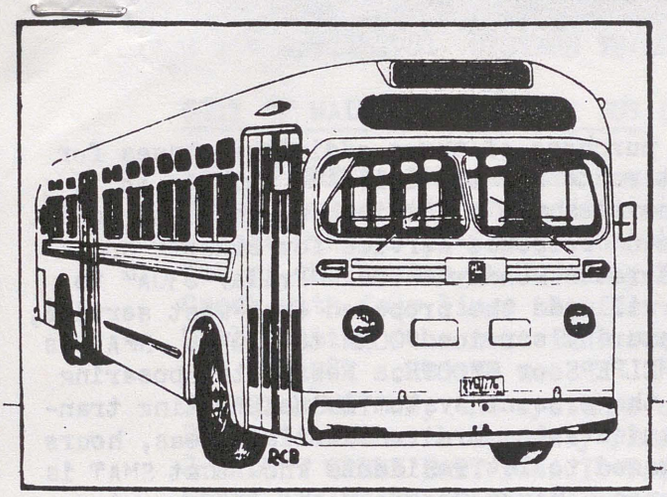


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PALO VERDE VALLEY TRANSIT AGENCY (PVVTA)

BLYTHE: Effective April 1, by action of the PVVTA Board, fares and service changes were effected on the city portion of the system. The fixed route service was abolished in favor of a dial-a-ride system and the fares were increased from 75¢ to $1.25 with seniors and handicapped at 75¢. The new system will operate for a sixty day trial period after which some decisions will be made concerning the future of the system. Morelock's Taxi Service protested against the Dial-A-Ride saying such action may force him out of business and stated that he had verbal agreement with a previous city administration that no other competing service would operate in Blythe. City officials replied that, in the future, a form of subsidization might be offered to Morelock and after the sixty day trial period a clearer picture would emerge concerning the entire transportation picture. The county route will remain fixed for now although the County of Riverside is considering a switch to dial a ride. A fare increase is in the offing for the Ripley route on May 1st when the rate will rise from 50¢ to 75¢. Monthly passes will rise from $14 to $21 ($12 to $18 for seniors/handicapped). The City of Blythe is now operating the routes for the joint powers agency charging for the services of city personnel. As of March 31st the position of General Manager was abolished and the buses were moved to the city's Public Works building. In its two years of operation the system has failed to meet the ten percent farebox recovery rate mandated by the state and the new DAR coupled with reduced overhead costs will aid the situation.

DESERT STAGE LINES (DSL)

TWENTYNINE PALMS: CALTRANS has granted DSL $73,000 to begin a new bus service between Twentynine Palms and Apple Valley. Initial plans call for a July 1st start up with one round trip per day. The new route will add about 90 one way miles to the system. The California Legislature began a program last year for the Intercity Bus Program and continued funding is assured for a second year. This will allow the state to negotiate contracts with eight intercity carriers including DSL. The other carriers are AMADOR STAGE LINES, REDWOOD EMPIRE LINES, PEERLESS STAGES, INC., MOUNT LASSEN MOTOR TRANSIT, VACA VALLEY BUS LINES, GREYHOUND LINES and COAST LINES of San Luis Obispo.

HARBOR CARRIERS, INC. (HCI)

SAN FRANCISCO: The Public Utilities Commission has approved HCI's request for fare increases on the Tiburon and Angel Island ferries. The new fares will be $2.50 between San Francisco and Tiburon (was $2.15) with twenty ride commute books at $39.00 (was $27.50) and $5.00 between San Francisco and Angel Island State Park (was $4.25).

SANTA MARIA AREA TRANSIT (SMAT)

SANTA MARIA: The Santa Maria City Council has approved purchase of three additional buses for SMAT. Two of the buses would be used on a new east-west route and the third to replace an existing but dilapidated unit. At present the system operates two buses in a north-south loop between Orcutt and Santa Maria and two others are in demand response service for seniors and the handicapped. The fare is 70 cents and the system operates Monday through Friday 830AM to 530PM. Addition of the new buses, in about six months, will add the proposed east-west service, increase weekday service hours to 700AM-700PM and add Saturday service 900AM to 500PM. SMAT is operated by SANTA MARIA ORGANIZATION OF TRANSPORTATION HELPERS or SMOOTH. Residents appearing before the Area Planning Council expressed concern that the present system is not meeting transit needs. They stated that the system needs to be expanded into more residential areas, hours of service lengthened and a public information program waged to let residents know that SMAT is available to everyone, not just the elderly and handicapped. Mayor George Hobbs is preparing plans for an expanded bus system to be operated by the city replacing SMAT and is expected to have the plans ready in the next few months.

GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT (GGT)

SAN RAFAEL: Effective April 1 commuters on the Larkspur ferries buying ticket books received an increased discount to equalize the bus and ferry fare (to $1.575 per ride). The discrepancy occurred March 1 when bus fares were increased to $1.75 and ferries to $2.00 while ticket books traditionally offer a ten per cent discount. Action has been blocked on bids for nine new lift equipped buses because an unsuccessful bidder, Neoplan, protested to the General Accounting Office about the district requiring performance bonds from bidders. $96,000 is to be spent on new parts for gearboxes that failed in February on the Larkspur ferries. Such failures also occurred in 1980. Board committees will be recommending to the full board plans to transport disabled commuters from Sonoma-Marin to San Francisco by purchasing a van capable of carrying four wheelchairs which would make two round trips in the morning and evening along Highway 101 between Santa Rosa and San Francisco. Estimated cost of the project is $65,000. In about one year GGT will have ten to fifteen lift equipped buses with other older buses being retrofitted. Plans are being formulated to reroute Line 50-NOVATO-SAN FRANCISCO from Lombard onto Geary which would necessitate building of a left turn lane from Park Presidio onto Geary and beginning June 8th, if the full board approves, a commuter bus service along Park Presidio Blvd/19th Ave between the bridge toll plaza and BART/Daly City.

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY (MUNI)

SAN FRANCISCO: The L. K. Comstock Company has been awarded two of four contracts for electrification of Line 55-SACRAMENTO. The first contract totals $3,470,215 of which $1,275,971 will be allocated to minority or female owned firms. The second contract totals $284,194. The Public Utilities Commission is in the process of replacing and installing new MUNI overhead lines throughout the city over the next five years at a cost of $40 million. It is anticipated later this year a contract will be awarded for electrification of 24-DIVISADERO.

AMADOR STAGE LINES (ASL)

SACRAMENTO: ASL began service between Sacramento, Davis and the San Francisco International Airport on December 14th operating five round trips daily charging a $12.50 one way and $25.00 round trip fare. Boarding locations in Sacramento are 29th & K Streets and 5th & L downtown and in Davis at Dave & Eddies Restaurant. Buses leave Sacramento at 500AM, 815AM, 230PM, 530PM and 830PM. Buses depart San Francisco Airport at 1030AM, 115PM, 600PM, 1000PM and 130AM. Running time is 2 hours, 30 minutes.

CITY OF WALNUT CREEK MINI BUS (WCMB)

WALNUT CREEK: This Contra Costa County local system has recently expanded from two to seven routes with the addition of seven diesel powered air conditioned, lift equipped Chance/Minibus RT-50s (#008-014) which join 1975 model Transcoach 221ls #001-004. Hub of the system is Broadway Plaza shopping center in the heart of downtown Walnut Creek with four lines also serving BART/Walnut Creek and a fifth serving Pleasant Hill station (the next BART stop north of Walnut Creek). Routes shown in the January 1, 1981 schedule are:

1-BART-DOWNTOWN, the system's original downtown loop route connects the Walnut Creek BART station with Broadway Plaza

2-WALNUT CREEK BART-YGNACIO VALLEY operates weekday peak hours only from BART via Ygnacio Valley Rd (with a couple of detours) to Doctors Park at Walnut Avenue

3-BROADWAY-WALNUT AVE, a midday variation of 2, operates from Broadway Plaza (instead of BART) to Doctors Park. The Saturday version, 3-BROADWAY-OAK GROVE, id extended on its east end over the large Walnut/Oak Grove/Mitchell/Ygnacio Valley loop operated by 4 during weekdays

4-PLEASANT HILL BART-OAK GROVE runs weekday peak only from P.H. BART via Treat Blvd and Bancroft Rd to Doctors Park, then makes the Oak Grove loop same as Saturday 3

5-NO. CIVIC-CREEKSIDE operates a north-south service middays on North Civic Dr, Main, Broadway Plaza and Creekside Dr

6-LARKEY-RUDEGEAR-LIVORNA, WCMB's longest route, runs from Geary and Camino Verde in the northwest via WC BART and downtown to Livorna Rd in the southeast with a large loop at each end

7-ROSSMOOR-SARANAP-BART/DOWNTOWN was formerly operated by Rossmoor Leisure World, which still provides local bus service within the boundaries of this vast retirement community and runs from Rossmoor Shopping Center to BART/Walnut Creek weekday peak and to Broadway Plaza midday and Saturday

In addition a door to door "Reserve-A-Ride" (RAR) service is available weekdays for seniors and mobility handicapped. Reservations must be called in between 8AM and noon the day before a ride is desired. WCMB fare structure is 25¢ off peak (10¢ seniors/handicapped) and 50¢ peak (before 900AM and after 430PM weekdays). A Daily Riders Pass is 50¢, a Monthly Riders Pass $10 and all Reserve-A-Ride trips are 50¢ each way. A detailed service table follows:

	WEEKDAYS			SATURDAY		
Route	Operating Hours	Hdwy	Reqd	Operating Hours	Hdwy	Reqd
1	600AM-740PM	15	2	900AM-630PM	30	1
2	600AM-830AM	(15	2	-	-	-
	415PM-730PM	(				
3	915AM-400PM	35	1	900AM-600PM	60	1
4	600-840,410-730	20	2	-	-	-
	900AM-400PM	35	1			
5	900AM-400PM	30	1	900AM-630PM	30	1
6	635AM-750PM	35	2	930AM-630PM	60	1
7	600AM-740PM	30/35	1	900AM-640PM	35	1
RAR	900AM-400PM	N/A	1	-	-	-
	Required		9			5

CALL-A-RIDE (CAR)

MODESTO: CAR is a new one man operated limousine service now operating in the Modesto area and will take one, or a group, to Riverbank for $11, Turlock for $13.50 or Stockton for $25 or anywhere else within a 40 mile radius of Modesto for $1 a mile. A Request for a stand at the Modesto Airport is pending.

CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE (CSLT)

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE: SSLT took delivery of two 35 foot GMC RTS 04s in mid November. Numbered 3043-3044 they join year old RTS IIs #3035-3037 and enable CSLT to operate all base service on the three regular routes, A-TAHOE KEYS-GARDENER MTN, B-GLENWOOD-AL TAHOE and M-STATELINE-D ST Mainline with ADBs, if necessary, though the Mercedes Benz 0309Ds are still used about half the time on A and B and continue to serve the all night "Graveyard" routes C-STATELINE-TAHOE VALLEY and D-STATELINE-GLENWOOD/AL TAHOE. The last two ex SAMTRANS Fleetwoods (#3028-3029) have been disposed of and the four remaining active 0309Ds of the 3012-3017 series have been repainted in the white with broad light blue belt scheme introduced on the RTS (3015 was scrapped earlier and 3014 is in a cannibalized state). Held in reserve for city service and also repainted in the new livery are ex SAMTRANS TDH 3501 #3027 and second hand TDH 4517s #0333-3034. Ford/Superior school buses 3039-3042 are used on the three winter only Heavenly Valley Ski Bus routes and a fifth Ford/Superior, still in school bus colors, was on the property in early February. The privately owned LAKE TAHOE TRANS-PORTATION SYSTEM, INC (LTTS) commenced operation in early 1980 offering a Dial-A-Ride service covering the entire South Lake Tahoe basin including the Nevada side of the state line, which CSLT does not serve. One way fares range from $2.50 for all California points to $4.00 for the furthest Nevada points beyond the Stateline casino area. and operating hours are 5AM to 2AM daily. An Airport/Casino Express service is also operated from Lake Tahoe Airport to the Stateline casinos via US 50. LTTS Equipment consists of Dodge Sportsman vans B1 and B2, Chevy/Wayne Transettes B3-B7, Ford Estate Wagons L1 and L2 and Ex CSLT Fleetwood FL-TB-1s #3028-3029. The latter are stored out of service at the South Y Exxon Station (intersection of US 50 and Cal 89) the system's operating base and still carry their CSLT 1feet numbers and SAMTRANS paint scheme.

OMNITRANS (OT)

SAN BERNARDINO: A series of service changes were made on January 12. Line 14-MONT-CLAIR-YUCAIPA had thirty minute weekday service added between Fontana and Redlands. 22-RIALTO SHOPPER was rerouted at both ends aimed at reaching more residents including those in new housing developments. One Dial-A-Ride cab became available for Bloomington residents south of Slover to carry them to bus lines ending at Slover & Orchard or to other areas in the city as far north as the San Bernardino Freeway. Lines 9 and 23 were cut back at Orchard and Slover and 23 was renumbered 14B and extended into Fontana. 25 is the new designation for the portion of 20 serving sections of the city east of Sierra and south of Arrow. 20 remained the line for the northern section of town. 14A is the new designation for the portion of 21 serving areas generally north of San Bernardino Avenue and west of Sierra. 21 continues to serve areas along Valley, Slover and Santa Ana. These changes required four additional buses. On March 1st OT increased its fares. On the fixed routes regular fares increased from 35¢ to 50¢, students 25¢ to 35¢ and seniors 15¢ to 25¢. On the Dial A Ride system regular fares went from $1 to $1.50, seniors from 50¢ to 75¢ and handicapped remained 50¢. The San Bernardino City Council formally asked OT to assume operation of Line 18-HIGHLAND-BASELINE CROSSTOWN which has been operated by Yellow Checker Leasing of San Bernardino using two Checker Aerobuses under contract with the city. OT had previously indicated a willingness to assume operation of the service but indicated that there could be service changes if they assumed the operation.

CITY OF PORTERVILLE

Dial A Ride service is now offered for 75¢ a ride to the genral public. Two sedans and one van is being leased to Gilbert's Flight Service of Delano. The city is providing the fuel and the program is funded by $135,000 in state gas tax money. The service may be extended into the unincorporated areas around Porterville at a later date.

REGIONAL TRANSIT (RT)

SACRAMENTO: Line 67-CLARKSBURG, which had operated three round trips midday on Thursday and four round trips on Saturday, between the Florin Mall and the city of Clarksburg through Freeport, was discontinued with the close of service on April 11th. This was the first Yolo County service RT has provided that was abandoned. Lines 42/43/44/45-SACRAMENTO-DAVIS-WOODLAND will be changed in June so that all service south of 9th and O Streets to the Sacramento City College will be abandoned. Other changes may be in the works for all Yolo County service as RT provides this service under contract with the various political subdivisions and as RT's costs go up the contract costs go up and the political bodies may opt to find another carrier(s) to provide the service.

CITY OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO: City planning officials have deferred any action on proposals by SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORP to provide additional revenue through a variety of tax schemes to prevent fare increases and service reductions. SDTC faces a $6 million deficit next year and has been proposing a drastic revision of schedule cuts and route deletions and personnel layoffs. SDTC supplied figures which show only 9.8% of its budget is spent on administrative overhead compared to an average 19.4% in other big city systems and that SDTC operators rank 16th in hourly wages instead of first as they did three years ago. Thier labor contract expires this December. SDTC has proposed elimination of 14-SOLEDAD MOUNTAIN RD, 21-MIRA MESA-SORRENTO VALLEY and 51-SAN YSIDRO SHUTTLE and night and weekend reductions on 19 lines which together would save 15 peak hour buses. Also expected are increased local fares (60 to 75 or 80¢) and express fares (75¢ to $1). In other actions the city has approved $30,000 for a financial study into a proposal to build a $2.2 million trolley line in the downtown Gaslamp Quarter along 5th Avenue between C and K Streets and doubled the amount charged for short trips on Dial-A-Ride from 25¢ to 50¢ within one zone. The 50¢ maximum for trips for medical and therapy appointments regardless of zones (there are eight zones in the city) is unchanged.

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT BOARD (MTDB)

SAN DIEGO: The MTDB Board, by a 5-0 vote with the three City of San Diego members absent, has decided to build an $89 million, 17 mile light rail transit line eastward to El Cajon. The board put aside objections by La Mesa residents the trolley line would disturb their homes, increae traffic congestion and waste taxpayers money. Plans call for the east line to begin operation in 1986. The boards action does not irrevocably commit money for the line but, rather enhances its chances of receiving money to start pur hasing land itsseeks for trolley stations. It is estimated that it will cost another $20 to $25 million for a fully improved line that would straighten some curves and provide extensive double tracking. The success of the eastward trolley extension is tied to development of feeder bus service that would bring passengers to the 13 proposed stations.

WESTWAY LINES

VENTURA: WL, a subsidiary of CHANNEL ISLANDS BUS SYSTEM, is licensed for charters in the eleven western states with all trips originating in Ventura or Santa Barbara Counties. Presently WL operates a passenger lines under contract with and through the cities of Ventura, Oxnard, Camarillo, Newbury Park and Westlake Village. This company has been selected by the White House transportation staff to transport President Reagan's staff members and press corps whenver the President comes to visit the western White House - Rancho del Cielo - in the Solvang area.

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PROPERTY	FLEET NOS	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL	NOTES
NEW				
Redwood Empire Lines	200,210	MCI	MC9/S15872,15873	
The Gray Lines, Inc.	101-106	MCI	MC9/-	
Storer Transportation Serv	121	MCI	MC9/-	
Franciscan Lines	112-113	MCI	MC9/-	
County Transit	1600-1818	Gr-Flx	40102 6C-1/92902-93120	front door lifts
Cherriotts (Salem,Ore)	1500-1508	GMC	T7060H/810527-810535	addtl info
Citifare (Reno, Nev)	101-113	GMC	T7060H/810572-810584	
City of South Lake Tahoe	3043-3044	GMC	T7060H/810590-810591	rear door lifts
DISPOSITIONS				
Regional Transit	5306-5307	GMC	TDM5303/064-065	to Royal Coach
Montebello Muni Bus Lines	(23-26	GMC	TDH3501/113-116	for sale
	(9341-9346	GMC	TDH4517/378-382,1074	"
	(9347	GMC	TDH5303/479	"
	(9348-9349	GMC	TDH4519/1827-1828	"
	(9350-9353	GMC	T6H4521A/452-455	"
USED				
City of South Lake Tahoe	3033-3034	GMC	TDH4517/502-503	MASSTRANS 4506-4507 (Okla City)

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AS THE GM SEES BY BILL VALLOW, WTS GENERAL MANAGER

I cannot stress the importance of WTS members continuing to attend our monthly meetings. It is very good to see you here. Do not forget the Motor Bus Society convention in San Francisco in October.

If any of you do detail painting on models please contact me. Currently I have an Air Jet GMC RTS II which I wish to have painted to match Colorado Springs which involves striping around the belt. Also have Model Coach News PDA3702 which is primed and ready tp paint and a MCN White 782. Am also interested in pictures of Colorado Springs buses

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