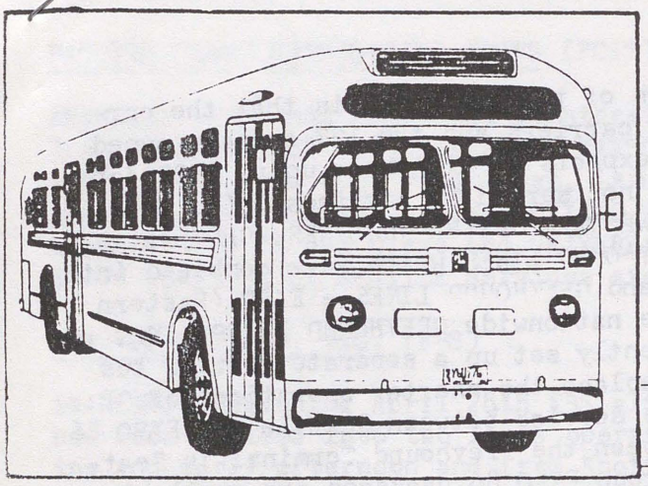


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UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY (UTA)

SALT LAKE CITY: Last September UTA established local service (five lines) in the Orem-Provo area in addition to an express line to and from Salt Lake City. Earlier in the year Utah County voters approved expansion of the UTA service area including the appropriate sales tax increment. The five local lines are 2-OREM LOOP, 3-PROVO LOOP, 4-NORTH/SOUTH STATE STREET, 5-CAMPUS DRIVE/LAKEVIEW and 6-NORTH EAST CANYON ROAD. All lines but 6 operate half hourly between 600AM and 900PM. 6 runs hourly between 630AM and 630PM. The express is 1-PROVO-OREM-SALT LAKE CITY EXPRESS operating twelve round trips between 500AM and midnight on headways varying between hourly and 150 minutely. Line 1 begins in Salt Lake City at North Temple and Main via Main, Fifth South (outbound)/Sixth South (inbound), Interstate 15, Interstate 215, State, 6400 South, I-215, I-15, 9000 South, State Street, I-15, Exit 272, 1200 South, 200 East, 1300 South, University Mall roadways, 600 East, University Parkway, University Avenue, looping in South Provo via 1440 South, 350 East, 1700 South, 700 East, 1325 South, 350 East and 900 South to University. Twenty two buses are required for the Monday-Saturday service. Buses of the 8125-8150 GMD T6H5307N series are assigned to the Provo Division. Regular UTA fare structure (40¢ off peak/50¢ peak, 20¢/25¢ elderly and handicapped) is in effect for the local service while Line 1 prices are on a zonal basis - 40/50, 60¢, $1.20, $2.00. For many years the privately owned PROVO CITY LINES, INC. (not part of the former NATIONAL CITY LINES chain) provided local service. It is believed that PCL was already out of business at the time of UTA expansion. Voters in Logan (about 80 miles north of Salt Lake City) will be voting on the question of UTA expansion into their area in November. If approved it is expected that bus service would begin in January 1987. Years back 200K TRANSPORTATION COMPANY provided a measure of local service in the area. Salt Lake City lines 3-3RD AVENUE and 10-FIFTH EAST are now advertised as accessible with 8101-8121 GMD T6H5307N buses assigned. These are UTA's only lift equipped standard buses. The 8101 series is also assigned to 12-MURRAY and 24-EAST SANDY which both operate on the heavily traveled State Street corridor. UTA is now operating the BRIGHAM STREET TROLLEY, a fixed route line between downtown and the Trolley Square, a shopping complex on the grounds of the former SALT LAKE CITY LINES garage and using the former trolley brick buildings as the shopping center buildings. Eight Chance Minibus units with trolley bodies are in the fleet with three operating on a 20 minute headway between 1200 Noon and 1000PM Monday through Saturday. UTA is home of 103 GMD Classic motor coaches, 8301-8339 and 8401-8464. The buses have 48 seats, fibreglass with padded inserts, push doors, openable windows, roof hatches, Next Stop lights, two way radios, drivers fans, cream over aluminum siding interiors and black fleck floors. The buses are neither air conditioned nor lift equipped. It appears that UTA has begun removing the air conditioning units from those buses which came air conditioned, a practice that a number of transit properties in generally cooler climates have done in recent years in an effort to reduce operating costs. The fleet also includes 32 Gillig Phantoms (35 x 96), 120 GMC T8H5307As and several dozen AM General 10235B and 9635 6-0 units.

GREYHOUND LINES, INC. (GL)

PHOENIX: The latest news concerning the gradual reduction of the GL system is that the current nationwide system will be divided into four regional carriers and the 127 company owned terminals will be turned over to independent agents. GL expects to eliminate up to 2000 jobs. The goal is to concentrate on short hop routes in markets not served by airlines. (Up to about fifteen years ago GL consisted of four divisions - WESTERN GREYHOUND LINES, CENTRAL GREYHOUND LINES, SOUTHERN GREYHOUND LINES and EASTERN GREYHOUND LINES which were combined into two units - GREYHOUND LINES - WEST (Western and Central) and GREYHOUND LINES - EAST (Eastern and Southern) and these two eventually grouped to form the nationwide GREYHOUND LINES, INC. Present labor agreements expire October 31, 1986. GL recently set up a separate charter bus company, GREYHOUND TRAVEL SERVICES, that may eventually replace the charter operations of GL. On a positive note GL is now operating a daily express bus service between Seattle and EXPO 86 in Vancouver, British Columbia. The service operates between the Greyhound Terminal in Seattle and the west gate entrance to EXPO. Individual and group EXPO 86 packages are available which include admission, lodging and sightseeing in Vancouver.

WHITE MOUNTAIN LINES (WML)

HOLBROOK, ARIZ: WML, which had been running a multitude of services connecting Globe, Holbrook, Show Low and Phoenix has discontinued all passenger operations until further notice. Freight only operations (baggage and express) are still being handled. It is expected that insurance coverage and costs may be a factor.

BITTERROOT STAGES (BS)

SALMON, IDAHO: BS service between Missoula, Montana and Salmon, Idaho has been reduced to one round trip per day except Sundays and holidays.

LAS VEGAS-TONOPAH-RENO STAGE LINE, INC. (LTR)

LAS VEGAS: During the heavy storms of last February the bridge across the Carson River on U. S. 95A was lost. This interrupted the LTR service between Schurz and Fernley via Yerington. LTR operated a van shuttle between Yerington and Schurz connecting with main line schedules operating via Fallon. A temporary bridge has been installed and service is now back to normal. In other news personnel at the Reno office have been advised that on May 16th that office will be closed. The status of the RENO-CARSON CITY-SOUTH LAKE TAHOE service is unclear. The line was recently reduced from 11 round trips per day to 4 round trips daily. Fares for commuters between Reno and Carson City have been increased and ridership has decreased.

CITIFARE (CF)

RENO: On April 13th two new CF routes were inaugurated - one operating between Sun Valley and parks and the other provides service in the south Reno area not formerly served. Some service is now provided on a 24 hour schedule. Twelve new forty foot RTS buses were recently delivered - fleet numbers 412-423 - T80604/FV823998-824009.

PACIFIC TRAILWAYS (Mount Hood Stages dba)

SACRAMENTO: On March 1st Trailways, Inc. subsidiairy AMERICAN BUSLINES, INC. turned over the San Francisco-Reno route (about ten daily round trips - gambler's specials) to PT although the one daily round trip between San Francisco and Salt Lake City via Reno and Elko remains ABL. Last year PT took over the Seattle-Sacramento schedules from TRAILWAYS WESTERN LINES. PT bus operators are not unionized while the TWL and ABL employees belong to the United Transportation Union. (It is not presently known if any buses were included in the route takeover).

PACIFIC COAST SIGHTSEEING TOURS (PCST)

ANAHEIM: PCST has added two sightseeing tours for this year and deleted one of its two original tours, BEACH CITIES/NEWPORT HARBOR CRUISE, which had covered Newport Beach including a ride on a double deck river boat, Laguna Beach and Mission San Juan Capistrano. The added tours include DELUXE TIJUANA, MEXICO which includes a stop at Mission San Juan Capistrano and a lunch stop in San Diego and UNIVERSAL STUDIOS (PM) TOUR. The KNOTTS BERRY FARM EXPRESS and SOUTH COAST PLAZA SHUTTLE services are also listed in the new sightseeing brochure.

FUN BUS SYSTEMS, INC. (FBS)

ANAHEIM: Beginning April 28th FBS altered its DISNEYLAND AREA-KNOTTS BERRY FARM service which has been divided into two lines operating four round trips, from Disneyland area in the morning and early afternoon and from Knotts in the mid afternoon and evening. Line 1 begins at the Sheraton Anaheim also serving Stardust, Disneyland Hotel, Emerald Hotel, Apollo Inn, Space Age, Inn of Tomorrow, Magic Carpet, Jolly Roger Inn, Zaby's Motor Lodge and Grand Hotel. Line 2 begins at Inn At The Park, then Hilton Towers, Marriott, Quality Inn, Holiday Inn, Hamburger House, Hyatt, Saga Motor Inn, Anaheim Inn, Tropicana, Howard Johnson's, Penny Sleeper Inn and Grand Hotel. Trips from Disneyland depart the first point at 850AM, 1020AM, 1150AM and 120PM arriving Movieland Wax Museum, then Knotts and (by request) Buena Park Mall. Return departures from Knott's are at 230PM, 430PM, 600PM and 730PM with additional summer departures at 845PM and 1015PM. The two Grumman Flxible 870s (#8552 and 8553) acquired from ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT are often assigned to this service. One way adult cash fares were increased from $2.1 to $2.15. Knotts Bonanza Package (transportation, admission and use of all attractions) were also increased from $16.75 to $17.95 for adults and from $13.75 to $13.95 for children. FUN BU AMERICAN TOURS, the sightseeing arm of FBS, added two tours effective March 15th - QUEEN MARY TOUR/LONDONTOWNE SHOPPING and NEWPORT BEACH/BALBOA ISLAND TOUR.

ANAHEIM PLAZA EXPRESS (APE)

ANAHEIM: APE is now being operated by YELLOW CAB OF NORTHERN ORANGE COUNTY, INC. using their #170, a Ford Econoline/El Dorado. This service operates between many of the hotels and motels in the Disneyland area and the Anaheim Plaza shopping center at Crescent and Euclid in central Anaheim. Service is now operated every forty minutes with the first trip at 1000AM and the last departure at 800PM on weekdays with the last trip at 600PM on weekends to conform with the Mall's hours. Fare is $1.50 with children under five riding free.

BLUE & GOLD CAB & PARATRANSIT LINES (Lord & Miner, Inc. dba) (B&GTL)

LANCASTER: B&GTL is now operating (April 1, 1986) four daily round trips between Lancaster and Los Angeles also serving Palmdale, Acton (reservation only), Newhall, San Fernando (reservation only), Burbank Airport, North Hollywood, Hollywood. Trips depart Lancaster (B&G Depot at 44040 North Yucca - former GREYHOUND Depot) at 900AM, 1245PM, 330PM and 630PM. Trips depart Los Angeles (taxi zone on Los Angeles Street at GReyhound Depot) at 1045AM, 230PM, 530PM and 830PM. Running time is about two hours. Recently B&GTL filed an application to allow for return service in Los Angeles and add points in Hollywood et al while, at the same time, GREYHOUND LINES, INC. filed an application that B&GTL cease and desist from providing unauthorized service between Lancaster and Los Angeles and other points. (Ed. Note - our records (WT 3/85) show B&GTL filed for a passenger stage certificate between Ridgecrest and Los Angeles and intermediate points but we have no information on a decision by the Public Utilities Commission although one may have been issued. B&GTL has been observed using Plymouth Voyager vans painted white with blue lettering on the LANCASTER-LOS ANGELES route.)

WORK TO IMPROVE THE SOCIETY BY PARTICIPATING IN IT. ATTEND THE MONTHLY ENTERTAINMENT MEETINGS AND/OR SUPPLY NEWS ITEMS FROM YOUR AREA FOR WESTERN TRANSIT.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (OCTD)

SANTA ANA: Two new services began operating on May 12th. Both are being operated by COAST YELLOW CAB COOPERATIVE, the Region 4 Dial A Ride provider, under contract with OCTD and the cost of the services is being mostly underwritten by The Irvine Company. The NEWPORT CENTER EXPRESS COMMUTER consists of two morning southbound and afternoon northbound peak hour trips between Anaheim Hills, Orange and Newport Center/Fashion Island. Trips depart Anaheim Hills at 635AM and 705AM and leave Newport Center in the afternoon at 435PM and 505PM. Beginning at Peralta Canyon Park (Gerda and Pinney Drives) via Pinney, Santa Ana Canyon Rd, Lincoln, Tustin (serving Tustin/Lincoln Park And Ride), Newport 55 Freeway operating on HOV Commuter Lane, Corona Del Mar 73 Freeway, Jamboree Road, San Joaquin Hills Road, Santa Cruz Drive and Newport Center Drive circling the Center to Santa Cruz Drive. One way fare is $1.00 but for the first thirty days of the one year program The Irvine Company will pay the fares. The other service is the NEWPORT CENTERIDE SHUTTLE which is an intra area circulator operating every ten minutes between 1030AM and 230PM on weekdays charging ten cents (which fare will also be covered by TIC). The line begins at the Civic Plaza on San Clemente Drive and operating primarily around Newport Center Drive as well as onto several interior roadways and through the Marriott Hotel and Four Seasons Hotel grounds this service provides circulation around the Newport Center office complex and the Fashion Island retail and restaurant complex. Two Econoline 350/Escort II large capacity vans from the Dial A Ride fleet, 0411 and 0414, have been modified for these services. The buses now sport eighteen forward facing seats and heavier tinting on the windows as well as a different paint scheme. The units are now pearl white with lettering "Newport Center Shuttle" in green and gold and the OCTD logo and telephone number in brown. 0411 and 0414 are used on both the Commuter and the Shuttle. The four remaining Transcoaches, 0774, 0776, 0777 and 0778, are now operating in Region 4 Dial A Ride for the group loads.replacing the Escorts. The other five Transcoaches were recently sold through an auction firm in Ontario. Speaking of bus sales the OCTD Board has authorized the sale of forty large buses with sales planned for later this summer. Buses to be included will be 1202-1209, Flxible 111-DD-D05-1 (35 x 96), 1301-1316, Flxible 111 DC-D06-1 (35 x 102), 1501-1515, Flxible 5102-8-1 (35 x 102) and 1033, GMC TDH 5303. 1033 has previously has been a mobile maintenance unit and is the last of a fleet of fifty five 5303s which were sold in 1983. Coach 1201, Flxible 111-DD-D05-1 and the District's first bus, will be retained and used as a bus for promotions, can be a public information unit, mobile command post for emergencies and will be available for programs in how to ride the bus. During April the Neoplan dual mode articulated buses was in Orange County and was operated in revenue service, first on Line 43-HARBOR BOULEVARD and then on selected Bus Runs on 29-BEACH BOULEVARD and 60-WESTMINSTER AVENUE. The bus is a 62 seat, three door unit with a front door EEC lift, 62 brown leatherette American seats, electronic headsign, Sutrak air conditioning unit, openable windows, microphone, kneeling feature and a 6V92 engine attached to a generator rather than a transmission. The unit has also been operated in both Seattle and San Francisco as a trolley coach although the poles were removed during the demonstration period. It is serial number FL013586 built 7/11/85.

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The West Coast Motor Coach Society will be holding its Second Annual Open House on Saturday June 7, 1986 beginning at 200PM. Between 15 and 20 buses will be on display and bus rides will be offered in the local area. The WCMCS location is on Valley Boulevard at Pancho La Puente Drive (La Puente) whihh is half way between Azusa Avenue and Nogales Street. Visitors coming by car should use the Pomona Freeway to either Nogales or Azusa to Valley Blvd. PTD line 484-L.A.-EL MONTE-POMONA-ONTARIO AIRPORT serves the facility. Under the auspices of RTD a parade of restored TDH 4801s will caravan along the San Bernardino Freeway Express Busway. Following the days festivities a dinner will be held at the T & J Restaurant in Rosemead followed by an evening of entertainment. Advance Reservations are $15 and should be sent to WCMCS c/o 4086 Cody Road, Sherman Oaks, California, 91403.

THE LAWNDALE TROLLEY (TLT)

LAWNDALE: TLT, a two loop route system serving the City of Lawndale and operating to and from the South Bay Galleria using a fleet of two Flxette Trolleys operated by PACIFIC BUSING, INC., reduced Sunday service on both routes, EAST SIDE and WEST SIDE, beginning May 4th so that service now operates only between 800AM and 1200 Noon rather than until 600PM.

MANHATTAN BEACH TROLLEY (MBT)

MANHATTAN BEACH: Beginning April 1st both the routing and operating schedule of MBT were changed. Service now operates every forty minutes beginning at 900AM with the last departure at 520PM (from 14th and Highland in the Civic Center) except for a one hour break between 220PM and 320PM and service is provided Monday through Saturday. AMERICAN TROLLEY LINES operates the line under contract with the city using a trolley which has a TVI, Inc. body on an International Harvester chassis, painted red with wood trim and seating 29 and the vehicle also includes a rear obervation platform. The revised route now begins downtown at 14th and Highland via Highland, 15th, Valley Drive, Manhattan Beach Blvd, Redondo Ave, Marine Ave, Manhattan Village Mall roadways, Village Dr, Rosecrans, Pacific, Valley Drive, Blanche Rd, Rosecrans, Highland, 15th, Manhattan Ave, 5th and Highland to 14th.

PEERLESS STAGES, INC. (PSS)

OAKLAND: Harry Gaeta, PSS Chairman of the Board, passed away in December at the age of 91. Gaeta had been with PSS since it was formed in 1914 and probably was the oldest active bus line administrator in the country. In recent years he had a modest work schedule as compared with a few years ago when he would show up on the property at any hour seven days a week. His son, Alex Gaeta, has been the corporation president for a number of years and will (or has been) named Chairman of the Board. PSS has moved its San Jose garage and storage yard from the former 7th Street location to 1535 South 10th Street. The new location is smaller and some buses are parked on the street due to lack of space. PSS is still operating former GREYHOUND LINES TDM4801s and TDM5103s for their economy charters including PSS 318, TDM 5103/001 - former GL 9400 and the first such unit built. Considering the age of this bus (built in 1951) it is still going strong.

CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

SAN FRANCISCO: Listed below are recent applications to or decisions of the Commission:

The Commission approved a five per cent increase in passenger fares for all operators to offset the higher insurance premiums now being charged the industry. AIRPORT SERVICE, INC. increased its rates on April 29th - LAX-Disneyland rose from $9.80 to $10.30, LAX-Los Angeles rose from $6.00 to $6.30 as examples. GREAT AMERICAN STAGELINE, INC. rates also increased such as LAX-Oxnard from $16.00 to $16.75. FUN BUS SYSTEM'S AIRLINK rates are expected to increase soon.

Application of GOLDEN EAGLE BUS LINES between Los Angeles and Bakersfield was dismissed

COMMUTER BUS LINES, INC. has filed for a home to work psc between Fullerton and Los Angeles

24 HOUR AIRPORT EXPRESS, INC. has filed to increase passenger fares by 4.7 per cent

Case - CALIFORNIA MINI BUS versus BAY AREA SUPERSHUTTLE, INC to cease and desist from soliciting passengers at San Francisco Airport and within City and County of San Francisco

Both WHIPPET CHARTER SERVICE and J H Blizzard (EASY RIDE COMMUTE) have filed for home to work certificates between Vacaville et al and United Airlines Maintenance Base at San Francisco International Airport

EQUIPMENT REPORT

PROPERTY	FLEET NOS	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL	NOTES
-NEW-				
Greyhound Lines, Inc	(1355-1362	TMC	96A3/FB005107-5204	
	(1363-1371	TMC	96A3/FB005206-5214	
	(1417-1443	TMC	102A3/FB005312-5327,	
	(		5330-5340	
	(1495-1499	TMC	102A3/FB005396-5400	
METRO (Houston)	(1400-1449	Crwn/Ik	286/EB100197-2146	
	(3000-3029	Neoplan	AN430A/GL013173-2027	correction
THE BUS (Honolulu)	30-30	Neoplan	AN430A/GL013163-1727	correction
DART (Dallas)	(4001-4030	Neoplan	AN460A/GL013001-0030	correction
	(5001-5096	Neoplan	AN440A/GL013480-5484	
	(5097-5204	Neoplan	AN440A/GL013587-6044	
Billings Metro Transit	1840-1842	GMC	T7020A/EV822457-2450	
SUNTRAN (Tucson)	8601-8613	GMC	T8020A/FV823085-3007	
CITIFARE (Reno)	412-423	GMC	T6060A/FV823008-4009	
Salem Area Transit District	1529-1550	GMC	T7060A/FV824010-4031	
Napa City Bus	108-111	GMC	T7060A/FV824035-4038	
Amador Stage Lines	(1010,1014,	Eagle	AE15/FB070009-70012	
	(1041-1042			
United Charter Service	816-817	Ks/Setr	S215HDH/G1030015-16	
GCT California	8504	MAN	SP280/-	
-USED-				
Sunline Transit Agency	1493-1494	Flxible	53096-8-1/57577,570	Jacksonville 1039,1032 (APTS)
Southwest Coaches, Inc.	205-207	GMC	S6H4503A/016-018	BT 3701-3703
Express Tours	787	TMC	MC9/EP004263	Ex -
Western Trails	8405	GAC/MAN	22.280/DW020002	Ex Demo
Pacific Coast Sghtsg Tours	(5308,5310	MCI	MC8/U31060 S10645,	ASI 4308,
	(		U31057 S10642	ASI 4305 (corr)
DISPOSITIONS-				
Golden Tours	1002-1004	Eagle	AE10/30790,30837,30838	to Sierra Valley
Vista Charter	4904-4905	TMC	MC9/DB004124-4125	to BusLease
11 West Tours	494	MCI	MC9/U34215 S13834	to Marin Aptr
Golden Gate Transit	401	MCI	MC5B/9017	to Pengrove Cmtr
Cherokee Chtr & Tours	307	GMC	PD4107/214	to Bassett Trnst
Trisamerican Tours	8403	GMC	PD4903/277	to Pro Travel
Eastshore Lines	464	GMC	S8M5303A/002	to Hesselgrave Charter

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