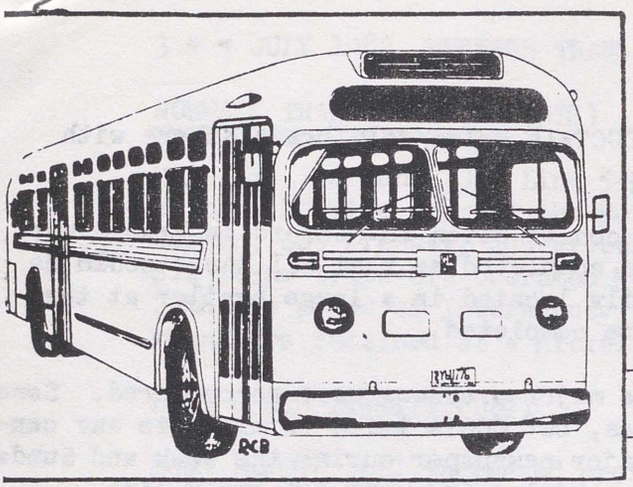


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CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (CCCTA)

CONCORD: On Monday, June 7th CCCTA began operations in the central county area over former ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT routes in the cities of Concord, Lafayette, Moraga, Orinda and Pleasant Hill. The previous services were operated under contract by AC for each individual community and was not an integrated system nor a coordinated operation. The new CCCTA was formed two years ago to plan and implement a unified transit system for the central county. The first actual operation of buses was the take over of the WALNUT CREEK MINI BUS system on July 1, 1981, operating with their fleet of twelve Chance RT 50 Minibuses.

Initially, CCCTA is making very few changes on these former AC lines waiting to implement changes for a coordinated area system in an orderly fashion over the next three to four years. Service still operates six days per week with no Sunday operations scheduled. AC still runs the regular BART Express bus lines in the central county (D-MARTINEZ-DANVILLE, M-CONCORD-MARTINEZ and P-CONCORD-ANTIOCH/BRENTWOOD) as well as the contract service for TRI DELTA TRANSIT in Pittsburg and Antioch.

One new CCCTA route began service June 7th - 110-CLAYTON-CONCORD-MARTINEZ which brings local bus service to two cities that previously had no local service. 110 begins east of central Clayton and proceeds through Clayton via Marsh Creek Road, Mt. Whitney Way, Mountaire Circle and Clayton Road to BART/Concord, thence Willow Pass Road, Diamond Blvd, Concord Ave, Pacheco Blvd, Center Ave, Muir Dr, Palm Ave, Shell Ave and Pine Street to downtown Martinez. Line 110 runs Monday thru Friday from 540AM to 901PM and when combined with 301-CLAYTON ROAD on weekdays now provides twice the service on the Concord portion of Clayton Road.

Two other line changes took place. First, Line 5-CIVIC-CREEKSIDE in Walnut Creek was extended from its northern terminal up Oak Road to BART/Pleasant Hill connecting not only with BART but also 306-MONUMENT BLVD and 307-OAK GROVE ROAD. The 5 is now also routed to BART/Walnut Creek via Ygnacio Valley Rd and California Blvd. New Line 106-ORINDA-MORAGA-LAFAYETTE began operation covering both former AC Lines 350 and 351 with extended service south of Moraga on Camino Pablo Drive.

With fourty two buses in the initial fleet (former WCMB 005-016, Chance RT 50 Minibuses and 100-129, Gillig 3596T/80061-80090) and thirty nine needed for all schedules, management surveyed several other transit systems in California in an attempt to lease a few buses to improve the spare situation. By June 9th an agreement was reached with STOCKTON METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT to lease four GMC TDH 4519s for a minimum of three months. The leased units are CCCTA 1700, 1701, 1702, 1704 - TDH 4519/759, 760, 761, 763. The buses retained their SMTD fleet numbers.

CCCTA Continued

The former WCMB units are currently being repainted in CCCTA's beige/gold/brown scheme with the first one, #005, completed in early May.

CCCTA's new maintenance and storage yard is still under construction in Concord on Arnold Way west of Port Chicago Highway, but enough of the yard was completed so that all buses could be moved in on June 4th. The operations staff is temporarily located in a large trailer at the east corner of the yard until the permanent buildings are completed.

The first week of operations began quite smoothly and no major problems were enccuntered. Some complaints were received about time changes on some lines, but CCCTA tried to minimize any confusion by running several full page ads in the area's major newspaper during the week and Sunday before service began. Included in these ads were full schedules and maps for every line.

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT (ACT)

OAKLAND: Because of budgetary constraints ACT furloughed 140 employees, both administrative and operations, in early June. This number included all part time bus operators. The elimination of contract services in Contra Costa County was only partially to blame for this lay off as Proposition 13 is taking its effect on much of ACT's funding. A passenger fare increase was scheduled for July 1st with local fares increasing ten cents and proportional increases in Trans Bay fares. Free of charge BART to Bus transfers were also eliminated. The 8000 series BART buses (Flxible 53102-8-1s) are currently being upgraded by Pacific Bus Rebuilders at their Milpitas plant. The buses are receiving wheelchair lifts, power steering, kneeling devices and HELP foam front bumpers. The high back suburban type seats are being replaced by transit type seats in order that wheelchairs can be accommodated. ACT was testing new paint schemes in May and June. Two styles were applied to coach 671, a T6H5305, the first was an all white body with three stripes of gold and brown below the windows (in the manner of some Gillig demonstrators) with brown front and skirts. The second was reported to be a beige body with similar striping. By mid June 671 was in normal colors. A number of service changes were scheduled to take place with the June Sign Up. 37-WARREN EXPRESS-BERKELEY was rerouted to extend along 6th Street between University Ave and Dwight Crescent. 51C-UC VILLAGE was renumbered 52 and now operates along Cedar instead of University with an extension north on 6th to Harrison. 91A-CAL STATE HAYWARD and 92-HAYWARD-CHABOT COLLEGE were combined into one line. Weekend service on 16-SUNDALE was discontinued while all trips on weekends on 21-NORTH FREMONT were extended to Southland Shopping Center in Hayward. 92C-FAIRWAY PARK-SOUTHLAND was also discontinue 81-SAN LEANDRO-SAN LORENZO-HAYWARD was rerouted onto Williams St and Wicks Blvd and a new 85-WASHINGTON AVE. replaced the former 81A in San Leandro.

MONTEBELLO MUNICIPAL BUS LINES (MMBL)

MONTEBELLO: July 4th brought a number of service and fare changes at MMBL. Line 30-BRADSHAWE was reduced to weekday service only between 600AM-900AM and 300PM-630PM. Saturday and Sunday was also discontinued on 70-WILCOX with no weekday changes. Weekday rush hour service on 10-WHITTIER BOULEVARD was also planned. A two hour advance notice reservation is now in effect on the Dial-A-Ride system. Passenger fares were also changed. The basic fare of 50¢, student fare of 25¢ and elderly/handicapped fare of 20¢ remained the same, but intra MMBL system transfers now cost all riders 5¢ each while Interagency transfers were reduced from 20¢ to 10¢. This is the first time that MMBL has charged for local transfers.

SUPPORT WESTERN TRANSIT SOCIETY - ATTEND MONTHLY MEETINGS - SECOND SUNDAY AT 700PM - 272 ALPINE STREET IN PASADENA

WTS 20TH ANNIVERSARY BEING PLANNED FOR 1983 - SEND YOUR IDEAS TO GENERAL MANAGER BILL VALLOW

NORWALK TRANSIT SYSTEM (NTS)

NORWALK: On June 20th Line 5-NORWALK-BOLSA CHICA STATE BEACH resumed its summer operation. Service departs the Norwalk Square Bus Terminal and operates via Pioneer, Carson, 605 Freeway, 405 Freeway, Bolsa Chica and Warner to Pacific Coast Highway. Six round trips are operated Monday through Saturday charging a 50¢ fare. On June 27th the price of Interagency transfers was increased to 25 cents. Intrasystem NTS transfers remained at a nickel.

LONG BEACH TRANSIT (LBT)

LONG BEACH: LBT increased passenger fares on June 27th as regular fares were increased from 35¢ to 50¢, students from 25¢ to 35¢, elderly and handicapped from 15¢ to 20¢. Intra system transfer fee of 5¢ was started and the Interagency transfer fee was reduced to 10¢. Monthly passes were increased from $15 to $20 and the Sunday Pass was discontinued. On June 20th a number of route and service changes took place. 1-EASY AVENUE now operates every 20 minutes during peak hours, half hourly midday and early evening and hourly late evening on weekdays. On Saturday thirty minute service runs until 630PM, then hourly and Sunday is hourly all day. 5-LONG BEACH BLVD-EAST 4TH had all trips destined to Cal State-Long Beach diverted to Seal Beach during the day and th Marina Pacifica in the evening for the summer season. Buses on the Lakewood Blvd. branch of 11-BROADWAY-CLARK-LAKEWOOD now all serve the main passenger terminal of Long Beach Airport. Alternate trips on 14-SAN PEDRO/FISH HARBOR-EAST OCEAN BLVD now travel inside the U. S. Naval Base to the Main Gate.

CULVER CITY MUNICIPALBUS LINES (CCMBL)

CULVER CITY: CCMBL raised its fares on July 1st. Regular fare is now 50¢ (was 35¢), students are now 20¢ and elderly and handicapped 15¢. It has been proposed to reduce weekday base service to 20 minutely and weekend service to half hourly on Line 1-WASHINGTON BOULEVARD and also to reduce service on the Line 2/4/5 combination, but no action has yet been taken.

NATIONAL CITY TRANSIT (NCT)

NATIONAL CITY: Following Metropolitan Transit Development Board approval NCT raised its regular cash fare from 60¢ to 70¢ effective July 1st, same as CHULA VISTA TRANSIT (WT 6/82).

SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORPORATION (SDTC)

SAN DIEGO: The San Diego City Council has approved the SDTC's $17.8 million budget for this next year without need for a cash fare increase although the MTDB already approved increases in the cost of the monthly passes, Ready Pass from $31 to $36 and off peak pass for elderly and handicapped from $15.50 to $18. SDTC will not be operating the 9-CORONADO line this year as the City of Coronado which provides the funding decided to contract the service out to a private carrier (Although the news stories did not indicate it is believed to be THE BUS THAT GOES IN CIRCLES, INC. - Ed.)

AIRPORT SERVICE, INC. (ASI)

ANAHEIM: The UNIVERSAL CITY-HOLLYWOOD-LAX line was changed June 13th so that all trips now serve both the Holiday Inn and Hollywood Rossevelt hotels and a new stop at the Farmers Market (3rd and Fairfax) was added. ASI is now repainting its buses into a new scheme of all white except for a dark blue wide belt line with lettering that says "Airport Service - The Airport Bus".

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (RTD)

LOS ANGELES: The first day of the new reduced fare program on July 1st saw a ridership increase of about four per cent and an extra 38 buses were placed into service.

A public hearing is scheduled for July 29th on proposals for September service changes which would include implementation of Phase V of the 1980 Sector Improvement Plan affecting present lines 7, 8, 12, 29, 33, 41, 50, 53, 55, 76, 92, 114, 354, 356, 420, 422, 428, 432, 838 and 842. In addition those lines which presently terminate at the RTD/Greyhound Station would be rerouted thrugh the Central Business District to improve passenger access and there would no longer be any service into the station. Lines 455, 456 and 755 would also be rerouted to use 5th/6th Streets downtown instead of 7th Street.

The RTD Board has voted approval to explore the possibility of expanding the present minibus system using four alternatives drawn up by the RTD staff which include adding one or two minibus routes, modifying the present line and adding between 5 and 13 buses to the present fleet.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (OCTD)

SANTA ANA: On the Fourth of July OCTD operated a one day only line in conjunction with the festivities being conducted by the Mission Viejo Recreation Committee for Independence Day. Line 40-MISSION VIEJO 4TH OF JULY SHUTTLE, based at Division 7 and using two 1600s operated on a twenty minute headway between 200PM and 1000PM on a route from Melinda and Santa Pola via Santa Pola, Bolanos, Jordana, Melinda, O'Neill, Marguerite, La Barca, Camargo, Crucero, Cordova to Marguerite (all streets in northern Mission Viejo). Line 93-ALICIA PARKWAY-MISSION VIEJO had extra service added between 200PM and it operated until 1000PM while regular Sunday service closes down about 600PM.

The district's Direct Dial-A-Ride service (whereby frail elderly and handicapped use this accessible DAR service on an interzonal basis without transferring) and the After Hours Dial-A-Ride service (service provided to frail elderly and handicapped between 6PM and 11PM weekdays and between 9AM and 2PM on Sundays) are scheduled to be transferred to the COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL as the designated Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA) for coordinated social service transportation. This change is in response to the actions of the California Legislature which passed Assembly Bill 120 last year designed to improve transportation for social service recipients. The plan calls for transferring of twenty eight vehicles from OCTD to the CTSA, twenty one initially and the remaining seven later. Dodge Vans 792-797 and 799 and Ford Vans 0106-0108 plus eleven of the new Ford vans presently on order from Superior Trans Med are to be the units transferred. These actions are planned to take place on August 1st.

EUREKA TRANSIT SERVICE (ETS)

EUREKA: Four new deisel powered Microbuses had been ordered by ETS several months ago. Recently Microbus informed the City of Eureka that the firm will be going into bankruptcy and will not be able to fill the order. The City is now rechecking with the other bidders (Flxette and Bluebird) to determine if their bid prices are still firm.

ATTEND WTS MONTHLY MEETINGS - SECOND SUNDAY EACH MONTH - 700PM - 272 ALPINE IN PASADENA

EXPRESS TRANSIT DISTRICT and MAXI TAXI (ETD/MT)

LOS ANGELES: ETD and MT have both seeking California Public Utilities Commission approval of applications to launch jitney service on 27 lines throughout the area. ETD and MT both propose using 15 passenger vans, similar to those in use by car rental firms at airports, on routes currently served wholly or in part by existing public transit systems. The PUC staff has recommended approval of the ETD application, but has taken no position on the MT application awaiting receipt of additional technical information. The SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT and SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL BUS LINES have argued against the granting of the applications because they feel the jitneys would take any their existing riders in a time of tight money with the ultimate need to increase fares or reduce service to meet the various budgetary restrictions. ETD has applied for 14 routes primarily in and out of downtown from the westside, East Los Angeles, Burbank and Bell. Charging a 75¢ fare (originally $1) ETD would initially provide half hourly service 6AM-10AM and 3PM-7PM. MT has requested 13 routes concentrating to and from downtown through the Wilshire corridor although service would include Santa Monica and parts of the San Fernando Valley. MT has requested $1 fare with service operating every 9 to 14 minutes between 630AM and 830PM. MT has dropped a plan to raise fares to $2 after a six month introductory fare of $1.

HUMBOLDT TRANSIT AUTHORITY (HTA)

EUREKA: HTA is now advertising the fact that their buses are lift equipped and running on all trips except those operated primarily for college sessions, subject to availability of equipment. Inter agency transfers have come to Humboldt County. HTA transfers are valid for a 5¢ discount on either EUREKA TRANSIT SYSTEM or ARCATA & MAD RIVER TRANSIT SYSTEM while transfers from those two properties are valid on HTA for 5¢ discount on senior and handicapped fares and 15¢ discount on the regular fare. Bus service will soon be inaugurated between Willow Creek and Hoopa Valley operating four round trips per day with one day per week service operating to Weitchpec and Orleans.

ARCATA & MAD RIVER TRANSIT SYSTEM (A&MRTS)

ARCATA: A&MRTS has ordered a 12 passenger plus two wheelchair tie downs Omni Premier van. This will be the agency's fulfillment of the Section 504 regulations for transporting the handicapped. A&MRTS operates three Gillig Neoplans which are not accessible, but do have the kneeling feature. Three gas powered Transcoaches are also in the fleet.

SIERRA HIGHLANDS BUS COMPANY (SHBC)

FRESNO: SHBC started service between Fresno and points along California Highway 41 up to Oakhurst. Later, another route was added between Bass Lake and Madera via Oakhurst. The Fresno-Oakhurst route was eventually dropped and the Bass Lake-Madera route is no longer listed in Russells Guides (Do any of our readers know if SHBC is still an operating company?)

--- An Interesting Out Of Area Item ---
BROOKS BUS LINE (BBL)

PADUCAH, KY: BROOKS has been an interesting independent intercity operation considerating the length of their route from Clarksville, Tennessee through Paducah, Kentucky to Detroit, Michigan. Now, all service north of Paducah has been terminated leaving only operations in Kentucky and Tennessee.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

PROPERTY	FLEET NOS	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL	NOTES
NEW				
Greyhound Lines-West	(8693-8708	TMC	T9/9-3163 to 3178	
	(8709-8741	TMC	T9/9-3180 to 3212	
	(8742-8747	TMC	T9/9-3218 to 3223	
Kerrville Bus Company	V687	TMC	T9/9-3179	
Western Tours (Gray Line-Seattle)	(59,61	MCI	MC9/S14518U34643,	
	(		S14520U34645	
Royal Coach	590	GMC	P8M4905A/1729	
Hertz Rent A Car	(unkn	GMC	T70604/820102-106,	
	(		820221-225	
City of Santa Rosa	unkn	Chance	RT50/82-70150	23 psgr w/lift AMTV Power Module
South Coast Area Transit	2301-2302	Chance	RT50/82-70151-52	23 psgr w/lift
AC Transit	2200-2228	Minibus	MHD8002/1267-1289, 1293-1298	Correction
City of Morro Bay	(unkn	WideOne	B33U7CK122641	12 psgr w/lift
	(unkn	WideOne	B33U4CK125047	12 psgr w/lift
San Mateo County	(unkn	WideOne	B33T8BK247049	16 psgr w/lift
	(unkn	WideOne	B33T7BK247057	16 psgr w/lift
	(unkn	WideOne	B33U1CK125048	15 psgr w/lift
USED				
Royal Coach	551-552	GMC	TDM5303/064-065	exRT
Falcon Chtr Service	21	GMC	SDH4501/028	AC Trnst 107
DISPOSITIONS				
Riverside Transit Agency	113	GMC	TDH4519/1375	to Cal Coast
Golden Gate Transit	(493,495	GMC	T6H4521A/616,618	to Cal Coast for
	(494,496	GMC	TDH4517/507,1359	San Luis Obispo
SAMTRANS	(100-106	GMC	TDH4517/046,622,623	To
	(		624,130,600	Natl
	(108-111	GMC	TDH4517/605,606,615	Coach
	(		132	"
	(112,114,115	GMC	TDH4519/478,480,231	"
	(117-122	GMC	TDH4518/048-50,52-54	"
	(132,135	GMC	TDH4518/003,009	"
	(150	Flxible	F2D6V401-1/51899	"
	(163	GMC	TDH5303/1295	"

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