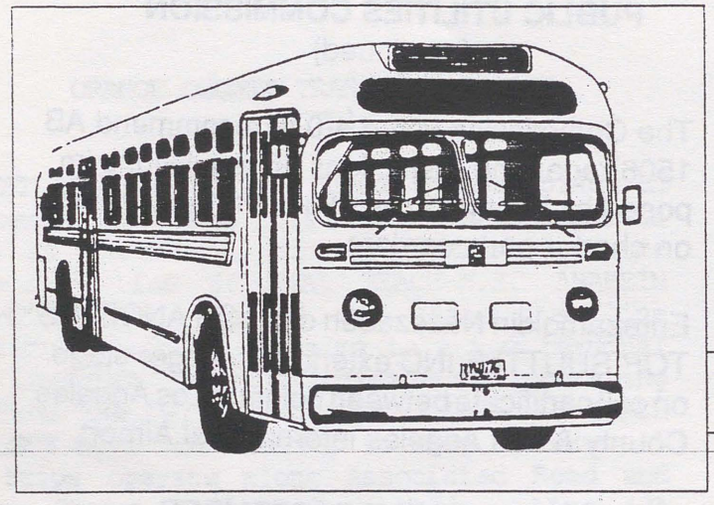
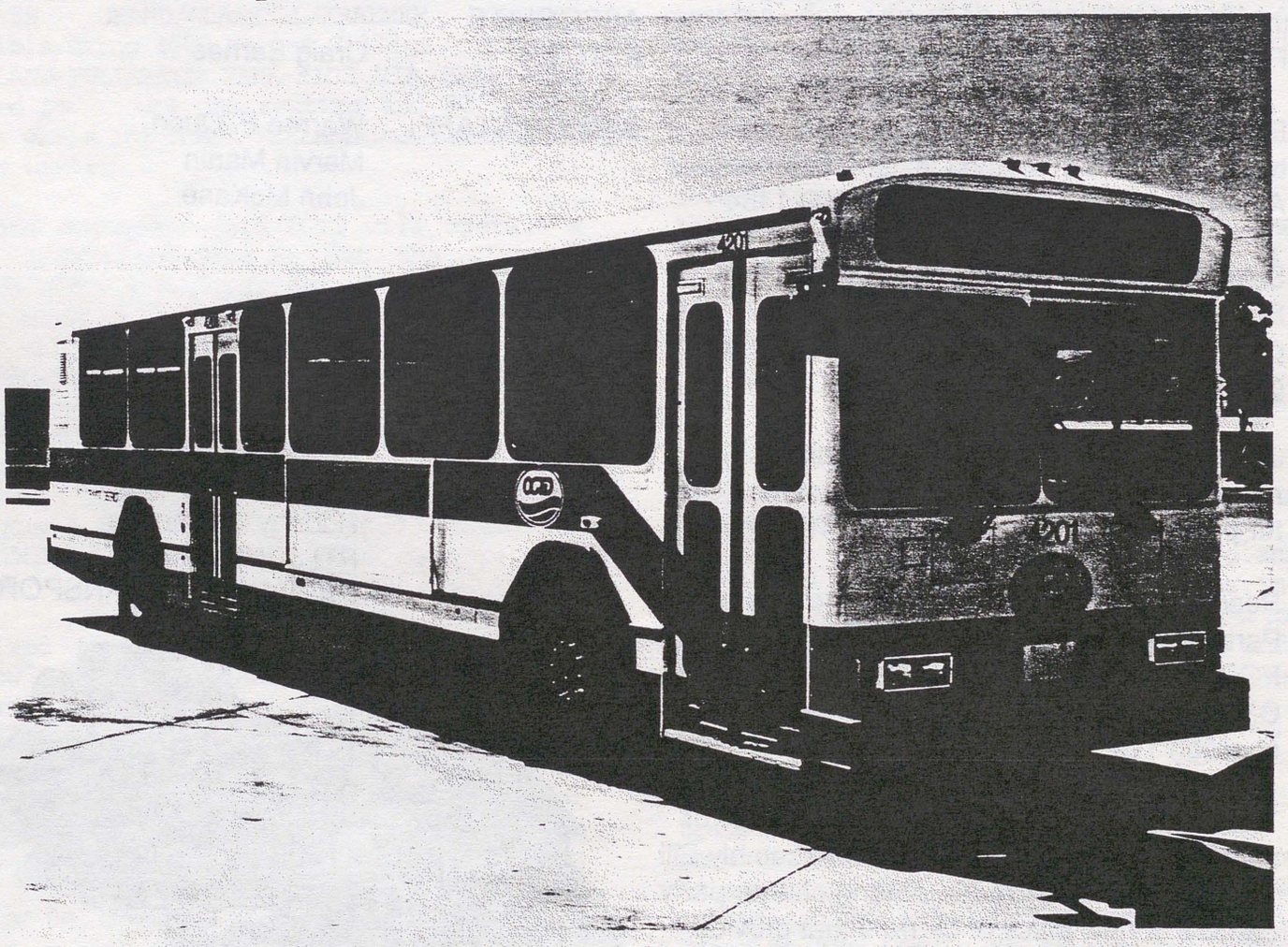


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COMING ON A STREET NEAR YOU!



ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT is now taking delivery of 69 Gillig model 4096TBL10 with Cummins engines and Voith transmissions. Six of them will be alternate fuel engines, 2 being Compressed Natural Gas, 2 methanol and 2 propane. These 4200's will be replacing the 1800 and 1900 series Flxibles one by one. All 69 should be in service by the end of the year.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

SAN FRANCISCO: Below are decisions of or applications before the California Public Utilities Commission:

* HARBOR CARRIERS INC dba RED & WHITE FLEET granted authority to increase fares by 12.5% between Tiburon and San Francisco

* Paul Theus dba SEASIDE SHUTTLE granted psc on call door to door between points in San Diego Area and San Diego Airport.

* Arik Sharabidba CALIFORNIA MINI BUS may establish zone of rate freedom of no higher than $10 and no lower than $7 between San Francisco and San Francisco Airport

* EAST BAY CONNECTION granted psc be tween Concord et al and Oakland International Airport & San Francisco Airport PSC 1454

* S.A. Shirokawa et al dba GALAXY TRANS PORTATION SERVICES granted authority for psc between points in Orange County & Los An geles county and area airports PSC4307

* JOY-TAK INC formally applied to dismiss its request for hearing on suspension of their char ter party authority (Resolution TL 18266)

* Resolution adopted suspending the Charter Party Carrier of Passengers Certificate of CALI FORNIA COAST COACH INC for failure to pass CHP vehicle safety inspection and terminal in spection TCP 4952A

* The Commission voted 4-0 to take neutral or support with concern position on Assembly Bill 1146 which would create, among charter party carriers, a new class of carriers that provide transportation services incidental to another busi ness or on a seasonal basis.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (continued)

* The Commission voted 4-0 to recommend AB 1506 regarding restrictions on regulations im posed by airports or local government bodies on charter party carriers

* Entezamoldin Nazezadeh dba LOS ANGELES TOP SHUTTLE INC extend passenger stage on call certificate between points in Los Angeles County & Los Angeles International Airport

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ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (OCTD)

GARDEN GROVE: The Fall Shake Up took place on September 10th and included a few changes as well as traditional summer to winter service levels. Line 36 SEAL BEACH-N.E. ANAHEIM COMMUTER was changed so that the line continues east on La Palma to a new terminal at Lakeview Avenue instead of operating to/from the Mall of Orange. Line 49 STATE COLLEGE BLVD was rerouted in Brea to have all 49 trips operate along Associated Road and Birch Street to/from Brea Mall. Line 49A remained unchanged. Line 393 LAGUNA HILLS-RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA was rerouted out of the Santa Margarita Business Park pending greater development. Lines 51 SANTA ANA-DISNEYLAND and 59 GRAND/GLASSELL/KRAEMER became accessible using 4000 series Gilligs. Line 44 DISNEYLAND-FULLERTON PARK-RIDE VIA BALL ROAD returned to the one routing and 90 minute headway while 161 TRASK-NEWLAND was reinstated for the winter.

Beginning September 23rd OCTD will operate a demand responsive service for the City of Cerritos under a fully funded pilot program to test transit usage in the city. One 0300 series Econoline will operate normal OCTD Dial-A-Ride days and hours providing service for elderly and handicapped using the OCTD fare structure. The service area includes the incorporated areas of Cerritos and Artesia and portions of Lakewood, Bellflower and La Palma. The Region I DAR region contractor, YELLOW CAB OF NORTHERN ORANGE COUNTY, will operate this service.

New fixed route buses and Dial-A-Ride vans are now arriving in the form of 69 Gillig Phantoms and 80 Ford Econoline/El Dorados. Bus 4201 arrived in mid August as the prototype vehicle and the remainder of the order began in mid September. By September 20th, 4201-4217 were at Division 06 and during the week of September 24-30 buses 4201, 4202 and 4207 entered service from Division 04.

The Gilligs are model 4096TBL10 with Cummins engines and Voith transmissions. The buses have 47 dark brown courduroy seats in normal transit configuration, Mobile Tech rear door lifts with two wheelchair positions, Luminator Max electronic signs, bus run number boxes, white ceilings with dark brown paneling on the side walls, Excel openable windows, Motorola two-way radios, Keene fareboxes, "Stop Requested" signs and public address systems. 63 of the buses have diesel engines and the others will have alternate fuel engines (two methanol, 2 propane, 2 compressed natural gas). These buses will participate in a 5 year clean air research program testing the application of alternate fuels to diesel for compliance with the various clean air regulations either now in effect or being promulgated.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (Countinued)

The first of 80 Econoline 350/El Dorado Falcons arrived in late August. 3501 has seating for 11 with wheelchair lift in a separate door. They feature gray cloth seats. 65 of the present 0300 series Ford Econoline 350s will be replaced by the Falcons. The remaining 0300 series will be repainted into the new paint scheme and reconditioned. Regions I and II will receive the new Falcons first, followed by Regions IV and V. As of September 20th 27 of the Falcons were at Division 04, but none have yet been released for service.

FOOTHILL TRANSIT (FT)

WEST COVINA: During July Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Eli Chernow upheld FT's continued operation which includes plans to assume up to 20 of the 54 RTD lines in the Foothill are. Both the United Transportation Union representing RTD bus operators and the Amalgamated Transit Union which represents the mechanical employees argued that the zone was illegally created and financed by the County Transportation Commission in violation of laws which prohibit another regional transit operator from competing with RTD. However, Chernow ruled in favor of arguements by attorneys for the county that the LACTC is authorized to take certain steps, including creating the zone. He delayed the effective date of his ruling to give the plaintiffs time to appeal his decision "in view of the important public issues raised by this case". The judge also cited the absence of state appellate court rulings regarding the laws he reviewed in making his decision. UTU and ATU were successful in getting the California

FOOTHILL TRANSIT
(Continued)

Supreme Court to grant an order against further expansion of FT beyond the August/September changes and the previously operating 495/498 (WT 1/89).

Following Judge Chernow's ruling FT activated plans to take over 6 RTD local lines using a fleet of 30 new Gillig Phantoms numbered F600-F629. The 6 lines include 178 EL MONTE-WEST COVINA-WALNUT beginning August 21, 185 HACIENDA BLVD-IRWINDALE-ARROW HIGHWAY effective August 28, 274 PUENTE AVE-CITRUS AVE and 276 SUNSET AVE-COVINA BLVD-SAN DIMAS on September 5, 280 AZUSA AVENUE beginning September 11 and 187 PASADENA-POMONA VIA FOOTHILL BLVD on September 25. The route of each line, days and hours of operation and service levels will remain the same. FT will institute its own fare structure of 85 cents for adults and 40 cents for the eldserly and handicapped with issuance of new FT monthly passes. RTD fare media will be honored on FT buses.

The new Gillig buses are painted in the FT blue and white scheme and feature 45 fiberglass seats with dark blue courduroy padded inserts, EEC front door wheelchair lifts, two wheelchair positions, cream interiors, grey flecked floors, GFI fareboxes, windshield card holders, two-way radios, three digit run number boxes,two piece curtain headsigns and "Stop Requested" lights. ATE Management and Service Company is the contractor for this service operating from a 'being converted' Ryder Truck Rental facility in El Monte (ATE is a subsidiary of Ryder).

FT has started the process of calling for competitive bids, due in October, from firms interested in operating RTD Lines 480,481 and 482 with a takeover date of January 1990. An additional 60 Gilligs are now on order for these services plus future expansion.

HOLLYWOOD BOWL MUSEUMS SHUTTLE
(HBMS)

HOLLYWOOD: HBMS operated for the fourth year beginning July 3rd through Labor Day. Service operated between The Hollywood Bowl

HOLLYWOOD BOWL MUSEUM SHUTTLE
(Countinued)

Museum, located in the Fairfield Parking Lot across Highland from the Hollywood Bowl, and the Hollywood Bowl Museum. The free shuttle operated on a 15 minute headway daily between the hours of 230PM and 600PM. On days when there were performances at the Bowl the shuttle operated every 10 minutes between 600PM and 730PM.

LIVERMORE-AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY
(WHEELS)

LIVERMORE: WHEELS implemented a NEW Line 10 on April 23 rd replacing BART Express Line U HAYWARD BART-LIVERMORE east of Dublin. The route is similar to the former U. Service is operated every half hour on weekdays between 500AM and 800PM and evry hour until 100AM with extra rush hour service (requires 6 buses). Saturday service is every hour between 500AM and 800AM and after 600PM with half hour headways between 800AM and 600PM with four buses. WHEELS only Sunday service is hourly between Livermore and Stoneridge Mall with additional trips between the Mall and Dublin & Golden Gate with two buses. Six leased buses from ECCTA (Tri-Delta Transit 1000-1006, Gillig 3096 models), still painted in TDT colors, but with WHEELS logos, are being used. It is understood that the current WHEELS fleet (12 leased AM Generals from SCAT (Oxnard), 3 TDH-4517s and 6 Chances <ex Livermore Rideo> and 6 TDT Gilligs) is to be replaced within the next two years with the purchase of 48 new buses.

BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT
(BART)

OAKLAND: NEW Line UX BAY FAIR BART-HACIENDA PARK-RIDE began operations on June 25th proividing three morning trips (540AM, 638AM, 738AM) from Hacienda Park-Ride at Owens Drive & Chabot Drive in Pleasanton and three afternoon trips (445PM, 545PM, 645PM) from Bay Fair BART Station. (Ed Note - It is expected that this service replaced the Hacienda Business Park shuttles.)



ROSTER OF THE MONTH

AIRPORT COACH

Anaheim, CA

FLEET #	BUILDER	MODEL	SERIAL #	YEAR	NOTE
801-802	Ford	Econoline 350 XLT	JHA52745,48864	1988	
803-804	Ford	Econoline 350 XLT	JHA52747,57825	1988	
805-806	Ford	Econoline 350 XLT	JHA57826,52748	1988	
807-808	Ford	Econoline 350 XLT	JHA52751,51708	1988	
7701	TMC	MC-8	T68-865-1705	04/77	1
7702	TMC	MC-8	T89-1042-1818	09/77	2
7703	TMC	MC-8	T68-743-1847	01/77	3
7704	TMC	MC-8	T68-850-1690	04/77	4
7705	TMC	MC-8	T78-937-1735	06/77	5
7706	TMC	MC-8	T89-954-1948	05/77	6
7707	TMC	MC-8	T89-1004-1780	08/77	7
7708	TMC	MC-8	T68-747-1851	01/77	8
7709	TMC	MC-8	T68-759-1863	01/77	9
7710	TMC	MC-8	T78-921-1937	05/77	10
7711	TMC	MC-8	T78-918-1934	05/77	11
7712	TMC	MC-8	T89-1010-1786	08/77	12
8516	MCI	96A3	FP040008	01/85	13
8517	MCI	96A3	FP040237	05/85	14
8518	TMC	96A3	FR005026	02/85	15
8520	TMC	96A3	FR005185	07/85	16
8524	MCI	96A3	FP040340	07/85	17
8525	MCI	96A3	FP040342	07/85	18
LTR 346	MCI	MC-9	EP039321	1984	19
LTR 386	MCI	96A3	FP040343	10/85	20
LTR 414	MCI	MC-9	EP039181	06/84	20
LTR 416	MCI	MC-9	EP039180	06/84	20
LTR 173	TMC	102A3	GR005487	05/86	21

NOTES:

1. Ex Greyhound 5517, ex GLOLA 4777-1.
2. Ex Greyhound 4630, ex GLOLA 4777-5.
3. Ex Greyhound 1081.
4. Ex Greyhound 5502, ex GLOLA 4777-13.
5. Ex Greyhound 5547, ex GLOLA 4777-2.
6. Ex Greyhound 7789, ex GLOLA 4777-9.
7. Ex Greyhound 5592.
8. Ex Greyhound 1085, ex GLOLA 4777-6.
9. Ex Greyhound 1047.
10. Ex Greyhound 7778.
11. Ex Greyhound 7775.
12. Ex Greyhound 5598.
13. Leased from LTR. Ex LTR 360.
14. Leased from LTR. Ex LTR 391.
15. Leased from LTR. Ex LTR 392.

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AIRPORT COACH ROSTER NOTES (Continued)

16. Leased from LTR. Ex LTR 398. 17. Leased from LTR. Ex LTR 384. 18. Leased from LTR. Ex LTR 385. 19. Leased from LTR. 20. Leased from LTR. Returned. 21. Leased from LTR. Originally Fiesta Leasing.

OMNITRANS (OT)

SAN BERNARDINO: Night service was added on 8 lines beginning on July 10th. Most lines operate every hour between approximately 700PM and 1000PM. Line 1 NORTH SAN BERNARDINO-COLTON operates between 21st & Valencia and 9th & H while Line 3 CAL STATE-HIGHLAND, Line 4 MEDICAL CENTER-COUNTY HOSPITAL and Line 5 CAL STATE-KENDALL all run full length. Line 9 TRI CITY-FONTANA operates between Sierra & Marygold and 4th & D Streets. Line 11 HIGHLAND-PATTON runs full length, Line 17 operates between San Bernardino and Loma Linda. Line 21 FONTANA-REDLANDS runs between Kaiser Hospital and Redlands.

MEDI RIDE, INC. of Glendale has been awarded a two year contract to operate Dial-A-Ride and Dial-A-Lift service in the West Valley using 37 OT owned vehicles.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM (CTS)

SAN DIEGO: Mayflower Contract Services has been awarded a three year contract to operate Poway local lines 843, 844 & 845 using 8 contractor owned vehicles.

Poway Valley Senior Citizens will be operting the city's general purpose Dial-A-Ride. CTS is currently advertising for bids for the single vehicle airport service, POWAY AIRPORTER, between Poway and San Diego Airport. This is a two year contract with 2 one year options beginning October 1, 1989.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION (LACTC)

LOS ANGELES: On August 17th the LACTC voted to creat a subsidiary that would take control of all rail projects in the county including the Metro Rail line now being managed by RTD. This action was approved 8-3 with the dissenters concerned that this will only escalate the turf battle between the Commission and RTD. The proposed Rail Construction Corp. would control all rail projects and be guided by a 6 member board, three each from RTD and LACTC. Costs overruns of the $1.25 billion Metro Rail project has been the major topic of discussion.

SANTA CRUZ CALTRAIN CONNECTOR (SCCC)

SANTA CRUZ: The SCCC which operates between the CALTRAIN Depot in San Jose and Santa Cruz's Metro Center with 9 weekday and 8 weekend round trips has been extended to the Santa Cruz Beach and Boardwalk with a stop at the corner of Washington & Beach. The fare is $5.00 each way and is operated by SANTA CRUZ TRANSPORTATION INC.

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA)

RIVERSIDE: RTA increased service on several lines and made minor route changes on Line 14 INDIANA, 31 BANNING-SAN JACINTO-HEMET and 32 HEMET-VALLE VISTA on September 3rd. In addition, Line 22 RIVERSIDE-PERRIS-LAKE ELSINORE was rescheduled to provide 12 weekday trips to and from Lake Elsinore with a rough 80 minute headway andd the line was extended in Elsinore to operate along Highway 74, Collier, Spring, Flint, Main, looping Main,Limited, Spring and Heald to Main. All weekday trips on 27 RIVERSIDE-SUN CITY-HEMET were rescheduled to serve Sun City instead of just alternate trips. Line 3 NORCO-CORONA (WT 3/89) had its trial period extended to January 1, 1990.

THE FLXIBLE CORPORATION (FLXIBLE)

DELAWARE, OHIO: The 10th Annual Energy Seminar sponsored by the Gas Research Institute was held in Vail, Colorado, during the week of August 7, 1989.

During Session II, seminar participants were given the first public review of The Flxible Corporation's Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueled transit bus program. Jack Groom, Manager of Alternative Fuels, described Flxible's product development program, features of the Flxible CNG bus and the extensive testing program under way at the Transportation Research Center of Ohio.

A unique feature of Flxible's CNG program is Flxible offering the total CNG system, consisting of the installation of the CNG fuel package in the Flxible Metro Advanced Design transit bus, a compatible fuel fill system custom engineered and designed for each application, a complete training package and ongoing maintenance support.

Flxible's CNG bus and fuel system componentry such as cylinders, piping and valving successfully passed the tough shakedown test simulating rugged transit operating conditions and including cobblestone, assorted obstacles, 4" potholes, random chatter bumps, etc. Other performance tests such asss noise and braking have been successfully completed.

After Session II, Mr. Stephen Ban, said "...We in the gas industry are extremely encouraged by the excellent development and demonstration work The Flxible Corportation has done with CNG-fueled transit buses. I believe it was important for the seminar audience to gain an appreciation of the great strides that have been made in this practical area and to recognize that CNG is a very viable fuel for transit buses, that areas for further development work have been identified, and that funding support and encouragement is needed for this to continue. Your review of Flxible's program brought home the hard facts of life on development of a new transportation system compatible with a new alternative fuel...."

Delivery of revenue producing Flxible CNG buses will begin in September 1989, with

THE FLXIBLE CORPORATION (Countinued)

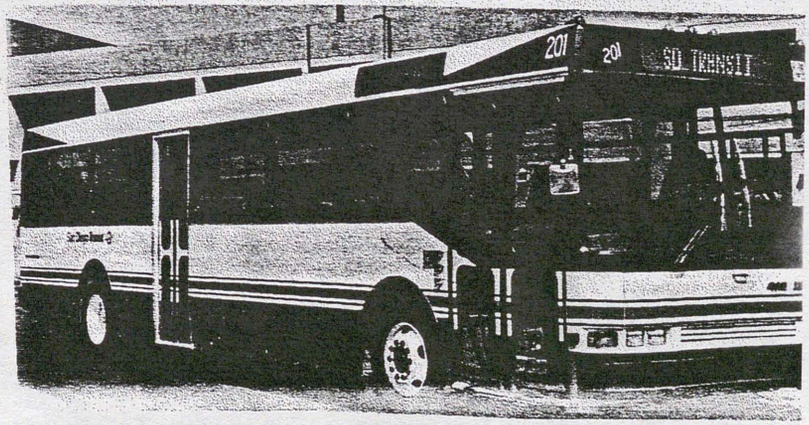
delivery of a unit purchased by the Columbia Gas Corporation for service in Columbus, Ohio. In the next several months, deliveries will be made to Los Angeles, Dallas, Fort Owrth and the Consolidated Natural Gas Service Company for service in Cleveland and Altoona.

The Flxible Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of General Automotive Corportation, Ann Arbor, Michigan, is the leading manufacturer of transit buses in the United States. Flxible operates manufacturing facilities in Delaware and Loudonville, Ohio, and the most extensive transit service parts distribution system in the industry with parts distribution centers in Loudonville, Ohio; Los Angeles, California; Newark, New Jersey; Dallas, Texas; Seattle, Washington, and Atlanta, Georgia.

SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORP. (SDT)

SAN DIEGO: The first of 25 new Ikarus buses arrived September 1st and the second on the 15th. Delivery of the remaining are expected over the next month.

They are numbered 201-225, feature 44 red & black American brand leatherette seats including two wheelchair positions, a front door Lift-U wheelchair lift, GFI electronic fareboxes, Luminator electronic signs (front, side & rear). The operators area is separated by a floor to ceiling plexiglass partition. The interiors are off-white upper side walls and brown lower sides and a public address system. They are powered by a Detroit Diesel 8V92 engine with DDEC and ATEC (Detroit Diesel Electronic Controls & Allison Transmission Electronic Controls).



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EQUIPMENT REPORT

PROPERTY	FLEET #	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL #	DATE/ NOTES
-NEW-				
San Diego Transit	201	Ikarus	416.01/KA158013	3/89
Gray Line of Los Angeles	4789-1	Eagle	AE15/KB070328	5/89
	4789-4	Eagle	AE15/---	
Tri-Met (OR)	550-591	Flxible	40102-6C/KD100426-467	4/89
	592-637	Flxible	40102-6C/KD100694-739	8/89
Orange County Transit	3501	Ford B50	El Dorado/KHB65669	1989
	3502-3523	Ford B50	El Dorado/KHB65674-695	1989
	3524-3527	Ford B50	El Dorado/KHB82107-110	1989
Laidlaw (BART Buses)	19087-19131	Gillig	40TB102/K1083483-497	1988
Orange County Transit	4201	Gillig	4096TBL10/K1082796	6/89
	4202-4214	Gillig	4096TBL10/K1082797-809	8/89
	4215-4217	Gillig	4096TBL10/K1083810-812	9/89
Foothill Transit(Mark IV)	F600-F629	Gillig	4096TB6V92T/K1083041-70	7/89
Starline Sightseeing	79-82	MCI	102C3/JP042160-163	1988
Roesch Lines	501-502	MCI	102C3/JP042839-840	2/89
Starline Sightseeing	83-92	MCI	102C3/JP042799-807	1988
Pawtuxet Valley (RI)	8901	MCI	102C3/KP042770	4/89
Starline Sightseeing	61-62	Neoplan	N208/EB410211-212	1984
Arrow Stage Line (AZ)	0830	Setra	S215HDH/K1030137	1989
	0835	Setra	S215HDH/K1030155	1989
Goodalls/Gray Line S.D.	47901-47902	TMC	102A3/KR006909-910	1989
K.T. Services (NV)	183	TMC	102A3/KR007120	4/89
Hot Dogger	536	TMC	102C3/KR007163	5/89
Totem Coaches (WA)	102	TMC	102A3/KR007215	6/89
Gray Line San Francisco	107-111	TMC	102C3/KR007219-223	1989
Amtravel	580-581	TMC	102C3/KR007229-230	1989
Community Transit (WA)	758-774	TMC	T90206/KR826287-303	8/89
-USED-				
Pasadena County Transit	81	TMC	38M-[illegible]	1
Co-Ordinators	5841	MCI	MC-8/U80403/B10781	2
Starline Sightseeing	4301	TMC	MC-8/1347	3
	4302	TMC	MC-8/1351	4
	4303	TMC	MC-8/1388	5
	4304	TMC	MC-8/1354	6
	4305	TMC	MC-8/1317	7
	4306	TMC	MC-8/1328	8
	4307	TMC	MC-8/1869	9
	4308	TMC	MC-8/1922	10

NOTES:
1. Originally Airport Service 1001.
2. Originally Airport Service 4407. Was to go to Airport Coach so is still in Airport Coach colors.
3. Ex Greyhound 1004.
4. Ex Greyhound 1008.
5. Ex Greyhound 1045.
6. Ex Greyhound 1011.
7. Ex Greyhound 7721.
8. Ex Greyhound 7752.
9. Ex Greyhound 1103.
10. Ex Greyhound 1156.