman Way via Sherman Way, Medical Center Dr and Woodlake to Leadwell replacing that portion of 86-LOS ANGELES-BURBANK-VAN NUYS. Division line assignments and service frequency remained as before although 7 buses were saved in the changeover.

Line 608-MALIBU-PACIFIC PALISADES-LOS ANGELES FREEWAY EXPRESS, the 11th Santa Monica Freeway Diamond Lane service, commenced April 19th. Using 1000s (T8H5307As) from Division 6 three AM inbound and three PM outbound trips are run. From Malibu Canyon & Civic Center Way buses run via Civic Center, Cross Creek Rd, Coast Highway, Sunset, Temescal Canyon, Coast Highway, Santa Monica Fwy including Diamond Lane, Grand, 8th/9th, Flower, Hope and Temple to San Pedro.

Beginning May 2nd Lines 800-LOS ANGELES-SANTA ANA and 802-L.A.-KNOTTS BERRY FARM-DISEYLAND were rerouted in the Downey area from Santa Ana Freeway and Orr & Day Road via Orr & Day, Florence, Paramount, Santa Ana Freeway in lieu of Lakewood, Gallatin and Paramount.

Sunday May 9th brought a number of changes to service in Whittier resulting in buses moving from residential onto arterial streets. 820-L.A.-WHITTIER-LA HABRA-PUENTE HILLS was rerouted between Whittier/Philadelphia and Whittier/Painter via Philadelphia and Painter; 821-PICO RIVERA-CERRITOS was changed between Beverly/Pioneer and Whittier/Ocean View via Beverly, Greenleaf, Hadley, Bright, Wardman, Greenleaf and Whittier; 822-L.A.-WHITTIER-LA MIRADA was rerouted via Pickering, Philadelphia, Painter and Mulberry; 827-EL MONTE-CERRITOS was changed via Greenleaf and Hadley and in South Whittier 830-WHITTWOOD CENTER-BELLFLOWER was rerouted from Mills & Broadway via Broadway, Victoria and Telegraph to Mills.

Friday May 7 was the last day for operation of the Century City Park/Ride Lot and the Century City to Los Angeles leg of Line 774-SEPULVEDA DRIVE IN-CENTURY CITY-LOS ANGELES PARK/RIDE which had been operating 15 trips Monday thru Friday. Service continues between the Sepulveda Drive In and Century City using two buses. Patronage of the parking lot and resultant ridership was minimal caused principally by the relative distance of the parking facility from any freeway.

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Line 50-FLORENCE-SOTO was extended westward from Florence and Crenshaw along Florence, Prairie and Grace to Hillcrest (Daniel Freeman Hospital) on May 23rd. All trips except Owl service will serve this extended routing.

The south end of Line 202-OLVERA ST-FASHION MART MINI-BUS LOOP was altered May 24th to travel via 7th (as before), then Spring, 9th, Los Angeles and 7th to Main (serving RTD Station enroute).

Supported by a $15,000 donation from Pioneer Take Out Restaurants of Southern California Line 1776-LOS ANGELES BICENTENNIAL CULTURE BUS LOOP began on May 9th and will continue at least thru June 27. A fifty cent fare is charged and this entitles the rider to an "All Day Ticket" allowing you to get off and on at any stop as often as you wish during the day. The line operates out of Division 2 using 7200s which sport "1776-SPECIAL" headsigns, red/white/blue windshield cards, appropriate outside advertising cards promoting the Sunday Fun Day Bus and the Grid Sign is in the design of an American Flag with 13 stars. On the first day coaches 7226, 7229, 7230, 7233, 7234, 7235, 7236 plus one more were used. Service runs on a two way loop. Route A departs Broadway 1015A and roughly every 35 minutes until 400P, Route B leaves from 1000A until 335P. "A" travels from Broadway Plaza (7th & Flower) via 7th, Grand, Wilshire (Otis Art Institute), Park View, 6th, Alvarado, Hoover (Skirball Museum), Jefferson, Figueroa, Exposition (Fisher Gallery, Museum of Science & Industry, Museum of Natural History), Vermont, Santa Monica Fwy, Fairfax, Wilshire (County Museum of Art, La Brea Tar Pits, Craft & Folk Art Museum), Curson, 6th, La Brea, Beverly, Western, Hollywood (Barnsdall Park), Vermont, Vermont Canyon (Observatory), Los Feliz, Golden State Fwy, Zoo Dr (Los Angeles Zoo), Golden State Fwy/Pasadena Fwy, Wilshire, Hope, 8th, Flower to 7th.

The General System Shake Up takes effect June 13th including two line changes-Line 127 LONG BEACH-MARINELAND, from Division 12, returns for the summer operating one daily r round trip leaving Long Beach 10AM and Marineland 2PM weekdays, 5PM weekends serving San Pedro both ways for connections with Lines 37 and 66. New service will begin in Riverside as part of the county's financial aid program - 147-TYLER MALL-NORTH RIVERSIDE will begin at Tyler Mall via Magnolia, Van Buren, Indiana, Adams, Lincoln, Mary, Brockton, Magnolia, Central, Riverside, Jurupa, Olivewood, 14th, Lemon or Orange, University, Market, 3rd, Main, Columbia, Orange and 3rd to Main. Half hour headways will be run Monday/Friday 550A/920A with hourly service until 635P. Saturday service will be hourly 630A-700P with no Sunday schedules.

"Black Window" buses now include 1300, 1301, 1303, 1305, 1400, 1405, 1406, 1407, 2239, 2242, 2252, 2271, 2346, 2391, 6516, 6595 and 6599.

Summer services expected to return this year for the Hollywood Bowl season include the following: 551-VAN NUYS-HOLLYWOOD BOWL FLYER, 552-WESTWOOD-HOLLYWOOD BOWL FLYER, 553-NORTHRIDGE-HOLLYWOOD BOWL FLYER, 554-INGLEWOOD-HOLLYWOOD BOWL FLYER, 555-PASADENA-HOLLYWOOD BOWL FLYER, 556-EL MONTE-HOLLYWOOD BOWL FLYER, 557-TORRANCE-HOLLYWOOD BOWL FLYER, 561-DOWNEY-HOLLYWOOD BOWL FLYER, 566-COMPTON-CARSON-HOLLYWOOD BOWL FLYER and 567-LONG BEACH-HOLLYWOOD BOWL FLYER.

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY (MUNI)

SAN FRANCISCO: Operators returned to work May 8 after being off the job for 35 days in support of a strike by 1800 city employed craft workers who were protesting proposed wage and benefit reductions. The City PUC is seeking $6 million federal funds to buy 35 125 passenger articulated buses for use on Line 38-GEARY.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES DIAL A RIDE PROGRAMS

PARA TRANSIT, LTD. has purchased the operative rights of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TRANSIT COMPANY, INC. to conduct a Dial-A-Ride operation in the north east portion of the San Fernando Valley, presently bounded by Foothill, Van Nuys Blvd, Hansen Dam, Montague Ave, Golden State Fwy and City of San Fernando using 4 Checker taxi sedans. By order of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley the territory is being expanded to include the area eastward to Branford St and southward to Woodman Ave. Both PTL and SCTC are taxi firms. SENIOR RIDE is another in a series of projects to transport those without autos and those not within reach of existing public transit. Using a fleet of Dodge Vans with Wayne bodies and sedans painted green and white in a stripped design, SR is transporting those over 60 without charge in different areas of the city on an advance reservation basis. In the Sunland-Tujunga, Shadow Hills, Sun Valley area the service runs on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday with a 24 passenger van with wheelchair lift and will stop at any corner along its semi-fixed route-Sherman Grove, Hillrose, Tujunga Canyon, Foothill, Mt. Gleason, Apperson, Sunland Blvd, San Fernando Rd, Shelton and Stonehurst. Operating hours are 9A-2P. The Los Angeles Area Agency On Aging has contracted with EDUCATIONAL & RECREATIONAL SERVICES, INC (ASSOCIATED) on this pilot project. In the Echo Park-Silverlake area service operates Monday-Friday 9A-6P and Saturday 10A-6P in an area bounded by Hoover, Hollywood Fwy, Pasadena Fwy, Golden State Fwy, Glendale Fwy, Effie St and Fountain. In Eagle Rock the service hours are 8A-4P weekdays in an area bounded by Colorado Blvd, North Figueroa, Glendale Fwy, Eagle Rock Blvd, York Blvd, San Fernando Rd and Glendale City Limits.

TAHOE AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT (TART)

LAKE TAHOE: December 19 schedules brought restoration of the seasonal Ski Area Bus Service from Tahoe City to Alpine Meadows and Squaw Valley, supplementing the regular year-round North Shore-West Shore service which operates daily from Brockway to Tahoma via Tahoe City hourly between 7AM and 6PM. Ski Area service includes 3 morning trips from Tahoe City at 730, 830 and 930 to Squaw Valley via Alpine Meadows returning direct to Tahoe City, a midday trip at 1230P to Squaw returning via Alpine, one afternoon round trip each to Squaw (345) and Alpine (400) and a 500P trips direct to Squaw returning via Alpine. Departures to Brockway and Tahoma are held from 430 to 445 to connect with the Ski buses. Effective March 1 direct service from Tahoe City to Squaw Valley is provided on the 830A and 930A trips weekends only by addition of a second bus to the Ski Area run. Alpine Meadows service on these trips does not continue to Squaw but returns to Tahoe City. Two new 16 seat Mercedes Benz 0309Ds have been placed in service supplementing the existing 9 passenger Checker stretchout wagons. The Mercedes numbered 1 and 2 furnish all service on the Ski Area line and the Checkers (now 3 and 4) work the locals. The M-Bs are painted in standard colors of cream upper, dark blue over cream belt and dark blue lower, carry the large letters "TART" on each side and "TAHOE AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT" below the rear window and small lettering "PUBLIC BUS" below the windshield. Features include 5 speed manual transmission, front window roller sign, air conditioning and curb side ski racks.

LONG BEACH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LBPTCo)

LONG BEACH: Beginning July 1st the sale of bus tokens will be discontinued although they will continue to be honored for fare for one year. Less than 2 percent of riders are using tokens. Effective September 7 Lines 11-LAKEWOOD-BELLFLOWER and 12-QUEEN MARY will be combined to afford direct service between the Long Beach Airport and the Queen Mary. Every other trip would operate to the QM. Comparing the first nine months of fiscal year 74-75 with 75-76 there has been a 21.32% increase in ridership this year March 1976 over March 1975 showed a 19.8% increase in riders with a 13.54% increase in revenue.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (SCCTD)

SAN JOSE: A major change in mdday only service in the City of Mountain View was effecte March 1. 97-RENGSTORFF PARK-EL CAMINO HOSPITAL VIA MIDDLEFIELD RD was changed from an east-west crosstown line to a large loop line serving east Mountain View and the area south of El Camino Real including the hospital. Connecting with 97 at the Mtn View SP Depot is new line 92 which operates over a large loop serving west Mtn View including Rengstroff Park and the Mayfield Mall, both formerly served by 97. A third north-south line, designated as "SHUTTLE" on timetables, maps and headsigns, connects SCCTD's Northern Division coach yard with San Antonio Shopping Center and Mayfield Mall. Routings are: 97-CASTRO/VILLA LOOP VIA EL CAMINO/MOFFETT BLVD-From SP Depot at Evelyn and Hope 2 buses operate in opposite direction around the loop-clockwise(Via Moffett) travels Hope, Villa, Castro, Moffett, Leong, Evandale, Tyrella, Murlagen, Whisman, Dana, Moorpark, Sylvan, El Camino Real, Grant, South, Grant, Eunice, Sun-More, Levin, Dierick, Lubich, Ivan, Bryant, Grant & Covington Rd, Miramonte, Cuesta, Springer, El Monte, El Camino Real, Escuela, Latham, Bailey, Church, Castro, Villa and View to SP Depot. The Villa routing travels in reverse except for an additional small secondary loop serving east central Mtn View via Villa, Calderon, Church, Bush, Villa and View. Service runs 830A-330P weekdays. 92-CASTRO/VILLA LOOP VIA MAYFIELD MALL-RENGSTORFF PARK is also a 2 directional loop, one direction via Hope, Villa, Escuela, California, Rengstorff, Central Expressway, Mayfield, Nita, Dell, Victory, Alvin, Middlefield, Victory, Alvin, Thompson, Jane, Rengstorff, Montecito, Montebello, Hackett, Sierra Vista, Montecito, Stierlin, Moffett, Castro, Villa and View. The reverse direction loop travels just the opposite. Service is weekdays only, hourly, 830AM-330PM. SHUTTLE begins at Northern Division yard and travels Macon, L'Avenida, Stierlin Rd interchange, Bayshore Fwy, Old Middlefield Way, Sierra Vista, San Ramon, Farley, Montecito, Rengstorff, El Camino Real and San Antonio to San Antonio Shopping Center. Return loop north and east via San Antonio, Mayfield Mall, Mayfield Ave and Central Expway to Rengstorff. One coach, 30 minutely 9AM-430PM. 98-NO. SUNNYVALE-COMMUNITY CENTER was extended from Lawrence Expway along Tasman to the entrance of Adobe Wells Mobile Home Park. Several more changes took place April 4. Weekday night service on 23-SAN JOSE-STANFORD SHOPPING CENTER now has all trips running the full line rather than short cutting in Los Altos. 54-SARATOGA-SUNNYVALE/LOCKHEED was rerouted on southbound (from Lockheed) trips only to loop thru Orchard Gardens residential area. 60-LOS GATOS-SARATOGA was extended into Marriott's Great America Theme Park on days of performances and Saturday headways were improved from 45 to 30 over full length of line and Sunday improved from 90 to 60 full length and 30 Redwood & Bailey to Park. 64-SANTA CLARA-ALMADEN VALLEY had its north end loop in Santa Clara revised while 71-MILPITAS-EVERGREEN was rerouted in East San Jose to serve the Cypress Gardens area. 85-NORTH 10TH-STEVENS CREEK had its western loop enlarged to run via Redwood, Forest, Monroe, Hedding, No. Bascom, Forest and Redwood to Stevens Creek. 90-DOWNTOWN SAN JOSE McLAUGHLIN AVE-SENTER AVE was extended farther south via Monterey, Capitol to Vista Park and on a counterclockwise loop via Vista Park, Bluefield and Snell to Capitol. 93-ALMADEN-CAPITOL/HILLTOP MANOR-three trips on this midday only line operate over new alternate route from Almaden Expway and Blossom Hill via Almaden, Lincoln, Curtner and Ironwood to Hilltop Manor. This short line uses a Plymouth Voyageur van exclusively. SCCTD reports February 1976 ridership at 862,516, up 49 percent over 1975 and 94% over 1974.

ROESCH LINES, INC. (RL)

SAN BERNARDINO: The Public Utilities Commission, at RL's request, has revoked PSCs for service between San Bernardino and Riverside County points and Anaheim Stadium and the same points and Dodgers Stadium and between San Bernardino and San Bernardino Mountain points to Big Bear City including Crestline and Lake Arrowhead, formerly operated under the name WESTERN TRAIL STAGES. Losses on the services had been excessive. The Hemet to Riverside operations of HEMET BUS LINE are not affected.

CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE BUS SYSTEM (CSLT)

SO. LAKE TAHOE: The 12/1/75 schedules brought changes to all existing lines (A,B,C,D, M) and the addition of two new lines, SKI AREA BUS and STATELINE-TAHOE VALLEY EXPRESS. Service changes include M-MAIN LINE (STATELINE-CITY HALL) absorbed the D St loop in the City Hall area from A line (from Lake Tahoe Blvd & D St via D, Julie, B, Tata, D, US 50 E, Melba, C and US 50 to Lake Tahoe Blvd at Tahoe Valley "Y"), shortened the Tahoe Island loop by dropping service north of 12th, surrendered the eastbound only Barton Hospital loop to Line A and made minor reroutings in Trout Creek, Al Tahoe, Bijou Post Office and Stateline loop area. A-TAHOE VALLEY AREA picked up Barton Hospital loop from Line M, northernmost tip of Tahoe Keys loop abandoned and service hours extended from 7A/7P to 630A/10P. B-AL TAHOE-GLENWOOD AREA was extended west across Lake Tahoe Blvd to loop thru the Al Tahoe area via same route as westbound M line. Balance of entire loop simplfied by elimination of Pickett Ave/Johnson Blvd routing in vicinity of Bijou Post Office in favor of direct routing via Rufus Allen Blvd and abandonment of service from Spruce via Blackwood Rd, Pioneer Trail and return on Herbert to Spruce in Glenwood area. Service hours also lengthened to 630A/10P. C-STATELINE-TAHOE VALLEY AREA "GRAVEYARD"-this all night service added a shortened version of the D St loop to its western end and picked up the Barton Hospital loop on eastbound trips. D-STATELINE-AL TAHOE/GLENWOOD AREA "GRAVEYARD"-this all night line added the same changes in the Glenwood/Bijou P.O. loop area as Line B including the extension into the Al Tahoe area. SKI AREA BUS was a new seasonal route timed to coincide with the winter operation of Heavenly Valley Ski Area connecting Stateline and Bijou P.O. with Heavenly Valley on a T shaped route starting at Lake Tahoe Blvd and Stateline looping thru the Stateline motel area via Stateline, Cedar, Poplar, Laurel, Friday and Manzanita, Stateline, Pine, Park, US 50, to Bijou P.O. looping via Takela, Treehaven and Fremont to US 50 returning east on 50 to Ski Run Blvd, then south on Ski Run, Needle Peak and Wildwood to Heavenly Valley ski lifts, returns thru parking lot and via Saddle Rd and regular route north to US 50 and on to Stateline. Service 30 minutely 730A/1130A and 215P/515P with 2 buses, hourly 1130A to 130P (1 bus). STATELINE-TAHOE VALLEY EXPRESS provided direct service between City Hall and Stateline via Lake Tahoe Blvd and made the run in about 20 minutes less than Line M because of lack of diversion loops. Hourly service 545A/845P (1 bus), but due to insufficient patronage the line was dropped on April 1. The SKI AREA and EXPRESS lines used TDH 4507s (3018-3022) which had been inactive since last June (then on Line M) while 0309Ds (3012-3017) service the other lines.

HOUSTON TRANSIT SYSTEM (HOUTRAN)

HOUSTON: Line 64-GULFTON EXPRESS was inaugurated April 5th and is a rush hour service designed for Houston bound commuters from the apartment complex area in the Chimney Rock area on the southwest side. 6AM inbound, 4AM outbound - 7PM outbound, 7PM inbound trips are now being operated. Fare is 60¢ one way for riders outside the I-610 loop and 50¢ for those inside (Gulfton is outside). A new small bus loop between downtown Houston and the Texas Medical Center operating every 35 minutes 6AM/6PM on weekdays has been started. Fares are 40¢ adult and 20¢ handicapped. The Grumann buses used on the line will be equipped with hydraulic lifts for riders in wheelchairs.

GALVESTON TRANSIT COMPANY/ISLAND TRANSIT (GTC) (IT)

GALVESTON: The 15 new T8H4523As listed under Galveston in May 1976 WT are fleet numbers 7601-7615 and carry the name ISLAND TRANSIT. They are painted blue and white and have Texas Exempt license plates which indicates the city must be operating the system. At the GTC garage twelve TGH3501s remain plus two TGH3102s which were rebulit to resemble ships (with pointed bows) for sightseeing service. All other 3102s gone from the property. The 3501s are mainly painted their standard cream and orange although a few have been repainted, one solid green, one solid blue and one solid yellow. These coaches carry regular Texas franchise bus license plates.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

Property	Vehicle Nos	Builder	Model/Serial	Notes
NEW				
Gray Line of Los Angeles	(5313	MCI	MC8/-	53 seat, NR
	(5702-5704	MCI	MC8/-	57 seat, NR
Orange County Transit	(711-713	Transcoach	211WC/7093-7095	double width doors to be equipped for wheelchairs
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	(778-784	Transcoach	222IS/7086,89,90, 7087,88,91, 7092	19 seaters
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	1101-1155	Flxible	53102-8-1/61162-61216	47 seaters
Mendocino Transit Authority -	(5 buses)	Argosy	CB 24'	23 seaters
City of Eureka	(- (2 buses)	Argosy	CB 24'	23 seaters
	(- (1 bus)	Argosy	CB 20'	15 passenger
USED				
Falcon Charter Service	(49	GMC	PD4106/1504	Nava Hopi 422
	(50, 53	GMC	PD4106/3141,3143	LVTR 177,179
Robinson Bus Lines (La)	009	GMC	PD4501/699	GLW 822
Pacific Western Stg Lns	6912	B&C	01SE/6912	Great Western Stg Lns 6912

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