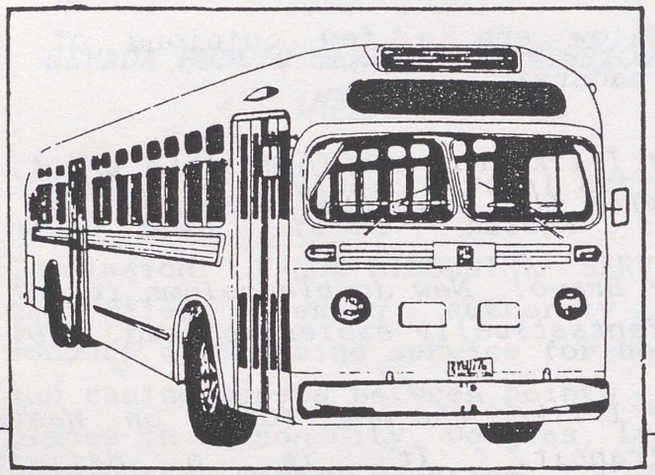


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LAS VEGAS-TONOPAH-RENO STAGE LINE
THE NEW LTR CORPORATION (LTR)

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA: For over twenty five years LTR has held the contract with the U. S. Department of Energy to transport employees to and from the Nevada Test Site. Beginning this past April 1st and extending through March 31, 1992 the contract was awarded to K- T CONTRACT SERVICES, INC. This contract, certainly among the largest in the West, requires between seventy and seventy five daily buses between points in Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Pahrump and other communities and the Test Site. The operating day is between 430AM and 630PM with one way trips of between 65 and 128 miles depending on the drop off point on the site grounds. Employees are not permitted to bring private automobiles into the Test Site area nor are parking facilities available. Since about half of the LTR fleet was used in this operation it is expected that some amount of buses will be sold. LTR has filed several applications with the Nevada Public Service Commission including those for an increase in intrastate charter rates, to change the operating schedules between Reno and South Lake Tahoe and changes for its airport service between Reno International Airport and South Lake Tahoe. Meanwhile, in California, the NEW LTR CORPORATION has established a local charter operation based at FIESTA LEASING & SALES in Gardena, one of their affiliated companies. LTR has long had a California TCP, operates to and from South Lake Tahoe and once operated RIDDLE SCENIC TOURS which provided Death Valley tours from both Los Angeles and Las Vegas. A mixed fleet of GMC P8M 4905As, TMC/MCI 96A3s and 102A3s has been observed. LTR President/Owner James Pike also has interests in SOUTHWEST CHARTER LINES in Phoenix, AZTEC BUS LINES in San Diego and FIESTA LEASING & SALES in Gardena.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

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

* Joy- Tak Inc request for hearing reguarding suspension of their charter party certificate pursuant to Resolution TL 18266

* SFO Airporter Inc vs. Arturo Luna dba Bay Area Shuttle et al to cease and desist from unlawful passenger operations at San Francisco Airport

* Universial Transit System Inc passenger stage certificate to operate between Los Angeles et al counties & Burbank Airport- Granted (PSC 4986)

* Old Town Trolley Tours of San Diego Inc passenger stage certificate, to operate between points in San Diego & Coronado-Granted

* Alberto Semedo dba Alberto Transport passenger stage certificate to operate between points in Los Angeles County & Los Angeles International Airport- Granted (PSC 4129)

* Western Greyhound Lines 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-Granted

THE EDITOR'S NOTES

Below are a few opinions of ou readers:

** I like the new format and print i WT. Also like the pictures. (MM)*

** Bravo! New double column format is fantastically easier to read. (JD)*

** I like the new format on Western Transit. It is a definite improvement over the old format. especially like the idea of photos. Keep up the good work. (JH)*

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NEVADA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (NPSC)

CARSON CITY, NEVADA: Several actions have been filed before the Commission. TAHOE LIMOUSINE SERVICE has filed seeking authority to conduct a limousine service for hotel and casino guests between points and places in Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, Storey and Washoe Counties. CASINO HOST has filed to transfer operations to CASINO HOST, INC. and to amend authority to separate transportation operations from the non regulated casino tour business. LAS VEGAS PEOPLE MOVER CORPORATION has applied to operate a public utility transportation service within the City of Las Vegas. Meanwhile, the state Senate Transportation Committee was holding hearings on a bill to authorize operation of articulated buses within the state. Presently AMADOR STAGE LINES, WESTERN CHARTER SERVICE and AMERBUS are operating articulated Prevost buses into Nevada under a permit issued by the Nevada Department of Transportation.

GLENDALE BEELINE (GB)

GLENDALE: Last November service was increased on GB and two additional buses were added. The two route system still operates weekdays between 900AM and 600PM in the downtown Glendale area but frequency has been improved. Between 900AM and 1100AM and between 200PM and 600PM a fifteen minute headway is operated on each line using two buses each.

GLENDALE BEELINE (Continued)

Between 1100AM and 200PM a third bus is added to each line and a ten minute frequency is run.

LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (LADOT)

LOS ANGELES: The City of Los Angeles will soon begin offering, for competitive contracting, some new peak hour services - PASADENA-GLENDALE- SHERMAN OAKS- ENCINO (originally to be RTD Line 525), GRANADA HILLS-ENCINO-WESTWOOD-CENTURY CITY (reminescent of RTD Line 774), NORTH SAN FERNANDO VALLEY-EL SEGUNDO, SYLMAR- PACOIMA- NO. GLENDALE- LA CANADA-LOS ANGELES and PANORAMA CITY-LOS ANGELES. Anticipated bidders include ATE Management & Service, Laidlaw Transit, Inc., Mark IV Charter Lines and SCRTD.

December 5th saw the introduction of DASH-PACIFIC PALISADES using two of the DASH Econoline/Champion buses. The service has been funded for one year ($150, 000) with a two year option for continued funding. The shuttle serves three park and ride lots (local houses of worship) and various business locations along Sunset Blvd between El Medio Avenue and Carey Street. Service operates Monday thru Saturday 6AM to 6PM charging a 25 cent fare.

SKYWAY AIRPORT SHUTTLE (SAS)

SANTA ANA: Formerly AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION, SAS conducted a contest last fall to rename the company. The prize was $1,000 for the selected name and the firm did a mass mailing to their customer list, travel agents, hotel and airline crews. Started in 1968, AT was the only shuttle in Orange County at that time. Over time the words became generic. Over 800 entries were submitted. One of the major outcomes of the contest was an awareness of the company. SAS has a new type of service. Called "Business Class" it is a dual stop door to door van service offering time savings for a nominal charge above that of traditional service.

VALLEJO TRANSIT LINES (VTL)

VALLEJO: VTL has been operating BART LINK connecting Vallejo with BART/El Cerrito Del Norte station weekdays for about one and one half years. Last November service was extended to Saturday also serving Marine World Africa U. S. A. and including a discount admission ticket to Marine World. Two morning trips depart El Cerrito Del Norte station at 922AM and 1022AM direct to Marine World. Afternoon return trips depart Marine World at 425PM, 518PM and 618PM. Passengers pay the VTL operator $3 for the round trip bus fare and receive a special $3 discount on their admission to Marine World.

BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (BART)

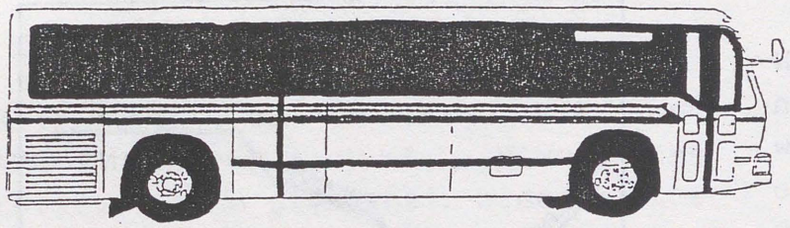
OAKLAND: An all new BART EXPRESS bus fleet went into operation on January 15th and to celebrate coffee and doughnuts were served to all passengers that day. LAIDLAW TRANSIT, INC. is the new contract operator replacing AC TRANSIT who had operated the service since 1974. A fleet of 45 Gillig Phantoms (WT 3/89) have been purchased for the operation. Express service remains the same except for some changes on Line U- P- BART/BAYFAIR- PLEASANTON which extended service to the Hacienda Business Park. The five lines include J- BART/DEL NORTE- PINOLE- RODEO, M- BART/CONCORD- MARTINEZ, P- BART/CONCORD- PITTSBURG- ANTIOCH-BRENTWOOD, Q-BART/DEL NORTE- PINOLE and U- BART/HAYWARD or BART/BAYFAIR- DUBLIN- PLEASANTON- LIVERMORE.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (RTD)

LOS ANGELES: Late last year RTD Directors approved a contract for seventy additional Flxible Metro buses which will seat 46 passengers and have front door wheelchair lifts. This month the directors are considering another contract with TMC for purchase of 103 RTS-06 buses.

February 26th brought a large number of schedule changes as well as some internal changes. All Division 1 operations of Lines 460-LOS ANGELES- NORWALK- DISNEYLAND and 462- LOS

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CITIFARE

Reno, Nevada

FLEET #'S	MANUFACTURER	MODEL	SERIAL #'S	YEAR	NOTE
101-113	GMC	T7J604	BV810572-584	1981	
114-119	GMC	T7J604	DV821190-195	1983	
120-126	GMC	T7J604	EV822506-512	1984	
127-132	TMC	T7O606	JR825655-660	10/88	
133	GMC	T7H603	A194	1979	1
134	GMC	T7J604	BV810591	1981	2
401-411	GMC	T8J604	DV821196-206	1983	3
412-423	GMC	T8J604	FV823998-009	1985	
836-837	Blue Bird	All American	---	1983	4
	GMC	T7H603	A195-A196	1979	5

NOTES:

1. *Ex South Lake Tahoe (STAGE) 3035.*
2. *Ex South Lake Tahoe (STAGE) 3044.*
3. *Originally numbered 120-130.*
4. *Used at Lake Tahoe.*
5. *Ex South Lake Tahoe (STAGE) 3036-3037. One is used for Marketing, the other used for Training.*

CITIFARE

RENO, NEVADA: CITIFARE was the host to the APTA Western Education and Training Conference. CITIFARE, which is operated by the REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, operates 25 routes. Two of the routes, 1 & 11, operate 24 hours, seven days a week. CITIFARE has two major transfer points, CitiCenter and CitiStation. CitiCenter, a modern transfer center, was completed in December 1986. Located in downtown Reno on Center Street between East 4th and Plaza Street, CitiCenter serves as a bus transfer site, a transit information center, and urban park. CitiStation is located in Sparks at C and 10th Streets. Eight of the routes are combined and change at CitiCenter or CitiStation. The fare is 60 cents. Transfers are issued free.

The 70,000 square foot Maintenance Facility is located on a 6.7 acre site beneath the I-580 Freeway. The three structures house Administrative Center [illegible]

RTD (Continued)

ANGELES- NORWALK- CERRITOS- HAWAIIAN GARDENS were transferred to Division 4 in Downey which location now operates seven days a week. Various 1000 series GMC T8H5307As and 7500 series Grumman Flxible 870s from the Division 1 pool of buses are used. A portion of Line 497-MONTCLAIR-POMONA-LOS ANGELES PARK/RIDE was transferred from Division 13 (Riverside) to Division 16 (Pomona).

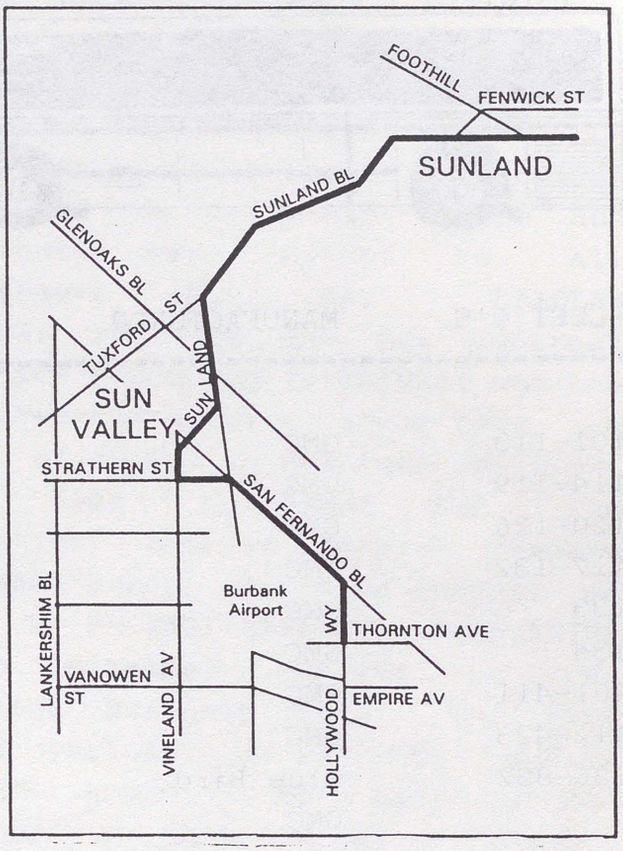
The land on which Division 14 (South Park Shops) sits will be sold to the Los Angeles Unified School District who plans to build a new senior high school there and name the area the Jefferson Complex. It is expected that it could take as long as 18 months to acquire the property.

Beginning April 16th weekend service on a portion of Line 169- SATICOY STREET was started. Service is operated between Sunland and the Burbank Airport at Hollywood Way and Thornton. Buses on Line 90/91- LOS ANGELES-SUNLAND are operating the 169 line. Daily late night (after 830PM) service on 90/91 now operates between Sunland and Glendale Ave & San Fernando Road with connections to and from Line 94- LOS ANGELES- SAN FERNANDO.

APTA WESTERN EDUCATION AND TRAINING CONFERENCE (APTA)

RENO, NEVADA: The 1989 American Public Transit Association Western Conference was held in Reno/Sparks at John Ascuaga's Hotel in Sparks between April 9th and 13th.

LINE 169
SAT-SUN SERVICE



The conference featured 26 in depth workshops focusing on a wide range of issues facing transit today and into the next century. Workshops were conducted along five tracks including Marketing, Policy and Planning, Human Resources, Operations, Maintenance and Technology and Management and Finance. Two topical General Forums were also held - Managing The Changing Workforce and New Federal Regulations That Will Effect Your Transit System.

The ADAPT group representing handicapped persons who want all forms of public transportation accessible to the handicapped demonstrated each day at the conference and many arrests were made by the Sparks Police Department and the Washoe County Sheriff's Department. Both disabled and able bodied persons demonstrated.

APTA WESTERN CONFERENCE (Continued)

Representatives of both APTA and ADAPT appeared on Reno/Sparks television to give their side in the discussion. The position of APTA is that each local community should have the right to determine how transportation will be provided for disabled persons. ADAPT wants all facilities and vehicles designed or redesigned to accommodate the disabled.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (RTD)

DENVER, COLORADO: Additional information on the second group of routes to be offered for contract - the package includes on weekdays 14, 19,24,35X, 51X,53X,60X, 67X,74X, 80X, 87X,88X,93X, 108X,119X, C,E, P,Z, on weekends A/B,N,24,52,65,121,202, 203, 204,205,206,209 and Saturday only 14, 19 and 208. Request for Proposals for the third package were to be issued in March for a December start up. Service includes all Longmont local lines, weekday HandyRide, Regional routes R, M, Y and 76-WADSWORTH BLVD. Bidders have been requested to offer new ways to operate the Longmont service including potential weekend Dial A Ride. Line 76 and HandyRide will need to be operated as now.



SUN METRO (SUN)

EL PASO, TEXAS: The City of El Paso has ordered four "trolleys" from Chance Coach for delivery by next summer. The new vehicles would on two loop routes through downtown- one a north/south loop to the U. S. /Mexican border and one on the same east/west loop traveled last summer by the Alamo City Trolley on loan from VIA in San Antonio. At least six buses (RTS' 22, 62, 72 and Citycruisers 501, 502, 506) have been painted in a new blue and yellow scheme replacing the present colors. Over the last few months a number of service and schedule changes have been made in the SUN system. Major changes include NEW Line 7- CROSSTOWN which started January 23rd and connects Trans Mountain campus of El Paso College in the northeast with Old Pueblo & Socorro Roads in Ysleta. Peak service is hourly with 90 minute midday headways using 500 series Citycruisers. Evening service has been started on 10-UTEP SHUTTLE, 50-CIELO VISTA MALL VIA MONTANA and later service on 60- HIGHWAY 80 VIA KENNEDY and 62-PASODALE VIA LAKESIDE. Beginning last November 14th the Vista Del Sol side of former 53 was separated and is now NEW Line 54, a feeder line, running every 80 minutes to Cielo Vista Mall. Citycruisers are now assigned to a larger part of the system than preiously as they have or are getting working wheelchair lifts to satisfy certain accessible needs. Lines 1,2,9,10,16, 53 and 54 are accessible. Lines 7, 23, 34 and 58 are not listed as accessible.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

PROPERTY	FLEET NOS	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL	DATE/ NOTES
-NEW-				
AC Transit	1801-1829	New Flyer	D60-89/KU013350-379	04/89
Orange County Transit	8001,8002	Ford	Escort 158/JHB35368,27540	1988
	8003,8004	Ford	Escort 158/JHB37163,35363	1988
	8005,8006	Ford	Escort 158/JHB22173,27543	1988
	8007,8008	Ford	Escort 158/JHB27542,35358	1988
	8009,8010	Ford	Escort 158/JHB27541,27547	1988
	8011,8012	Ford	Escort 158/JHB27544,27546	1988
	8013,8014	Ford	Escort 158/JHB27545,37164	1988
	8015,8016	Ford	Escort 158/JHB37161,43182	1988
	8017,8018	Ford	Escort 158/JHB43183,65505	1988
	8019,8020	Ford	Escort 158/JHB43186,43185	1988
	8021,8022	Ford	Escort 158/JHB43176,43184	1988
	8023,8024	Ford	Escort 158/JHB43179,65500	1988
	8025	Ford	Escort 158/JHB65498	1988
Ben Franklin Transit (WA)	7-33	Gillig	3596TB6V92/J1081994-020	1988
	---	Gillig	3096TB6V92/J1082021-023	1988
City of Eureka	---	Gillig	3096TB6V92/J1082213-214	1988
City of Visalia	6215-6216	Gillig	3096TB6V92/J1082396-397	1988
Simi Valley Transit	4510-4512	Gillig	3596TB6V92/J1082505-507	1988
County of San Diego	010-026	Gillig	3596TB6V92T/K1082584-600	02/89
Amtravel	575-577	Neoplan	AN340A/GL013253,246,248	1986
United Charter Service	MC-12	Setra	S215HDH/K103109	1989
-USED-				
Complete Charter Lines	311	MCI	MC-9/U34302-S14171	1
Pacific Coast Sightseeing	5325	MCI	MC-9/U32121/S15198	2
	5326	MCI	MC-9/U35238/S15203	3
United Charter Service	MC-9	Setra	S215HDH/G1030022	4
-DISPOSITIONS-				
Co-Ordinators	4920-4921	MCI	MC-9/CP036658-659	5

NOTES:

1. Ex FunBus 7902.
2. Ex Airport Service 4002.
3. Ex Airport Service 4007.
4. Ex FunBus Systems.
5. To Complete Charter Lines.