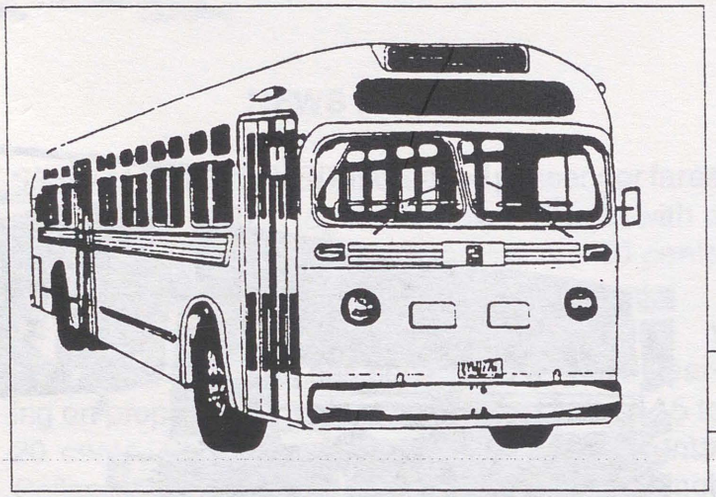
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TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM (TTS)

TORRANCE: On April 9th TTS *LINE 8-HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD* was extended from the South Bay Galleria through the El Segundo Employment Center to LAX Parking Lot C Terminal (RTD City Bus Center). Service is operated every 30 minutes between approximately 530AM and 1000PM Monday thru Friday. The weekend routing between PCH/Hawthorne and South Bay Galleria continues as before. From South Bay Galleria the routing is via Artesia, Aviation, Alaska, Douglas, Imperial, Sepulveda and 96th Street to Lot C. Three additional buses were added to the schedule.

COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM (CTIP)

TORRANCE: The Torrance City Council has approved two contracts with the Gillig Corporation of Hayward for delivery of 23 new 25-passenger "Spirit" buses later this year. All but two of them will be used by CTIP, a new South Bay rush hour transit agency being formed by eight cities with Torrance as the leader. The other two buses will be used to augment the TTS fleet. CTIP will provide service between the Palos Verdes Peninsula area and the El Segundo Employment Center (WT 6/88). Officials plan to give the system a new name prior to commencement of operations in January 1990.

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT BOARD (MTDB)

SAN DIEGO: MTDB plans call for a two-step approach to the extension of the East Line from Euclid Station 4.5 miles east to La Mesa/Spring Street Station on May 14th and from Spring Street to El Cajon/Main & Marshall Station on June 25th. SAN DIEGO TROLLEY will operate from 500AM to 1000PM daily every 15 minutes during the day and half hourly in the evening. With the combined extension the SDT system will grow from 20 miles to 32 miles and from 22 to 30 stations. The number of Light Rail Vehicles is now at 50 with the recent arrival of 20 Duwag articulated rail cars. SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORPORATION will be routing Lines 11, 15, 16, 36, 80 and 115 to various new SDT stations while *90-HEARTLAND EXPRESS* will be discontinued. COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM will be increasing service on existing Lines 846, 847, 848, 854 and 856. 854 will be extended to Lakeside to replace Line 849 and establishing new lines in the East County.

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA)

RIVERSIDE: RTA has received a $2.3 million federal grant to assist in purchasing 4 new buses, office and shop equipment, fare collection equipment and a radio system.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

SAN FRANCISCO: Listed below are applications before or decisions of the Commission. PSC is the Passenger Stage Certificate.

* WTM Enterprises, Inc. dba *Green Flag Airport Shuttle* , transfer PSC to *Coast Yellow Cab Coop*

* *Oranza Wiley* passenger stage home to work certificate between Vallejo & San Francisco granted in PSC 5191

* *Transit Management Services Inc.* passenger stage home to work certificate between Sacramento, Davis & San Jose - Granted PSC 1439

* *Lounge Car Tours Charter Company Inc* transfer PSC to *Airport Cruiser Inc* between points in Orange County & LAX

* *SuperShuttle of Los Angeles Inc* establish zones of rate freedom for passenger stage service for annual gross revenue of $1,947,537

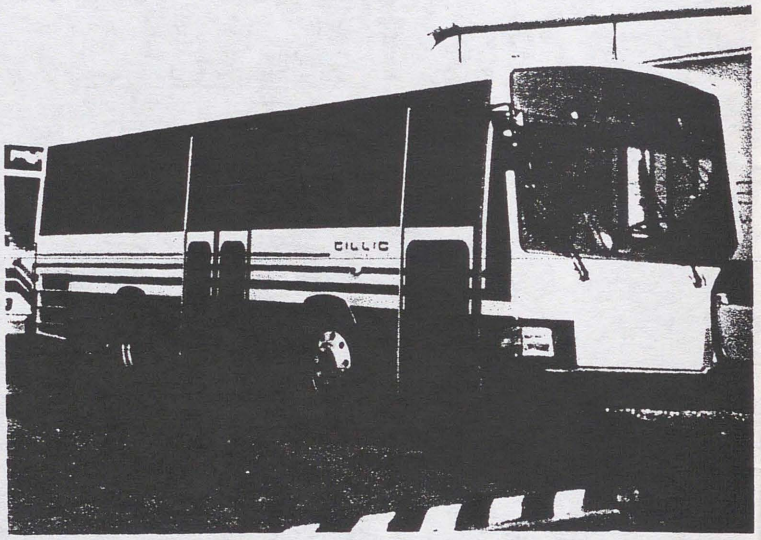
* *Harbor Cruises Inc* dba *Red & White Fleet* increase rates for passenger by vessel services by approximately 12.5% between San Francisco & Triburon

* *Sonoma County Airport Express* increase passenger fares and establish a zone of rate freedom of + or - $2 between points in Sonoma County & San Francisco Airport

* *Hassan M. Hosseini* dba *Super Express* transfer PSC to *Southern Super Express Inc* between certain points in the South Bay area & LAX - Granted PSC 5083

BIDS REQUESTED

Vallejo Transit: 22 with A/C and lifts
Citifare, (NV): 4 40-foot ADB's
Spokane, (WA): 15 40-foot & 6 30-foot
SamTrans: 41 40-foot & 40 60-foot



SPIRIT demonstrator at Gillig plant in Hayward, California. City of Torrance has 23 of these new models on order for new service starting January 1990.

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NEWS BRIEFS

SIMI VALLEY TRANSIT increased passenger fares on February 20th. Regular is now 75 cents with a zone charge of 40 cents. Transfers are 30 cents and Seniors & Handicapped are now 25 cents.

CULVER CITYBUS has scheduled a public hearing on proposed fare changes - E & H tickets 15 to 20 cents, Students will go from 25 to 35 cents, College students 35 to 50 cents and interagency transfers from 10 to 25 cents. These changes, planned for July 1st, would make fares more comparable with other systems and allow *CCB* to obtain 38% of its operating costs from the farebox as required by the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission.

OMNITRANS has also received a federal grant which will be used to purchase 34 vans for the Dial-A-Ride and Dial-A-Lift programs, 19 new buses (*replacements for the 1100 series AM Generals*), radios and a new public address system for the buses.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS Summer Beach Bus service between Altadena, La Crescenta and Santa Monica State Beach has been approved for the 8th year for Altadena and 6th year for La Crescenta. Buses will operate Thursday and Saturday between June 24 and July 22, and Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Saturday between July 24 and September 2. Round Trip fare will be $1 and three stops will be made in each originating city. [redacted]

AMERICOACH

The Board of Directors of Coach Management Inc dba Americoach, ordered that charter service be discontinued upon the completion of business on April 23, 1989. In its brief history Americoach was the largest private bus company in San Francisco. The principals of the company have each started a new bus company. [redacted]

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (RTD)

LOS ANGELES: RTD is experimenting with a revised version of the current paint scheme. At least two RTS buses (8369 & 8774) have been redone. The basic colors are the same but there are only two stripes, red over yellow separated by white, and the entire rear condenser housing is white. The former black rear vent and area of "black window effect" on the square back is also white.

The RTDBoard has voted to officially delay the start up date of Metro Rail from January to September 1993 primarily because only 2 of 8 contracts for excavation work have been completed on time, the others having run into delays because of soil contamination or other obstacles. The plan for delay will be submitted to UMTA for approval.

Two experimental ticket vending machines, designed for use with both Metro Rail and Light Rail, have been installed for trial operation at the El Monte Bus Station. The machines feature video display screens and can make change. Patrons select their destination by punching a series of buttons (Similar to San Diego Trolley) and insert the proper fare as displayed on the screen. General Farebox Inc has a contract for 111 of the machines.

RTD is participating in a clean air program to test a new blend of low polluting methanol fuel and an additive that eliminates diesel smoke. Bus 9022, an RTS T8J204, is the first of 12 such units. *(This is a different program than the purchase of 30 methanol TMC RTS'.)* The bus will be assigned to Division 5 and operate on various lines. The bus' existing diesel engine has been modified to run on a mix of methanol and the additive, known as AVOCET. The additive is expected to allow engines to run on methanol without expensive modifications of the fuel supply system. The Air Quality Management District is spending $250,000 for this program and Imperial Chemical Industries, the additive developer, is providing $250,000 and Detroit Diesel has contributed $60,000. [redacted]

FOOTHILL TRANSIT ZONE (FTZ)

LOS ANGELES: Opening arguments have been made in the case that United Transportation Union and Amalgamated Transit Union have brought against the LACTC and FTZ. The unions which represent RTD employees have sought to bar the commission from implementing or funding the zone on the basis that the commission has no power to establish a regional transit agency. The issue of whether FTZ is a *"regional"* or *"local"* zone will be decided at the trial. Last summer Superior Court Judge Eli Chernow barred the transfer of any lines without RTD consent (WT 6/88, 11/88 & 1/89). In December RTD gave such consent in exchange for $50 million in funds that LACTC had been holding up. FTZ presently sponsors four peak hour commute lines to and from downtown Los Angeles and has plans to take over several local RTD lines later this year.

Last month FTZ approved a $5.5 million lease agreement on 30 new buses to be delivered in time for a mid 1989 start up of local service (former RTD local San Gabriel Valley lines). The puchase, to be made on a lease/purchase option from the Gillig Corporation, will be underwritten by the LACTC. Elier this year (WT 2/89) the LACTC staff had recommended against the project because of the uncertainties related to the unions lawsuit over creation of the zone.

PENINSULA CHARTER LINES (PCL)

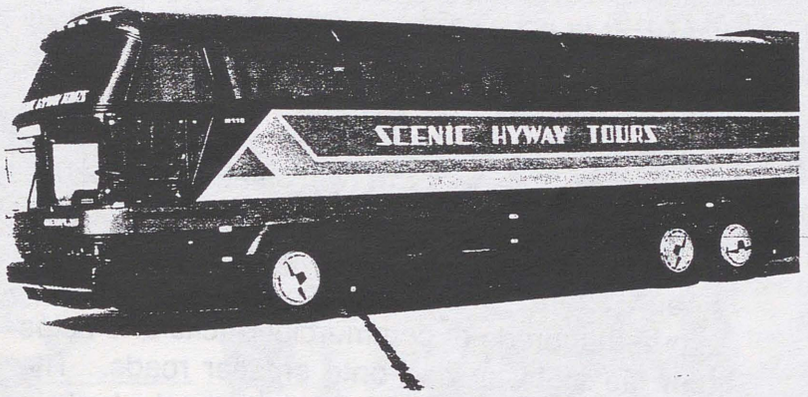
PALO ALTO: PCL assumed operation of former AC Transit Line DB - BART-UNION CITY-PALO ALTO VIA DUMBARTON BRIDGE on February 27th using a fleet of 5 former Houston Grumman 870 buses painted blue and white and lettered "Dumbarton Express". AC has been operating this weekday service for about 4 years with funding for the line coming from 5 different public agencies. The line operates 1/2 hourly during peak hours (4 buses) and every 90 minutes midday (1 bus). This year the service was offered for contracting and PCL was the successful bidder.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (LACTC)

LOS ANGELES: The year of 1989 could be a turning point in deciding the future expansion of rail transit within the county. So far, construction has begun or funds have been committed for three intersecting services, LONG BEACH-LOS ANGELES *(the BLUE LINE)*, the first leg of METRO RAIL *(the RED LINE)* from Union Station to Wilshire & Alvarado and the NORWALK-EL SEGUNDO *(the GREEN LINE)* Light Rail line to run in the middle of the under construction Century (105) Freeway . The path for the second phase of METRO RAIL has been determined from MacArthur Park through Hollywood to North Hollywood, but only enough money is presently available to reach Hollywood. Figuring out where the next route will be constructed is the next task. $800 million is expected to be collected from the county sales tax over the next 10 years to be used for this project. Three areas are competing - San Fernando Valley extending west from the yet to be constructed METRO RAIL station to the West Valley along either the Ventura Freeway or along Chandler Boulevard, Downtown-South Pasadena-Pasadena via either Highland Park or El Sereno and a northern extension of the Century Freeway line from the Airport through Westchester to Marina Del Rey.

Ealier this year Neil Peterson was appointed as LACTC Executive Director. Peterson was the Executive Director of Seattle Metro Transit from 1977 to 1983 and was President of his own company, Executemps, at the time of his appointment. Executemps provides interim management services to a variety of companies and government agencies. In fact, during 1988 Perterson was the interim General Manager at AC Transit for a period of 6 months as the agency was in a transition stage.

Construction is in progress under Flower Street in downtown Los Angeles as workers are digging a one-half mile tunnel for the Long Beach-Los Angeles rail line. The tunnel which is 30' below ground will begin at the 7th & Flower Station and emerge at 12th Street.



ROSTER OF THE MONTH

SCENIC HYWAY TOURS

San Francisco, California

FLEET #	NAME	MANUFACTURE	MODEL	SERIAL #	YEAR	NOTE
4348		ACF Brill	IC-41	036	1948	1
6420		MCI	MC-5A	6134	1965	2
6900	Mount Davidson	Prevost	Prestige	P652-229-74	7/74	
6901	Mount Olympus	Prevost	Prestige	C100-2322-75	8/75	
6902	Mount Diablo	Prevost	Prestige	C100-2323-75	8/75	
6903	Mount San Bruno	Prevost	Prestige	P100-2341-76	1/76	3
6904	Mount Tamalpais	Prevost	Prestige	P102-2395-76	7/76	4
6905	Mount Sutro	Prevost	Prestige	P102-2371-76	5/76	5
7421	Point Arena	Prevost	Le Mirage	LM103-2456-78	9/77	6
7422	Point Bonita	Prevost	Le Mirage	LM103-2457-78	10/77	7
7423	Point Sur	Prevost	Le Mirage	LM103-2562-78	12/78	8
7424	Point Lobos	Prevost	Le Mirage	LM103-2553-78	3/79	9
7425	Point Reyes	Prevost	Le Mirage	LM103-2565-79	4/79	10
7426	Point Loma	Prevost	Le Mirage	LM103-2709-79	9/79	
7427	Point Arguello	Prevost	Le Mirage	LM103-2684-79	3/79	11
7428	Point Cabrillo	Prevost	Le Mirage	LM103-2685-79	3/79	12
7429	Point Molate	Prevost	2P9L	C1001307	1/82	13
8631	San Francisco Bay	Neoplan	N116/3	FS511004	7/85	
8632	San Pablo Bay	Neoplan	N116/3	FS511005	7/85	
8633	Emerold Bay	Neoplan	N116/3	FS510766	10/85	
8634	Monterey Bay	Neoplan	N116/3	FS510767	10/85	
8635	Morro Bay	Neoplan	N116/3	FS510768	10/85	
8636	Drakes Bay	Neoplan	N116/3	HS713525	2/87	
8637	Tomales Bay	Neoplan	N116/3	HS713526	2/87	
8638	Richardson Bay	Neoplan	N116/3	HS713527	2/87	
8639	Bodega Bay	Neoplan	N116/3	HS713528	2/87	
8640	Half Moon Bay	Neoplan	N116/3	HS713529	2/87	
9998	Bear Flag	Neoplan	N117/3	HP713218	12/86	
9999	California Republic	Neoplan	N117/3	HP410333	9/85	

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SCENIC HYWAY TOURS NOTES

1. Originally Southern Greyhound Lines.
2. Originally Greyhound Lines 8420. Sold 6/79 to Express Tours
3. Sold 6/86 to Monarch Coach Lines.
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5. Sold 6/86 to Monarch Coach Lines.
6. First production Le Mirage.
7. Sold 9/86 to Kent Kitterman for PG&E.
8. Sold 9/87 to All-Ways Charters.
9. Sold 3/86 to Taylor Transport.
10. Sold 11/86 to Willamette Valley Stage Line.
11. Originally Gray Line of Boston 7901. Sold 2/89 to Execucoach.
12. Originally Gray Line of Boston 7902.
13. Originally Country Road Tours 101.



5 YEARS AGO IN WT

* *CITY OF DUARTE MINITRANS* with one fixed route & 2 buses and *BALDWIN PARK FREE SHUTTLE* with one route using Dodge Ram van where both inaugurated. Founded by a portion of respective city's Proposition A sales tax funds.

* *RTD* placed first of Neoplan AN-440A buses 3300-3714 into service throughout the San Fernando Valley.

* Ground was broken for the first 4.5 mile segment of *MTDB's* EAST LINE between downtown San Diego and Euclid.

* *AIRPORT SERVICE, FUNBUS SYSTEMS INC & LOUNGE CAR TOURS* were all operating between Disneyland area and LAX with *AIRPORT SERVICE* filing for court injunction to stop *LOUNGE CAR TOURS.* Previously a case was brought against *FUNBUS SYSTEMS.*

* *OCTD* opened new Santa Ana Transportation Terminal.



CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO

JUAREZ: In early March Southeast Juarez was in chaos after violent clashes between rival public transportation unions. The union members were at odds over control of the profitable routes leading to the city's *maquiladoras*, or twin plants, and blocked the Pan American Highway between the Juarez Airport and downtown Juarez and assaulted each other. Juarez police said they were forced to reroute hundreds of commercial trucks and autos from the highway and onto smaller roads. The toughest job, however, was keeping the rival unions away from each other. Authorities said that *ruteros*, or union drivers who drive vans, alleged that the bus drivers union has moved in on some routes leading to industrial parks. The van union was determined to keep buses and all other traffic off their territory. *(Ed. Note: AT WT press time more recent details of this event were not available.)*



ACCESSIBLE BUSES AND PUBLIC TRANSIT

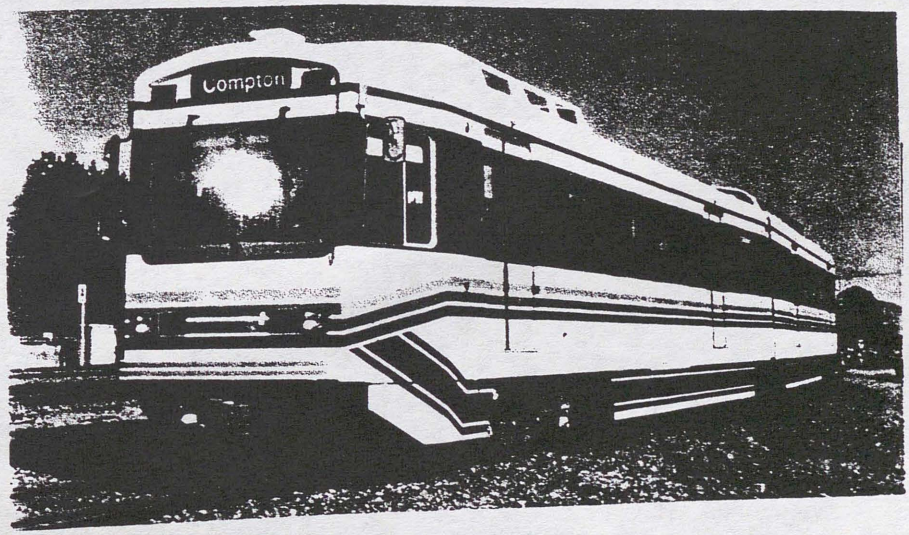
PHILADELPHIA, PA: The U.S. 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals has ordered the U.S. Department of Transportation to require transit authorites across the country to equip new buses with wheelchair lifts. The 2-1 decision was made on an appeal by both the Transportation Department and a coalition of a number of associations for the handicapped across the country. Appealed was an earlier decision by U.S. District Judge Marvin Katz that cancelled a 1986 regulation calling for 3% of transit operating budgets to be used to provide service for the handicapped. The appeals court affirmed Katz's decision in favor of dropping the 3% provision but it reversed his other decision by ordering authorities to equip all new buses with lifts or other accommodations. In a dissenting opinion Judge Morton Greenberg said the section requiring new buses to be accessible was not meant to apply to transit systems choosing a paratransit system and that the 3% spending cap was not arbitrary.



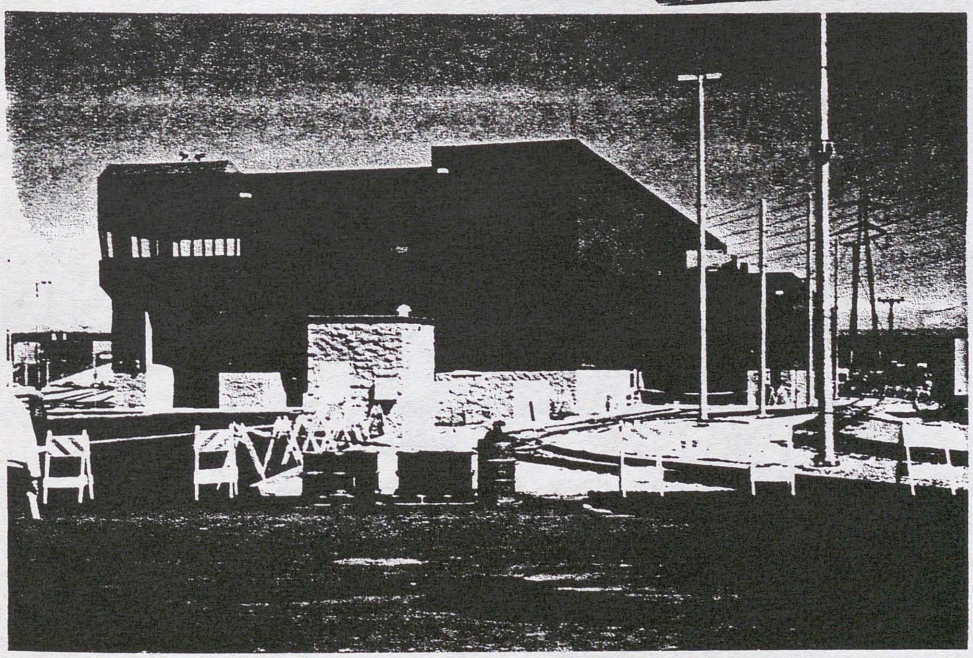
LACTC PHOTOS



Ticket vending machine which will be installed at all BLUE LINE stations (Long Beach-Los Angeles). Patrons will select their fare, deposit coins and tickets will be dispensed



Prototype of Light Rail Vehicle in the adopted paint scheme- white body with black windows and a three color stripe of light blue over red over dark blue.



Operations Center, home base for operating personnel, dispatch functions and where cleaning, washing and certain maintenance activities will take place.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

PROPERTY	FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL	DATE/NOTES	
-NEW-					
Antelope Valley School Transp. Agency	39-88	Gillig	6V92TA-13/J1030231	7/87	
Alamo Rent-A-Car, SFO	8-13	Gillig	3096TB6V92T/J1082199-204	1/88	
Central Contra Costa Transit Authority	900-909	Gillig	3096TB6V92T/J1082252-261	11/88	
Torrance Transit	431-438	Gillig	40102TB6V92T/K1082523-530	2/89	
LAX Shuttle	24-38	Gillig	3596TB6V92T/K1082562-576	2/89	1
Torrance Transit	439-441	Gillig	40102TB6V92T/K1082577-579	2/89	
Hesselgrave International (WA)	5101	MCI	102A3/GP040825	5/86	
Storer Coachways	W-15	MCI	102A3/GP040850	5/86	
Raz Transportation (OR)	303	MCI	102C3/JP042047	4/88	
Western Charter	771	MCI	102C3/JP042208	6/88	
Vaca Valley Bus Lines	7731	MCI	102C3/JP042411	12/88	
California Parlor Car Tours	69	MCI	102C3/KP042521	2/89	
Budget Rent-A-Car, SFO	37	National	Transmark/JC188174	1988	
United Charter Service	MC-10	Setra	S215HDH/G1030026	1986	
Pacific Monarch	883	Setra	S215HDH/J1030092	1988	
-USED-					
Pacific State Charter	503	TMC	MC-8/T89-961-1955		2
Pacific Monarch	8601	TMC	MC-9/DR004121		3
Pacific Monarch	8605	MCI	MC-9/CP037188		4
Preferred Charter	106	MCI	MC-7/S7724-U10175		5
Discovery USA	1022	TMC	MC-8/T89- -1053		6
Sierra Nevada Stage Line (NV)	606,616	GMC	T8H-5305A		7
Charter Bus Lines (OR)	268	Prevost	LeMirage/P100-2337-75		8
Wainford Charter	B711	MCI	MC-9/CP037601		9
-DEMONSTRATOR-					
Eagle 45-foot	None	Eagle	AE15-45/KB011000	11/88	

NOTES:

1. Additional Information.
2. Ex Greyhound Lines West 7796.
3. Ex AAA Charter 4474.
4. Ex Trans-Bridge Lines (NJ) 206.
5. Leased/Owned by Preferred Charter .
6. Ex Greyhound Lines West 2401.
7. Ex Golden Gate Transit 606, 616.
8. Ex Arizona Southern 500.
9. Originally Camptown Bus Lines (NJ) 226.
10. Ex Bus West. Originally East Coast Parlor Car 1027.