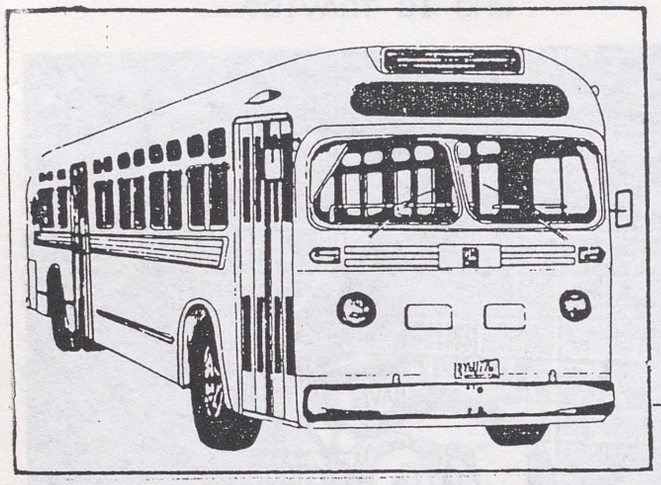


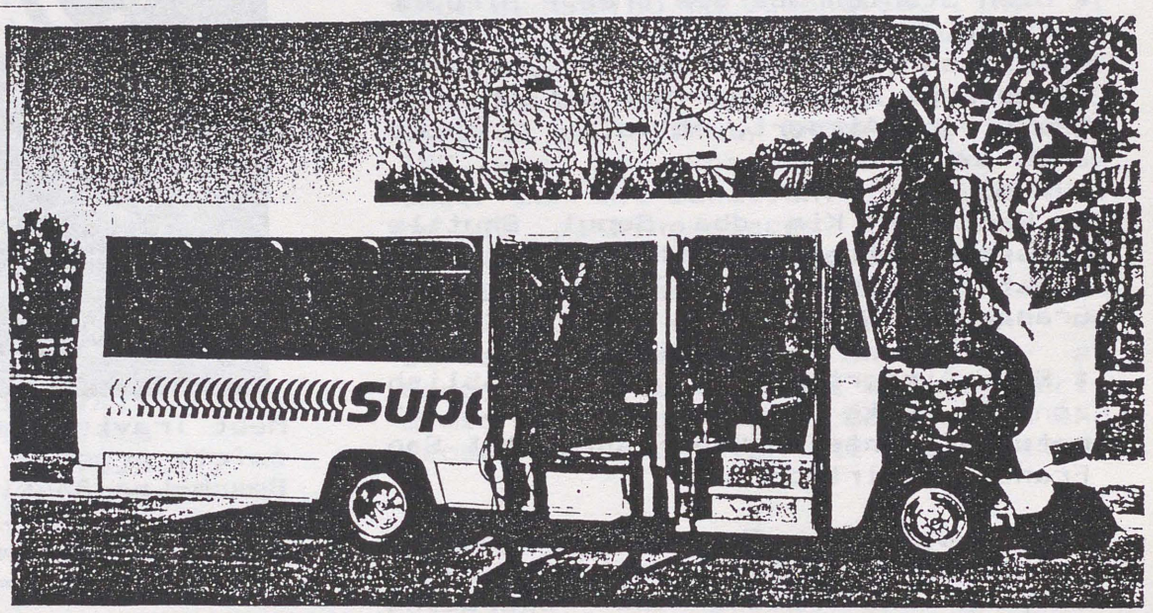
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SuperBus™

SUPERBUS, the manufacturer of the 27' and the 46' tractor/trailer bus has now introduced a new model. The COSMOS is 22.5 feet long, 96 inches wide with a wheelbase of 158 inches. Interior headroom is 74 inches with a floor height of 32 inches. Seating is 19 with driver and no wheelchairs. Other lengths and seating are available.



It is built on a Ford RV chassis with a 460 EFI engine, automatic transmission, power brakes and steering. Other options include air conditioning, electric or air operated doors, luggage racks, propane power and many other options.

On March 15, the Cosmos demonstrator was displayed at the OCTD Administration Building and later at Division 04. On the recent bid of 80 Dial-A-Ride coaches, SuperBus bid the Cosmos. (The bid was awarded to El Dorado). OCTD has on lease for three years two of the SuperBus 46' units, with a little over a year left on the lease.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (SCCTD)

SAN JOSE: With the arrival of 55 new TMC RTS', SCCTD is quickly retiring all but nine of the GMC TH8201's bought in 1978. The nine that are being kept (1000,1006,1010,1019,1021, 1028,1029, 1042 & 1048) have been retrofitted with high back seats and are used primarily on express runs serving Lockheed Missiles and Space Company in Sunnyvale.

ABC is acting as the broker for TMC. (Below are listed some of the dispositions). The buses will be picked up at the Agnews yard for

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

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

* K. E. Bake dba Fremont Commute Service passenger stage home to work certificate between Fremont, Hayward & SFO (PSC 1432)

* Santa Cruz Transportation Inc. dba Santa Cruz Airporter passenger stage certificate between points in Santa Cruz County & San Jose Caltrain station

* Glen Stanton dba Sea Breeze Airport Service, passenger stage on call services certificate to operate between points in San Diego County & San Diego Airport, et al - Granted (PSC 1916)

* Woo Jin Kim dba Seoul Shuttle passenger stage certificate between points in Los Angeles County & LAX - Granted (PSC 4414)

* SFO Airporter Inc. to establish zone of rate freedom of + or - $2 between points in San Francisco & San Francisco Airtrport.

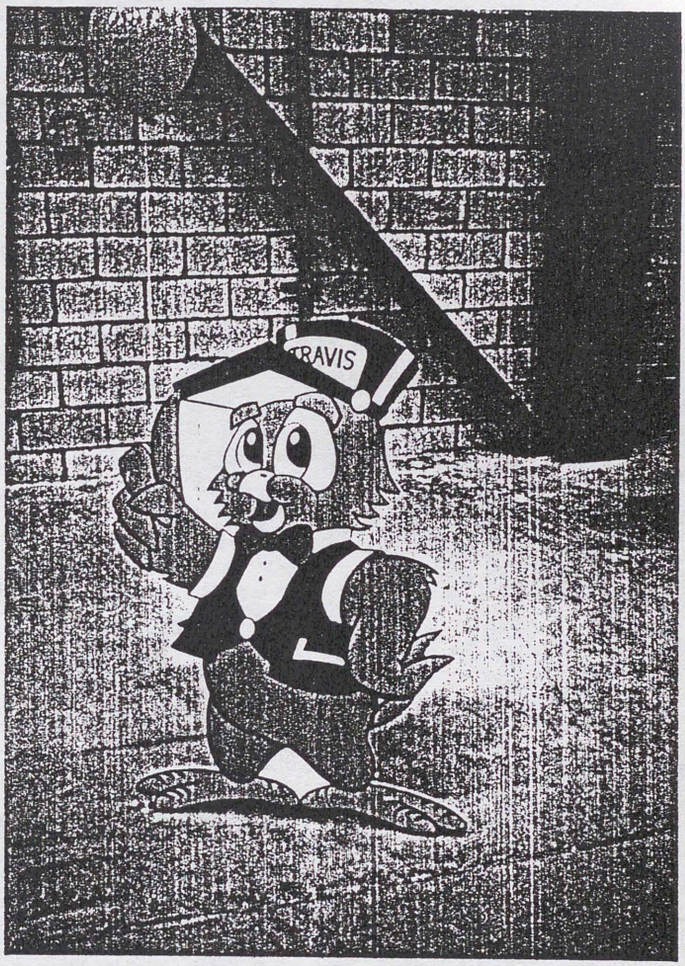
* Resolution TL- 18266 adopted directing Executive Director to deny, suspend and revoke the operating authories of passenger carriers on basis of receipt of CHP

* Application of Western Greyhound Lines to establish a zone of rate freedom 10% higher than and 50% lower than its authorized maximum fares for passenger stage service between certain points in California

* Mark Wixom dba Execucoach Inc. passenger stage home to work certificate between Santa Rosa et al & San Francisco County.

* Shuttle Express Inc. passenger stage certificate between points in San Francisco County & San Francisco Airport (PSC 4987)

WHO IS TRAVIS?



Meet Travis The Owl, official school safety program mascot for the Long Beach-Los Angeles light rail line.

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shipment by the buyer. When SCCTD had the front door lifts installed, the dash was randomly reinstalled in the buses without regard to matching correct serial number to correct vehicle. The manufacturers plate should not then be relied upon for complete accuracy. The serials listed below are as delivered in 1978.

To Las Vegas Transit (NV):

1002/361	1039/398
1012/371	1041/400
1037/396	1058/417

To Mendocino Transit (CA):

1011/370	1047/406
1014/373	1050/409
1022/381	1054/413
1034/393	1060/419

To University of Indiana:

1007/366	1051/410
1009/368	1052/411
1012/371	1053/412
1025/384	1055/414
1026/385	1056/415
1030/389	1057/416
1032/391	1061/420
1033/392	1063/422
1044/403	1064/423
1046/405	

AIRPORT COACH (Ground Systems, Inc d/b/a)

ANAHEIM: During January A C reinstated service on the MONROVIA-PASADENA- LAX route (WT 12/88) increasing service and adding new terminals. Twelve daily round trips operate between Pasadena and LAX while there are six round trips between Monrovia and LAX via Pasadena. Terminals include Monrovia Howard Johnsons, Monrovia Holiday Inn, Holiday Inn- Pasadena and Pasadena Hilton Hotel.

NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (NCTD)

OCEANSIDE: Beginning last September 18th NCTD began a NEW Line 304- CARDIFF-CARLSBAD-SAN MARCOS operating hourly service Monday through Friday between 500AM and 900PM using two buses. Departing the Cardiff Towne Center buses travel along Birmingham, Interstate 5, Manchester, El Camino Real, Encinitas Blvd, Rancho Santa Fe Road, La Costa Avenue, Rancho Santa Fe Road and Mission ending at Palomar College. During December construction of a $12 million transit center in Escondido to serve as a hub for local and regional buses was begun. The site at the northwest corner of West Valley Parkway and Quince Avenue is also next to Santa Fe Railway trackage and current planning envisions a light rail line from Escondido to Oceanside. The 11 acre site will provide fifteen bus bays for NCTD and COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM Line 800- ESCONDIDO-SAN DIEGO EXPRESS and likely GREYHOUND LINES, INC. who is expected to move from their current location. On site will be 300 parking spaces for park and ride use and 1,000 square feet for retail businesses. The new location is two blocks west of the current on street transfer point on Valley at Escondido Boulevard and was formerly a migrant labor camp. Completion and occupancy is set for the end of 1989.

AMBUS TRAIN CONNECTING SERVICE (AMBUS)

SACRAMENTO: When new bus service contracts were awarded last fall a firm named UNITED COACH won the contract between Los Angeles Union Station, Valley points, Ventura County and Santa Barbara. After a period of rough operation the contract was transferred to COMPLETE CHARTER LINES which had been awarded BAKERSFIELD- INLAND EMPIRE, BAKERSFIELD-LOS ANGELES area routes and BAKERSFIELD- SAN DIEGO overnight route. TBL CHARTERS of Bakersfield was awarded the BAKERSFIELD- OXNARD-SANTA BARBARA route. Patronage continues to grow on these services and it is not uncommon to have 6 or 7 buses to/from Los Angeles for SAN JOAQUIN Trains 708/709 (the daytime trains). NEW service has been started between Santa Cruz and San Jose connecting with the CALTRAIN

AMBUS TRAIN CONNECTING SERVICE (Continued)

Commute service. Nine daily round trips are operated on a rough two hour headway. The service has been named SANTA CRUZ CALTRAIN CONNECTOR. (Ed. Note - WT is not aware of the contract operator for this service but drawings of the vehicles used suggest Econoline/Falcons painted white with red and black trim). The terminals are San Jose Caltrain Depot and Santa Cruz Metro Center.

SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL BUS LINES (SMMBL)

SANTA MONICA: During the fall SMMBL took delivery of ten MCI Classic buses, believed to be the first such vehicles in this country. The buses are painted two tone blue and white but in a somewhat different pattern than other buses. They have 51 seats, front door wheelchair lift equipped, Sutrak roof mounted air conditioning units, extra vertical bars, double bar push doors, large rear windows, Stop Requested lights and electric side and front headsign curtains. Numbered 5181- 5190 they have been assigned around the system on the high mileage Bus Runs.

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA)

RIVERSIDE: March 6th saw the introduction of NEW Line 3- NORCO-CORONA. Service operates hourly between approximately 545AM and 630PM Monday through Friday using two buses. Beginning at the U. S. Naval Weapons Center in Norco buses travel along 5th, Norcorian, 6th (diverting to serve Norco Senior Center), Corona, 4th, Clark, Lampton. Hamner, 2nd, Pacific, Lincoln, River, 2nd, Parkridge, Main, Ontario, Magnolia to Rimpau. Transfers to and from RTA Line 2 are made in downtown Corona. The first week of service all rides were free.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (OCTD)

SANTA ANA: The OCTD Board of Directors recently awarded a $3. 7 million contract to El Dorado Bus Corporation, Inc. for eighty Dial- A- Ride vans. The order consists of seventy vehicles plus an option for ten more. The units will be twelve passenger lift equipped buses and will replace existing Econoline I units in the 0301- 0390 series. SuperBus bid the new Cosmos unit which is actually built by Capre Industries and National Coach Corporation bid the Escort. National has been the successful bidder on the last three orders of small vehicles for OCTD. Expected delivery date is fall 1989.

GRAY LINE TOURS COMPANY (GLTC)

LOS ANGELES: GLTC operations, which included sightseeing service in Los Angeles/Orange County, Palm Springs, San Diego and Las Vegas and LAS VEGAS TRANSIT SYSTEM, have recently been sold. STARLINE SIGHTSEEING TOURS, INC. purchased the LA/OC rights and about five dozen buses (specific buses presently unknown). The GRAY LINE name will be retained. GOODALL'S CHARTER BUS SERVICE purchased the San Diego area operating rights and ROESCH LINES, INC. secured the Palm Springs area certificates. RL is using members of its own fleet lettered for GRAY LINE and painted white with red and brown trim. GGBS equipment is presently unknown. (Ed. Note - At this time the disposition, if there was one, of GRAY LINE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA (Las Vegas) and LAS VEGAS TRANSIT SYSTEM is not known).

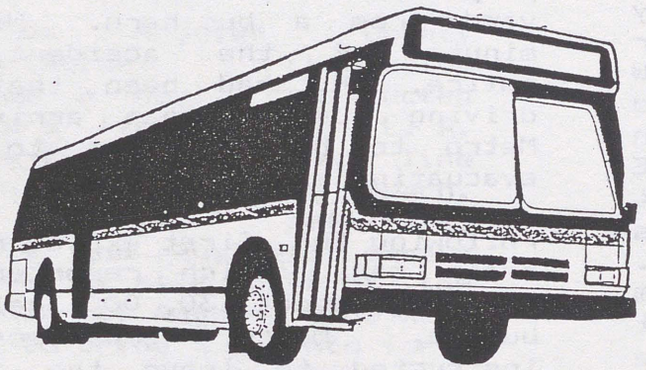
SONOMA COUNTY TRANSIT (SCT)

SANTA ROSA: On January 13th a surprise strike by bus operators employed by AMERICAN TRANSIT CORP (SCT's new contract operator) and represented by Sonoma County Organization of Public Employees took

ROSTER OF THE MONTH

GARDENA MUNICIPAL
BUS LINES

Gardena, California



FLEET #'S	MANUFACTURER	MODEL	SERIAL #'S	YEAR	NOTE
91	Dodge	Van	HK271275	08/87	
92-93	Dodge	Van	CK161645-646	1982	
94	Ford	Van	BHB27470	1981	
95	Dodge	Van	BK243229	1981	
96-97	Chevrolet	Van	90177638,474	1980	
98-99	Dodge	Van	HK2728841	07/87	
701-706	GMC	T7J604	DV821743-748	06/83	
720	Plymouth	Gran Fury	DR155801	1983	
723-724	Plymouth	Gran Fury	HX746429-430	08/86	
725-726	Plymouth	Volare	AF194013-014	03/80	
727	Plymouth	Volare	AF182752	03/80	
728	Plymouth	Gran Fury	RL176980	1981	
729	Plymouth	Gran Fury	6R117682	1982	
730	Dodge	Wrecker	4J023241	1974	
731	GMC		GS530000	09/86	
732	Chevrolet		AZ142890	1980	
738-744	GMC	T6H-4523A	498-504	09/73	1
752	GMC	T6H-4523A	1381	03/75	
754	GMC	T6H-4523A	037	06/72	2
758	GMC	T6H-4523A	039	06/72	3
759	Yale		BJUAT083	1983	
760-768	Flxible	40102-6T	JD098849-857	04/88	
770-771	GMC	TH8203	276-277	10/78	
772-778	GMC	T8J204	BV810689-695	12/80	
779-780	GMC	T8J204	BV812500-501	07/81	
781-789	GMC	T8J204	DV821656-664	06/83	

NOTES:
1. Originally 59-65.
2. Originally 56.
3. Originally 58.

90 series are Special Transit Service vehicles.
720-732 are staff and support vehicles.

SONOMA COUNTY TRANSIT (Continued)

place. ATC became the contractor on January 1st after successfully negotiating a $4 million three year contract with the county. LAIDLAW TRANSIT, INC. previously operated the service. ACT and SCOPE had been in contract negotiations but SCOPE officers have charged the management firm with unfair labor practices after six employees were dismissed. ATC believes that much of the problem stems from previous management practices. On the first day of the walkout four buses were operated. By the end of the month eight buses a day were being fielded and temporary drivers were being hired and trained. However, County officials began taking steps to cancel the contract with ATC if they were either unable to end the walkout or restore service.

AKRON SHUT DOWN BY DERAILMENT

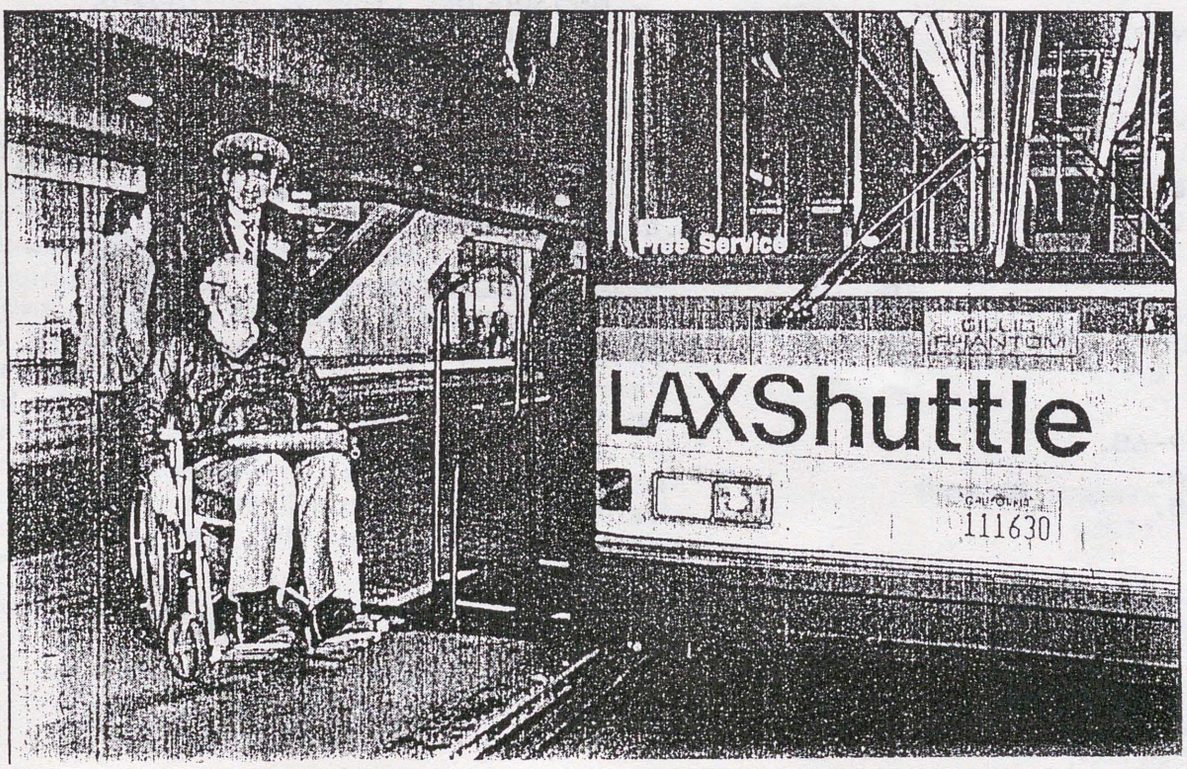
AKRON, OHIO: Metro Regional Transit Authority operations were shut down for a day when a train derailed and exploded adjacent to the authority's facility. Metro's buses were invaluable, however, in police efforts to evacuate people from the accident area.

A 21-car CSX train derailed at 715PM on February 26 at Metro's rear property line, approximately 100 yards from a bus barn. Within 45 minutes of the accident, Akron police, who had been trained in driving buses, began arriving at Metro to borrow buses to use in evacuating area residents.

Following the first explosion of a train car, which reportedly was carrying about 30,000 gallons of butane, Metro employees were instructed to leave the area. A second explosion forced Metro to abandon its plan for keeping service running by moving buses to a parking lot three-quarters of a mile from its property and shuttling drivers to the buses.

Bus service was stopped all day on February 27; drivers began reporting to work at 357AM on February 28; police lifted all restrictions in the area at 500AM on February 28 and full bus service was restored.

Of the approximately 2000 people forced to evacuate the area, police moved 500 of them to and from their homes on Metro buses.



LAX SHUTTLE

LOS ANGELES: LAX Shuttle took delivery of 15 new Gilligs with wheelchair lifts. These Gilligs are numbered before the older ones, 25-39. The older ones, bought in 1982, are numbered 40-71.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (LACTC)

The Los Angeles County Transportation Commission dedicated a newly constructed main yard facility for L. A. County's first rail transit line on March 3 in north Long Beach. Local elected officials, residents, and business owners along the 22-mile path of the Long Beach-Los Angeles line were invited to bring a memento for a time capsule and to tour the main yard and shops that will be the major maintenance facility for all cars of the Long Beach-Los Angeles line. Craig was there representing the WESTERN TRANSIT SOCIETY and brought a color drawing of a rail car to be put in the time capsule.

The 17- acre facility houses three buildings where the rail cars will be maintained and repaired - a vehicle shop, an operations center and ancillary shop, and a paint shop. Construction was led by prime contractor Morrison-Knudsen, at a cost of $27 million.

"Today's dedication of the facility means that we are one step closer to the opening of our first new rail transit line, " said Christine Reed, LACTC chair. "When the Long Beach-Los Angeles line opens next year, the trains leaving this yard will carry thousands of passengers to many destinations along the 22- mile route. Here all our rail cars will be kept in good running order."

Work on the facility began in June 1987. Construction workers will continue to work on the buildings' interiors until the start of operation. Fifty- four rail cars will be delivered to the main yard between June 1989 and July 1990.

The yard is located at 208th St. , one block east of Santa Fe Ave., and one block south of Del Amo Blvd., next to the Long Beach Freeway (710).

Speaking at the dedication ceremony along with Reed were Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, Long Beach Mayor Ernie Kell, Los Angeles County Supervisor Deane Dana, LACTC Commissioner Jacki Bacharach, and RTD President Gordana Swanson. Each speaker placed a souvenir into the time capsule that will be opened when the county's 150-mile rail transit system is completed, in about 25 years.

LACTC began building the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail line in October 1985; it is scheduled to open in 1990. In its first year of operation, the line is expected to carry an average of 35, 000 people daily, increasing to about 54,000 by the turn of the century. Its $752-million cost is being paid entirely by L.A. County's half-cent sales tax dedicated to public transit.

Two other lines of the planned countywide system are also being built now: a 20-mile run from Norwalk to El Segundo and the first four-mile segment of the Metro Rail subway. Both lines will link up with the Long Beach-Los Angeles line and will open in 1994. LACTC plans to build another 104 miles over the next 25 years.

RTD will operate the rail transit system, and will continue to operate its huge fleet of buses. Some of RTD's buses will be rerouted to provide "feeder" service to the rail lines.

For information on L. A. 's rail system, call (213) 620-RAIL.

In the April issue of WESTERN TRANSIT, we will feature some specifications and photos.

EQUIPMENT REPORT PROPERTY	FLEET NOS	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL	DATE/ NOTES
-NEW-				
Fort Worth Transit (TX)	701-737	Flxible	35096-6T/JD098858-894	1988
Orange County Transit	9901	Ford	Aerostar/JZA63720	1988
	9902-9904	Ford	Econoline XLT/JHB88858-860	1988
	9905	Ford	Econoline XLT/JHA76361	1988
	9906-9907	Ford	Econoline XLT/JHB88861-862	1988
Island County PTBA (WA)	101	Gillig	3096TB6V92T/H1081777	05/87 1
	102-105	Gillig	3096TB6V92T/H1081779-782	05/87 1
Foothill Transit	F200-F218	Gillig	40102TB6V92T/H1081929-947	1987
	F219-F230	Gillig	4096TB6V92T/J1082313-324	06/88
	F231-F233	Gillig	4096TB6V92T/J1082421-423	06/88
BART Express (Laidlaw)	19103-19106	Gillig	40TB1026V92/J1082473-476	10/88 2
Montgomery County (VA)	5354-5356	Gillig	3096TB3208T/K1082559-561	02/89
LAX Shuttle	25-39	Gillig	3596TB6V92T/K1082563-577	02/89
San Diego County	015-020	Gillig	3596TB6V92T/K1082589-594	03/89
LA Dept of Airports	90-91	MCI	102A3/---,HP041741	1987
Santa Cruz MTD	8075-8099	New Flyer	D35-88/JU013217-241	12/88
AC Transit	2 of 52	New Flyer	D40/KP013281-282	1989
United Charter Service	M-11	Setra	S215HDH/K1030108	10/88
Mammoth Area Shuttle	B-7	S.V.M.	---/JC143305	12/88
	B-31-B-32	S.V.M.	---/JC143307-308	01/89
Citifare (NV)	127-132	TMC	T70606/JR825655-660	10/88
Santa Clara County T.D.	8801	TMC	T80206/JR825671	10/88
	8802-8855	TMC	T80206/JR825785-838	12/88
Reno Express (NV)	757	TMC	102A3/HR005969	1987
-USED-				
Peninsula Charter Lines	403-404	Grumman	53012-8-1/90596,90649	3
	405-406	Grumman	53102-8-1/90691,90738	4
	407	Grumman	53102-8-1/90867	5
Lounge Car Tours	4616	Eagle	AE10/CB030924	6
-DISPOSITIONS-				
H.B. Union High S.D.	4	Gillig	590-13/B1022	7
-DEMONSTRATORS-				
CTS Sales Inc.	---	Falcon	MST 2800/0191351314	01/89
SuperBus	---	SuperBus	Cosmos/5-88-003	03/88

-NOTES-

1. Originally ordered by WMATA (DC) then cancelled.
2. These are 4 of the fleet numbers. The order was for 45. 19094-19131 have been observed.
3. Ex Houston 814,867.
4. Ex Houston 909,956.
5. Ex Houston 1085.
6. Ex NYCTA demonstrator 8998, built 08/82. 2 axle suburban.
7. To Russell's Steak House in Placentia.

S.V.M.= Specialty Vehicle Manufacturing