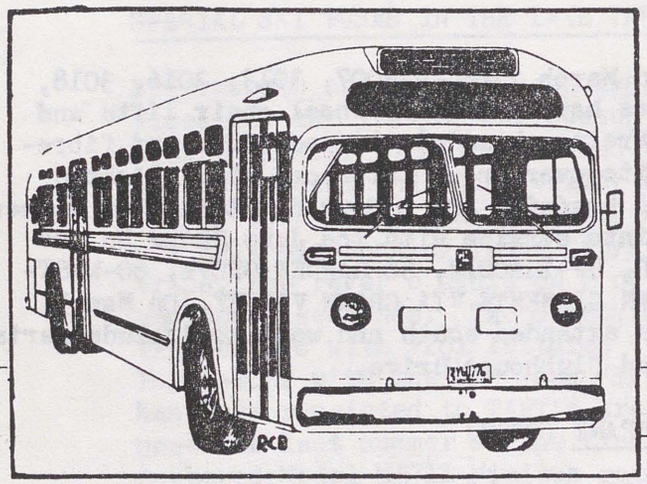


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HUMBOLDT TRANSIT AUTHORITY (HTA)

EUREKA: HTA now has a full time manager, their first, in the person of Robert A. (Bob) Burrowes, most recently associated in Southern California with NATIONAL CITY TRANSIT. All previous management was done by the County Public Works Department assigning a civil engineer to the task. The agency has also purchased four used buses, two TDH 4509s from A C TRANSIT and two TDH 4517s from the former NEVADA TRANSIT COMPANY, to bring the fleet to fifteen units, five Transcoaches and ten GMC transits. Beginning March 31st a new schedule went into effect which extended the 55 mile long TRINIDAD-SCOTIA route another one half mile to serve the huge Mill "B" of the Pacific Lumber Company in Scotia. The new schedule also details the second sections which previously were not shown on the timetable.

EUREKA TRANSIT SERVICE (ETS)

EUREKA: ETS, which is owned by the City of Eureka but operated by a private contractor, using five Argosys (Argosii-?) and one walk in step van may become part of HTA next July. The contract operator wishes to retire. It is presently unknown if the Argosys would become part of the HTA fleet or if existing HTA buses would be used on the four Eureka city routes which all operate on fourty minute headway between 630AM and 630PM Monday through Saturday.

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA)

RIVERSIDE: Another change in transit top management will occur on April 28th when Frank K. King of TIDEWATER METRO TRANSIT in Norfolk, Virginia and formerly of ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT and SAN BERNARDINO MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM returns to Southern California as the new General Manager of RTA. Beginning May 1 the RUBIDOUX DIAL A RIDE will be extended into Pedley and Glen Avon areas for elderly and handicapped persons only using one lift equipped van. On the same day local lines 30-SAN JACINTO-HEMET and 31-EAST-WEST HEMET will be discontinued due to low patronage but the six zoned SAN JACINTO HEMET DIAL A RIDE will continue service. Other new service under study is Line 32-HEMET-IDLLYWILD and 36-HEMET-RIVERSIDE which would be a replacement for the former ROESCH LINES and before that HEMET BUS LINE service which was discontinued last year. Three round trips per day are planned using a bus seating at least 29 passengers and equipped with a luggage compartment. Two routings are being discussed, one via Highway 60 direct and the other via Sunnymead and Edgemont. In RTA's future are six air conditioned TDH 5304s to be numbered 157-162, three of which will be used for additional service on Line 1-MAGNOLIA and the others as replacements for the three non air conditioned TDH 4517s (194-196) which are being purchased from National Coach Service and then will be sold. Eighteen GMC RTS 2 buses, all replacements for members of the existing fleet which will be placed into an Emergency Energy Contingency Fleet, are expected in Riverside this October.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (OCTD)

SANTA ANA: The first of OCTD's GMC RTS 2 buses arrived March 27th -- 3007, 3013, 3016, 3018, 3025, 3035, 3143 and 3150 were in that group. The buses have rear door wheel chair lifts and also have 43 dark brown and beige seats - padded leatherette ahead of the rear door and fibreglass in back. There are two wheelchair positions, white over brown interiors, back lighted car card areas, touch tone bu zer, a two piece electric headsign and a four digit Bus Run Number box. Approximately sixty of the buses will be placed into service with the June Shake Up and are intended for assignments on 37-EUCLID, 41/43-HARBOR, 42-LINCOLN, 56-GARDEN GROVE, 60-WESTMINSTER, 74/76-TALBERT-CULVER-ADAMS and 85-SANTA ANA-SAN CLEMENTE VIA CROWN VALLEY. On May 5 the SADDLEBACK VALLEY DIAL-A-RIDE service area is to be extended south and west to include parts of Laguna Niguel as far down as Crown Valley Parkway and Clubhouse Drive.

AIRPORT SERVICE INC. (ASI)/ORANGE COAST SIGHTSEEING COMPANY (OCSC)

ANAHEIM: On March 30 ASI increased its passenger fares 20 per cent and on April 1 OCSC increased its tour and sightseeing fares 19 per cent, both as the result of a recent PUC rate application hearing. ASI also made a number of service changes including the discontinuance of service to Monrovia on the INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT-PASADENA-ARCADIA line and discontinuance of service to the Holiday Inn in Mission Viejo with all trips originating/terminating in Laguna Hills at the Hyatt Lodge. The Beverly Wilshire Hotel was added to the LAX-BEVERLY HILLS CENTURY CITY line and the former On Call service to Ontario International Airport from Orange County points was converted into scheduled service with ten daily round trips serving John Wayne (Orange County) Airport, Grand Hotel, Disneyland Hotel and Ontario Airport.

CORONADO-IMPERIAL BEACH BUS SERVICE PLAN

IMPERIAL BEACH: The two cities have set up a joint powers agency agreement under which they will equally subsidize bus service between Imperial Beach (Imperial Ave and Hollister) and North Island Naval Air Station serving the Silver Strand, Coronado Cays, Strand Housing, Orange and 6th and four stops on base. SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORP., SOUTH COAST ORGANIZATION TRANSIT (SCOOT) and THE BUS THAT GOES IN CIRCLES, INC. have all submitted bids to operate the service.

FOSTER TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (FTC)

BAKERSFIELD: CALTRANS has awarded FTC $170,000 in grant monies to improve bus service between Taft and Bakersfield. Presently FTC operates two round trips daily between these two cities using an 11 passenger van and intends to expand to three trips several days a week using, possibly, an 18 passenger van.

GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT (GET)

BAKERSFIELD: GET Directors have decided to buy 12 buses for about $300,000 and rebuild them and also to buy an 8 acre site for a shop and office facility near F Street and Golden State Highway to provide room for the larger fleet. The present GET fleet has 32 buses and patronage has risen to 190,000 and continues to grow. The buses are to be purchased from COUNTY TRANSIT for about $2500 each and about $20,000 per unit for renovation. GET is now in process of annexation proceedings for the Rosedale, Olive Drive, Greenfield and Fairfax areas. If these annexations are approved by the affected residents bus service could begin by September.

CITY OF TEHACHAPI

TEHACHAPI: The city is concluding the necessary paperwork with the Kern County Council of Governments to obtain $39,000 in funds to buy a lift equipped 16 passenger van for regular service in the city which could start next summer. Such a system may serve the unincorporated areas of Golden Hills and Cummings Valley subject to approval of County Board of Supervisors.

SPECIAL SKI BUSES IN THE LAKE TAHOE AREA

Ski resorts and transit agencies in the Lake Tahoe area increased special ski bus services for the 1979/80 ski season beginning last December as follows: TAHOE AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT (TART) increased the number of daily round trips from Tahoe City to Alpine Meadows and Squaw Valley from 7 to 8 with separate buses leaving for each resort hourly 730A-1030A and 230P-430P with another at 1230P. This service formerly ran with a single bus running Tahoe City/Alpine Meadows/Squaw Valley/Tahoe City on 4 morning trips, the rever e cycle on 2 of 3 afternoon trips and had separate buses to Alpine and Squaw weekends. Two GM PD4106s have been acquired for this service and painted in TART colors with #261 lettered "Alpine Meadows Ski Bus" and #263 "Squaw Valley Ski Bus" along with the "AM" and "SV" logos of the respective resorts. Mercedes 0309D #2 has been repainted to TART's cream with orange and yellow striping. M/B #1 was disposed of last summer so the fleet now consists of three 0309Ds, two 4106s and the unnumbered Model MB711 Minibus returned from Placer County's Auburn-Roseville Placer Mini Bus (PMB) division (and still lettered for PMB) for the winter season in exchange for TART's Dodge Maxiwagon. ALPINE MEADOWS increased its existing free shuttle of 2 daily round trips between the resort and Incline Village, Nevada (Hyatt Lake Tahoe Hotel) and Granlibakken, Calif via Tahoe City and two weekend/holiday round trips between Tahoe City and the Sherwood Forest Chairlift with a weekday round trip from Sout Lake Tahoe via Lake Tahoe Blvd. (U. S. 50) and Calif Hwy 89 around the west shore of the lake thru Tahoe City to Alpine Meadows. Departs Sahara Tahoe 8AM and Alpine 4PM with an 80 minute running time. Equipment consists of 4106s #45-47 & 49, Bluebird transit type #48 and two Dodge Maxiwagons 103 and 104. SQUAW VALLEY inaugurated two daily free round trips, restricted to registered guests of selected north and west shore resorts, from Hyatt Lake Tahoe via Nev/Cal 28, Tahoe City, Cal 89 and Squaw Valley Rd using an unnumbered PD4106 lettered "Squaw Valley Ski Corp. Ski Bus". HOMEWOOD SKI AREA, located 6 miles north of Tahoe City, offered a daily free shuttle making several trips between Lake Forest Rd, at north edge of Tahoe City and Tahoma, at the Placer/El Dorado County Line, via Hwys 28 & 89 and using an ex Navy Dodge school bus still painted Navy gray. SKI INCLINE, on Nevada's north shore, operates 3 Courtesy Bus Routes from 830A-500P daily, all originating at the Lodge - A-INCLINE VILLAGE-TAHOE VISTA, B-INCLINE VILLAGE LOOP and C-MT. ROSE LOOP. Equipment included a Gillig transit type school bus #100 and several Dodge and Ford maxi-vans numbered in the 100s, all with curbside ski racks. CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE (CSLT)- The Heavenly Valley Ski Bus service was revamped for the season with 3 routes replacing the former single T shaped line which ran from the Lodge via Ski Run Blvd to Lake Tahoe Blvd, east to the State Line, returning west to the So. Lake Tahoe Post Office at Bijou, east again to Ski Run and south to Heavenly Valley. The new routes are: PIONEER LOOP (Green Route) offering new ski bus service along Pioneer Trail from Heavenly Valley via Saddle, Ski Run, Pioneer and Lake Tahoe to Park; STATELINE LOOP (Blue Route) replaces the eastern leg of the former T and runs via Saddle Ski Run & Lake Tahoe looping clockwise Park, Pine, Stateline, Cedar, Friday, Laurel and Stateline to Lake Tahoe Blvd; BIJOU LOOP (Red Route) replaces west leg of the T and extends beyond the Post Office to Lakeview/El Dorado Beach area and runs via Saddle, Ski Run, Lake Tahoe to San Jose looping clockwise San Jose, Riverside and Lakeview to Lake Tahoe Blvd. Headways remain 30 minutely 815-1045A and 215-515P and hourly midday, but the service now requires 3 peak/2 base buses instead of 2 and 1. Adult fares were raised from 35¢ (4 tokens $1) to $1 (2 tokens 50¢) with junior/senior/disabled remaining 15¢. GM TDH 4517s #3033-3034 and one of the ex AC TRANSIT TDH 4507s or one of the 5 M/B 0309Ds are used.

SIERRA HIGHLAND BUS COMPANY (SHBC).

FRESNO: SHBC has requested PUC authority to expand its service to include Merced, Sanger, Reedley, Coalinga, Avenal, Kettleman City and Paso Robles with a start up date of sixty days following Commission approval. Passenger fares would be computed at 6.5 cents per mile.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (RTD)

LOS ANGELES: Under the sponsorship of CALTRANS RTD instituted on March 31 a new line 600-AMTRANS SHUTTLE providing a connecting service from Union Station to several parts of downtown ending at Ninth and Main Streets. Buses load at the end of Union Station Platform No. 5 where the San Diegan Train #781 arrives and operates via station roadways, Macy, Alameda, Temple, Hope/Flower, 7th, Spring and Main to Ninth. Only one morning trip is run departing Union Station 800AM for the 24 minute trip and it has three sections which presently are buses from Lines 755 and 814 basing Line 600 at Division 12. The service is on a six month trial basis. Free RTD bus tickets are available for the asking at AMTRAK stations along the line and are valid for only Line 600 or any local line passing Union Station.

Two routing changes occurred April 13th, both in the Pomona-Covina area. 764-MONTCLAIR-POMONA PARK/RIDE was altered to serve the newly opened CALTRANS Park/Ride lot on McKinley at Garey. From Montclair Plaza buses now travel Central, San Bernardino Freeway, Orange Grove Ave, McKinley, thru Pomona Fairgrounds Park/Ride lot, McKinley, Ganesha, San Bernardino Freeway and regular route. 496-LOS ANGELES-RIVERSIDE-SAN BERNARDINO was also rerouted to the CALTRANS lot returning onto the freeway at Garey and, in addition, now stopping at Eastland Shopping Center, Azusa Ave and Freeway and Puente Ave and Freeway to discharge passengers only westbound and pick up eastbound.

May 1st will see the second RTD rate increase this fiscal year which is estimated to generate $4.6 million this fiscal year and $31 million next year in efforts to balance the budget which stands at $310 million this year. The basiccfare was reduced from 55 to 50 cents while the student cash fare was increased from 45 to 50 and the elderly and handicapped will pay 25¢ off peak and 50¢ peak. Transfers within Los Angeles County will be eliminated and Distance Steps on Freeway and Park/Ride lines were increased from 20 to 30 cents. Monthly passes were also increased - Regular from $20 to 30, Students $14 to 15, Elderly and handicapped remained at $4 but will require an added 25¢ during peak hours and each distance step on passes was increased from $6 to 10. Line 202-DOWNTOWN MINI-BUS LOOP will be 25¢ while 205-WESTWOOD MINIBUS will remain at a dime. Blind persons will continue to ride without charge and passes will be honored as fifty cents toward fares on special event buses. Subscription prices will also be increased. The age limit for elderly was raised to 65 unless the rider had a Medicare card which would be 62 years.

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY (MUNI)

SAN FRANCISCO: MUNI also increased its passenger fares as of April 1st after a series of stormy political hearings. The cash base fare was raised to 50¢ while the 5¢ fare for seniors, handicapped, blind and students remained unchanged. The Adult Fast Pass is $16 and the Annual Fast Pass (when available) will be $180. Fast Passes for seniors, handicapped and students are $2.50 (Annual $28 when available). Special Service Routes will charge the regular fares while Candlestick Park Service will be $2 adults or 50¢ for the reduced groups. Day Passes (when available) will be $1.

SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY (STA)

PALM SPRINGS: STA has started a new Line 11-RANCHO MIRAGE-CATHEDRAL CITY. Operating every two hours (except for a two hour gap) Monday thru Friday the line begins at Highway 111 & Date Palm via 111, Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope Dr, 111, Ave. 44, California, Washington, Tampico, Eisenhower, Durango, Obergon, Potrero and Eisenhower to Durango.

MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT/GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT (MCTD) (GGT)

SAN RAFAEL: Measure A, on the Marin County ballot for the April 8 election, which would have increased the sales tax from 6 to 6.5 per cent to help pay for public transit was turned down by 65 per cent of the voters. The vote was 14,623 for and 27,354 against. Many opinions have been offered for the defeat of the measure but it is generally believed the voters are only continuing their "anti government expansion" feelings. Political leaders in Marin are talking of a plan to have state legislation to allow counties to seek voter approval to impose a transit tax of one cent a gallon on gasoline. The measure would have raised about $6 million a year with half going to MCTD for local bus service (which is operated under contract by GGT) and the other half would have gone to GGT for its bus and ferry system. MCTD Directors have indicated they believe part of the resistance to the measure was the diversion of funds to GGT. The defeat may also influence the state's plans to finance extension of bus and carpool lanes on Highway 101. GGT Directors have talked of reducing local service within Marin and transferring those buses into commute service whose buses are operating at capacity. Talk of increased transit fares, increased bridge tolls and service reductions has been heard but no official action has been proposed. To test the practicality of using articulated buses across the Golden Gate Bridge and on the streets of San Francisco GGT is presently testing two artics on Route 4-MILL VALLEY-SAN FRANCISCO. Morning departures from Mill Valley are 650A and 819A while afternoon trips depart the Civic Center at 445P and the Financial District 615P. To this time all ten GGT articulateds have been used exclusively in Marin County. Under discussion is a free shuttle between the Ferry Building and the downtown shopping and financial areas on weekdays during peak hours. District staff is studying creation of commuter parking at Hamilton AFB, several Marin and Sonoma church parking lots and Crissy Field in San Francisco with all lots served by GGT buses.

YOSEMITE PARK & CURRY COMPANY (YPCC)

FRESNO: YPCC has begun daily bus tours from Fresno to the Yosemite Valley with lunch stop at the Ahwahnee Hotel. Support for the daily tour service which stops at several Fresno hotels and costs $29.95 per person, comes from the hotel and convention industry and the Chamber of Commerce. They are now working with AMTRAK and several airlines to develop travel packages that include lodging in Fresno.

TRAILWAYS, INC. (TWI)

LOS ANGELES: TWI will begin promoting its services as "Go Big Red, Go Trailways" as part of the changes made by the former Greyhound Lines management team now operating TWI. Beginning April 1 a new Seattle-San Diego Thru Bus service began. Except for short runs shch as Long Beach or North Hollywood and on to Las Vegas, for example, no Trailways bus has run through Los Angeles in recent times. This bus will increase TWI Los Angeles-San Diego round trips to five and will depart Seattle 630AM, arrive Los Angeles 1215PM (2nd day), depart Los Angeles 1245PM and arrive San Diego 430PM. Northbound the bus leaves San Diego 930AM, Los Angeles 125PM/200PM arriving Seattle the second day at 750PM.

OMNITRANS (OT)

SAN BERNARDINO: OT has received UMTA approval for purchase of 33 additional 43 seat lift equipped RTS 2 buses (WT 3/80) and these plus the original eight will allow for replacement of all the Mercedes Benz 0309Ds. The new MUSCOTT SHUTTLE line, designed to serve several north area schools and provide direct transportation for students, has been discontinued due to lack of ridership.

SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (SBMTD)

SANTA BARBARA: SBMTD made a number of route and schedule changes last September. 8-CALLE REAL-GENERAL HOSPITAL was rerouted in the Stow Canyon area. Regular route from Hope and State to Calle Real and Encinas, thence Encinas, Encina, Fairview Road to Fairview Center Park & Ride. 12-GOLETA-SANTA BARBARA EXPRESS had its downtown route changed to 101 Freeway, Carrillo, Chapala, Anapamu, Anacapa, Oretga, Chapala. The line also serves the new Park/Ride facility at Orange and Hollister. 13-UCSB TURNPIKE AND CALLE REAL-RESETAS LANE, HWY 154 was extended from Santa Barbara to Summerland and new routing is: Summerland Post Office, Lille, Padaro Lane, 101 Fwy, Coast Village Rd, 101 Fwy, Carrillo, Chapala, Arrellaga, 101 Fwy, Calle Real, Turnpike, 101 Fwy (begin one way loop) Ward Memorial Fwy, East Gate, UCSB North Hall, El Colegio Road, Storke, Hollister, Los Carneros, Calle Real, Fairview, 101 Fwy to Turnpike (end loop). Southbound routing in Santa Barbara is different. Operates hourly 653A-813P weekdays and new weekend service runs Saturday 953AM-853PM and Sunday from 1015AM to 515PM. 15-MESA SHORELINE has a new loop routing - Transit Center, Chapala, Figueroa, Anacapa, Haley, Castillo, Cliff, La Marina, Shoreline Dr, Meigs Rd, Carrillo, Chapala, Transit Center. 16-WESTMONT COLLEGE-COAST VILLAGE ROAD is new. Route is from Butterfly, Middle Rd, Coast Village Rd, Hot Springs Rd, (one way loop) Sycamore Canyon Rd, Sycamore and Coyote, Sycamore, Cold Springs Rd, La Paz Rd to Westmont College. From the college via La Paz, Cold Springs and Sycamore Canyon direct to Butterfly. Morning service from Westmont does not operate to Sycamore & Coyote. Service from Butterfly to Westmont College including branch to Sycamore & Coyote operates from 710A to 1150A. Beginning at 1220P service from Butterfly operates to Sycamore & Cold Springs, then direct to Westmont. From the college service is operated to Butterfly including the branch to Sycamore & Coyote beginning at 1235PM. 20-CARPINTERIA EXPRESS is in place of former 20 from Goleta to Fairview Center. New 20 runs from Transit Center, Chapala, Figueroa, De La Vina, Carrillo, 101, Carpinteria, 7th, Carpinteria to Camino Carreta. Northbound trips run Camino Carreta, North Via Real, Bailard Ave, Carpinteria, 7th, Santa Ynez, 101, Carrillo, Transit Center. 22-OLD MISSION-EL ENCANTO has a new route: same from Transit Center to Hillside & Orpet. Inbound same to Valerio & Olive, then Valerio, Grand, California, Micheltorena, same to Transit Center. 23-SAN ROQUE-HIDDEN VALLEY-OLD MISSION operates both clockwise and counterclockwise. Portesuello & Modoc via Portesuello, Belair Knolls, Crestline, Portesuello, Modoc, Palermo, Torino, Calle de los Amigos to Valle Verde, reverse to Palermo & Portofino, then Portofino, Calle de los Amigos, Modoc Rd, La Cumbre Rd, State, Hope, San Remo, Grove Lane, Foothill Rd, San Roque, Calle Pinon, Argonne Circle, Calle Laureles, Pase del Descanso, Alamar to Marilyn, reverse to Calle Rosales, Puesta Del Sol, Mission Canyon, Garden, Constances, De La Vina, Bath, Mission and Modoc to Portesuello.

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT (ACT)

OAKLAND: In the wake of the MUNI fare increase AC Directors have approved an increase beginning July 1. Basic fare of 35¢ will go to 50¢ while the minimum transbay fare will increase from 75¢ to $1. Seniors/handicapped and students will continue at 10¢ and 25¢ respectively. The higher fare comes in the midst of a joint financial analysis among AC, MUNI and BART as directed by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. MTC is pressuring the three operators to uniformly raise fares, promote transfer use and cut duplicative services. Under MTC's proposed corrdinated fare plan some $80 million in state funds will be allocated to the three operators in FY 80/81.

KINGSBURG SENIOR TRANSIT SERVICE

KINGSBURG: The Del Monte Corp. has donated a 1978 station wagon to the Kingsburg Retired Senior Volunteer Program for use during late afternoon and evening hours to supplement existing bus service which ends at 430PM. The RSVP program is a federally funded ACTION project sponsored by the YMCA in Fresno County.

SUN CITY AREA TRANSIT (SCAT)

EL PASO: Beginning January 1 SCAT established a 5¢ transfer charge and eliminated the 10¢ extra zone charge. The 35¢ base fare remained unchanged as did the 75¢ for express service. SCAT's second non stop express Park/Ride service, 31-NORTHGATE EXPRESS, began operation on March 31. Four morning and four afternoon trips are run. Route is from Northgate Center at Diana and Joe Herrera via Diana, Hondo Pass, North-South Freeway, Interstate 10, Missouri, Santa Fe, Mills, around the north and east side of the Plaza (Mills and Mesa), thence east on Texas, north on Campbell, east on Franklin, Interstate 10 and on to Northgate Center. 3-SUN VALLEY was divided into two branches north of Magnetic and Hercules - 3A via Kenworthy and Pushing will service the Apollo Heights section while 3B via McCombs and Sarah Anne will serve the Sarah Anne area. These changes will provide service to all the Housing Authority units in the northeast. The Line 3 change occurred January 7th as did a change on 25-LANCASTER which now diverts from North Loop Road via Zaragosa, Cashew, Betel, Kingswreath, Geranium, Zaragosa to service the Martin Luther King Apartments.

COLORADO SPRINGS TRANSIT SYSTEM (CSTS)

COLORADO SPRINGS: CSTS is proposing bus fare increases to be effective June 1. The changes would be: regular fares 35 to 50¢, high school student's fares from 25 to 40¢ and seniors, handicapped and children 6-11 from 15 to 25¢. Seniors and handicapped would pay the full 50¢ during peak hours (630-830A and 400-600P). Although ridership continues to grow the revenue increase it has generated is not enough to keep up with the cost of providing additional buses and expanded service. Present fares have not changed since the city takeover in 1972 except to reduce fares for the elderly and handicapped. Reduced fares during rush hours are proposed to be discontinued to encourage riders who can do so to travel in off peak hours.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (RTD)

DENVER: In anticipation for the construction of the 16th Street Pedestrian Mall and the closing of the street on February 3rd all bus lines were rerouted in downtown Denver. Fourteen blocks in the heart of the city will be transformed into a graceful pedestrian space making it the center of retail and entertainment activites. Transportation will be provided by specially designed and constructed diesel vehicles and will be free of charge. By using 15th and 17th for all local bus operations these alignments can be used during all phases of Mall construction and will still be viable when the Mall connects the terminals at Broadway and at Market. Regional buses will also use 15th and 17th. Boulder and Longmont buses will eventually be assigned to the Northwest (Market Street) terminal while Regionals from Brighton, Conifer, Evergreen and Parker are expected to use the Civic Center (Broadway) terminal upon completion. Express buses will use 14th and 18th but buses from the south will penetrate the downtown area by traveling on California while buses from the north will use Welton. Downtown DART buses will now run during peak hours for the first time.. The City/County and State Capitol DARTS will be combined into one line on or near 16th running from 6AM to 6PM. DARTS will operate southeast bound on 17th every 7 to 8 minutes serving the Civic Center area along Broadway, 14th and Lincoln returning along 16th Ave. Centr l Circulators, Auraria and Sakura Square DARTS will also have minor adjustments in their routings.

WANTED: SCRTD Line 57 timetable for the 1971 Oak Tree Meet: Lazear Israel, 936 South Genesee Avenue, Los Angeles, California, 90036

EQUIPMENT REPORT

PROPERTY	FLEET NOS	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL	NOTES
NEW				
San Francisco Municipal Rwy	4030-4054	Flxible	53102-8-1/91238-91262	
Eastshore Lines	340	GMC	H8H640/A233	last GM parlor
Orange County Transit	(0101-0108	Ford	Econ 250/1084,	lift equipped for
	(		1087-1093	Dial A Lift
	(0201-0212	Ford	Econ 250/1085,	12 seaters
	(		1094-1102,04,05	
USED				
Tahoe Area Regional Trnst	261,263	GMC	PD4106/1157,1159	
Storer Transportation	119	GMC	PD4107/854	GLW 7954
Airporter	(340	GMC	P8M4905A/108	Voyageur Col. 2740
	(341	GMC	P8M4905A/1474	GMC demo
Mark IV Charter Lines	424	MCI	MC5A/-	GLW 8754
Regional Transit (Sacto)	(4573-4574	GMC	TDH4517/717,762	SCPTBA 108,113
	(4575	GMC	TDH4517/506	Sun Valley 6
	(5101	GMC	TDH5301/1429	ESL 436
	(II5301-5305	GMC	TDH5301/762,743,	Cincinnati 424,405,
	(		761,740,	423,402
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DISPOSITIONS				
Nevada Transit	21	GMC	TDH4517/1359	to Sonoma County
Sun Valley Stages	5	GMC	TDH4517/505	" " "
Hawaiian Discovery Tours	703	GMC	SDM5302/298	to Eastshore Lines

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GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT - AS THE GM SEES

I really want to encourage more members to attend our monthly meetings. We have been having some outstanding entertainment thanks to Joe Drummond, our Entertainment Chairman who has provided some interesting movies. Walter Abbenseth has supplied some outstanding slides on the Pacific Electric trolley system.

It is very easy to get to the meeting place at 272 Alpine, Pasadena. Take Line 423 and get off at Alpine - a two block walk will get you there. If you drive take either Arroyo Parkway or Los Robles and watch for Alpine.

Again, I hope to see more of you there. The February meeting was one of the best we have had in a long time because we have a larger than usual turnout. If you have interesting photos or slides do bring them. We are all interested in what you have to offer. Remember - how enjoyable our meetings are depends on how many of you come.

Bill Vallow, General Manager

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