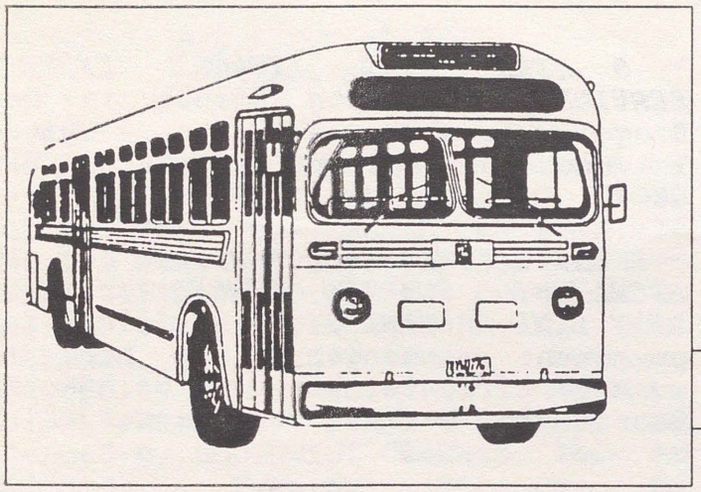


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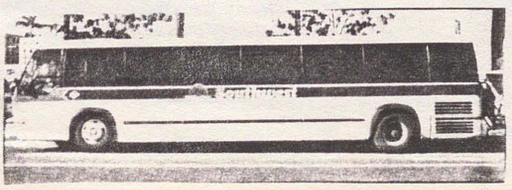
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SOUTHWEST COACHES, INC.
(SWC)

SAN DIEGO: On February 4th SWC implemented the second part of the MTDB service contract it was awarded last year. This is a five year contract to provide service on 901-SAN DIEGO-CORONADO-IMPERIAL BEACH, NEW 902-SAN DIEGO-CORONADO, NEW 903-SAN DIEGO-NORTH ISLAND-CORONADO, 933/934-IMPERIAL BEACH LOCAL (former SDTC 33/33A), weekday night service (700PM-1000PM) on 13-SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO-SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY and weekday evening service (630PM-1100PM) and Saturday evening service (500PM-900PM) on 36-COLLEGE AVENUE-SPRING VALLEY. 13 and 36 are normally SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORPORATION services during other hours and the traditional public timetables have been prepared with reference to the fact that SWC operates certain trips and needs to be contacted in certain situations.

SWC purchased thirteen 1981/1982 model GMD T8H5307A buses from QUEENS TRANSIT and STEINWAY TRANSIT in New York City. These are front door lift equipped 50 passenger buses painted in a new scheme - all white body with a blue stripe (for bus) and a wide red stripe (for rail) which stripe continues across the front of the bus. RTS' 104 and 105 have already been repainted in the new colors while RTS 101 is still in SOUTHWEST colors until it is replaced later this year by 106, a new TMC RTS. RTS' 102 and 103 have been removed from service and will be sold through Hausmans Bus Sales.



902 operates from Coronado to San Diego in the morning and to Coronado in the afternoon with routing along 3rd/4th and Orange to and from the Hotel Del Coronado. 903 operates between North Island and San Diego, to North Island in the morning and to San Diego in the afternoon. Three buses are interlined on 902/903 along with five for 901. 13 and 36 each need two buses in the evening hours. 933 and 934 require two base and weekend buses and two additional coaches during weekday peak hours.

BUS STOP **San Diego Transit**
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SAN DIEGO: SDTC implemented a number of route and schedule changes on February 4th as part of a San Diego area service improvement program. 1-EL CAJON BLVD LOCAL was extended to the Convention Center via 4th/5th Avenue, Harbor Drive, 8th Avenue and Imperial. 3-OCEAN VIEW BLVD.-MISSION HILLS was extended from 47th & Logan to Euclid Trolley Station via Logan, Olvera and 47th to Market. The Washington Street branch to/from Pacific Highway & Palm was discontinued. 4-CLAIREMONT-LOMITA VILLAGE was rerouted downtown via Broadway, Front/1st Avenue, Harbor, 8th Avenue and Imperial. 19-NORTH ISLAND- the routing between Santa Fe Depot and North Island was replaced

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
(PUC)

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

* *AIRPORT COMMUTER INC* passenger stage on call door to door service certificate between points in Los Angeles County et al & LAX et al airports - granted PSC 5827

* *WESTERN GREYHOUND LINES* granted authority to establish ZORF of not more than 18% or less than 50% statewide

* Mahmoud Aram et al dba *LOS ANGELES TOP SHUTTLE* has applied to transfer psc to *LATOP SHUTTLE INC*

* *GREYHOUND LINES INC* authority to transfer psc between Crescent City, CA & Medford, OR to *RAZ TRANSPORTATION COMPANY* (RAZ PSC 5036)

* Grapevine Transportation Inc dba *GRAPEVINE AIRPORT SERVICE* passenger stage certificate between points in Napa County et al & Oakland International Airport

* *SFO AIRPORTER INC* establish ZORF of -$2 to +$6 between points in San Francisco & SFO

* Ali Homsi dba *LAX CHEQUER VAN* transfer psc to *LAX CHEQUER VAN INC*

* *5 STAR LIMO AIRPORT EXPRESS SERVICE* psc between points in San Diego County & San Diego International Airport - granted PSC 6064

* Transit Management Services Inc dba *SACRAMENTO CHARTER BIUSES* or aka *GRAY LINE SACRAMENTO* has filed for permanent passenger stage home to work certificate between points in Sacramento, Davis & San Francisco

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SAN DIEGO TRANSIT
(Continued)

by NEW 903 with all other branches of the 19 remaining the same. Peak hour branches of 20-RANCHO BERNARDO, 20A, 20B and 20C, were renumbered 210, 220 and 230 respectively. 25-CLAIREMONT-LINDA VISTA-SAN DIEGO was rerouted to operate inbound via 4th Avenue and outbound via 5th Avenue between University and Market. 33/33A-IMPERIAL BEACH LOCAL was assumed by SOUTHWEST COACHES, INC. as 933/934. Evening service on 36-COLLEGE AVENUE-SPRING VALLEY was also assumed by SWC. The METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT BOARD provides all of the financing for the San Diego area transit systems and they have a policy of contracting for service, sometimes with the existing provider and sometimes with the lowest cost most responsible firm.

The 25 Ikarus model 416.1 buses (44 seat, wheelchair lift equipped, 40 foot units) purchased last year are now in service providing accessible service in more of SDTC's service area. The buses feature 44 American brand red and blue leatherette bucket seats, a Lift-U brand front door wheel chair lift, off white interiors and black drivers area, buzzer cords, "Stop Requested" light, openable windows, Luminator electronic head, side and rear route signs, push rear doors, heating and air conditioning. The buses appear to be assigned around the system which is the general SDTC practice.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
(OCTD)

GARDEN GROVE: February 25th was the date of the System Shake Up. There were a few service changes, but the bigger story occurred on the equipment side. The new 4201-4263 series Gilligs have been placed into service one by one since about October while the 1801-1822 and 1901-1922 series 1975 Flxible New Look buses have gradually been withdrawn. These Flxibles are now all parked at Division 4 awaiting further action (27 Flxibles will be rehabilitated (WT 11/89), 11 should be repaired and the remainder placed into a contingency fleet). With the new federal clean air regulations set to take effect next January 1st and the current unavailability of a production engine which meets these standards, most transit agencies are expected to retain the older members of their fleet and upgrade them awaiting new bus, actually new engine, availability. The six alternate fuel buses will likely be delivered by this summer. Thirty of the 1100 series Flxibles are still active with 25 in the contingency fleet.

4200 series Gilligs have been assigned to Division 4 on 37-EUCLID, 54-CHAPMAN, 56-GARDEN GROVE and 64-BOLSA. At Division 6 they are assigned to 47-ANAHEIM BLVD, 49-STATE COLLEGE BLVD, 50-KATELLA and 69-CSUF-SANTA ANA.

1100 series Flxibles have been assigned to Division 6 on 36-SEAL BEACH-NE ANAHEIM COMMUTER and 44-FULLERTON PNR-DISNEYLAND VIA BALL ROAD. At Division 7 they are assigned to 61-JAMBOREE, 71-TUSTIN AVENUE and 75-SANTA ANA-EL TORO-LAGUNA HILLS.

Service wise, additional late evening service (to almost midnight) was added on nine lines. 51-SANTA ANA-DISNEYLAND was transferred from Division 6 to Division 4. 80-HUNTINGTON BEACH-SANTA ANA VIA VICTORIA & SOUTH FLOWER was rerouted in south Santa Ana via Flower, Edinger and Bristol to Sunflower. Trips serving MacArthur Fundamental School continue along South Flower. 393-LAGUNA HILLS-RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA was extended eastward on Santa Margarita Parkway to Plano Trabuco RoAd and the Coto de Caza gate area.

OCTD
ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
Our wheels are always turning

CITY OF PHOENIX TRANSIT SYSTEM (PTS)

PHOENIX, AZ: A NEW Line 70-GLENDALE began operation on September 9th. The line operates on a 75 minute headway using one bus between 600AM and 800PM weekdays only. From Valley West Mall buses travel 59th Avenue, Glendale, Lalomal, Thunderbird to the Community Center on the edge of Luke Air Force Base. Additional changes took place on January 8th. The 35th & Van Buren short turns on 3-VAN BUREN were extended west on Van Buren and then south on 43rd Avenue to Buckeye. 13-BUCKEYE was rerouted away from the County Complex and continues west on Buckeye from 35th Avenue to 43rd Avenue.

REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RPTA)

PHOENIX, AZ: Beginning December 9th Saturday service on Line 72-SCOTTSDALE-RURAL was extended south from College & University (downtown Tempe) over the Ahwatukee branch to 48th & Elliott. Hourly service between 600AM and 800PM continues.

THE NEW LTR CORPORATION

LAS VEGAS, NV: LTR has asked the Nevada Public Service Commission for authority to transfer 6600 shares of common stock to Alice M. Garth, Frank S. Mikulich, Sr. and Amelia M. Smith. This represents sixty per cent of the total outstanding shares of the corporation which shares were sold to James V. Pike (Fiesta Leasing and Hawthorne Christian Schools) in 1985, however, Pike has defaulted under the terms of the agreement covering the shares. Service is being maintained between Phoenix and Reno via Las Vegas with one trip per day between Phoenix and Las Vegas and two trips between Las Vegas and Reno. About nine round trips were operated between Reno and South Lake Tahoe until December 13th. LTR is also seeking an intrastate fare increase. On December 13th LTR ceased the RENO-CARSON CITY-TAHOE service after operating the morning schedules. SHOWBOAT LINES, of South Lake Tahoe, picked up the afternoon schedules and has continued to operate. The Nevada PSC gave SL temporary operating authority. There has been an application before the PSC to transfer the RENO-LAS VEGAS authority to FRONTIER TOURS, INC., but the Commission has held off on a decision pending action by the trustees of LTR to get their business house in order. FT is owned by Dave Lippencott who also owns VACA VALLEY BUS LINES, QUALITY COACHES and GOLDEN STATE COACHES with a combined fleet of between 30 and 40 buses. The RENO-TAHOE service cut off was ordered by the receivers who may also attempt to liquidate the company. The operation is down to a total of 19 employees. 10 are drivers. THE NEW LTR CORPORATION charter bus operations in Southern California, based at Fiesta Leasing in Gardena and using a fleet of LTR MCI 96A3 buses, is still operating. It is unknown (to WT) what the impact of the Nevada changes will be on the California operations.

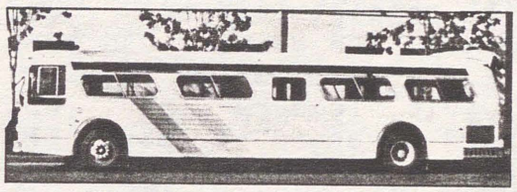
SHOWBOAT LINES (Nevada Showboat, Inc. dba)

SOUTH LAKE TAHOE: SL has been granted on call irregular route authority (charter service) in Storey, Carson City, Douglas, Lyon and Churchill Counties. SL assumed operation of the former LTR RENO-CARSON CITY-LAKE TAHOE service on the afternoon of December 13th (See LTR story) and has since been granted intrastate operating rights by the Nevada PSC for the line. QUALITY COACHES and SIERRA NEVADA STAGE LINES, INC. had both expressed interested in the operating authority. NSI d/b/a SL is being sold by parent Travel Systems, Inc. to Anthony Vickers and Anthony Fiorini. This sale will allow TSI to focus more on its other Lake Tahoe and southern Nevada operations.

ROSTER OF THE MONTH

SOUTHWEST COACHES
San Diego, California





FLEET #	BUILDER	MODEL	SERIAL #	YEAR	NOTES
101	GMC	T8J204	DV821439	1983	
102-103	GMC	T8J204	EV822955-956	1984	1
104-105	GMC	T8J204	FV823909-910	1985	2
106	TMC	T80206		1990	3
164	GMC	TDH-5303	4228	1966	1,4
167	GMC	TDH-5303	4234	1966	1,5
170	GMC	T6H-4521A	496	1970	1,6
176-178	Flxible	111CD-D06-1	56729,56733,56735	1972	7,8
179-180	Flxible	111CD-D06-1	56744,56751	1972	7,9
182-183	GMD	T8H-5307A	B3500888,895	8/81	2,10
184-186	GMD	T8H-5307A	B3500897,899,900	8/81	2,11
187-189	GMD	T8H-5307A	B3500903,904,906	8/81	2,12
190-194	GMD	T8H-5307A	C3500078-082	10/81	2,13
308	TMC	MC-9	ER004218	1/84	14
315	MCI	MC-9	U34291/S14209	5/79	14,15
316-319	MCI	MC-8	U-----/S13488-491	1978	14,16
320	MCI	102C3	JP042227	1988	14
321-323	TMC	MC-9	CR003230-232	8/82	14,17
656	GMC	T8H-5307A	2468	1975	7,18
658	GMC	T8H-5307A	2470	1975	7,18
662	GMC	T8H-5307A	2474	1975	7,18
676-677	GMC	T8H-5307A	2488-2489	1975	7,18
682	GMC	T8H-5307A	2494	1975	7,18
685-686	GMC	T8H-5307A	2497-2498	1975	7,18
695	GMC	T8H-5307A	2507	1975	7,18
697	GMC	T8H-5307A	2509	1975	7.18

NOTES:

1. Retired.
2. New paint scheme.
3. To be delivered this year.
4. Ex OCTD 1026.
5. Ex OCTD 1037.
6. Ex Long Beach Transit 4577.
7. Yellow & Pink.
8. Ex MARTA (GA) 1164,1168.1170.
9. Ex MARTA (GA) 1179,1186.
10. Ex Queens Transit (NY) 844,851.
11. Ex Steinway Transit (NY) 9.11.12.
12. Ex Steinway Transit (NY) 15,16,18.
13. Ex Steinway Transit (NY) 19-23.
14. Operated in Indiana.
15. Ex LTR (NV) 262.
16. Ex TNM&O L849-L852.
17. Ex California Parlor Car 41-43.
18. Ex Dallas (TX), same numbers.

SIERRA NEVADA STAGE LINES (SNSL)

RENO, NV: SNSL has asked the Nevada PSC for authority to either suspend or discontinue service between Reno and Ely which consists of one round trip per week. The service had been scheduled to terminate on January 4th, but civic leaders and PSC officials have arranged to have the service continued until other satisfactory arrangements could be made. Testimony at public hearings was against any service discontinuation. It has been agreed to continue the once a week service until a date in March.

Meanwhile, a new carrier, TRANS NEVADA STAGES, owned by Jim Fairchild of Reno, is preparing to offer service between Reno and Ely, Ely to Wendover, Utah and Ely to Las Vegas. An application has been forwarded to the Interstate Commerce Commission and an application before the Nevada PSC is pending.

AIRPORT PARKING SHUTTLES

Over the last three months WT has covered elements of getting to and from Los Angeles area airports by bus and by van and some recent history.

With due respect to the airport buses, vans, hotel/motel shuttles and taxis, the overwhelming majority of airport users continue to rely on the automobile for their trips to and from the airport. This leads to two major problems - traffic congestion and a scramble for parking spaces.

To combat this issue four of the five close in Los Angeles area airports, LAX, Orange County, Ontario and Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena. have developed a system of off airport parking lots and complementary shuttle buses. Long Beach does not yet have a problem that requires off airport storage.

At the four airports the airport authority developed the parking lots and contracts with a private firm to manage the parking facility and to operate the buses/vans. At LAX and Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena the airport owns the vehicles while at OCA and Ontario International Airport the contractor provides the vans. At each of the airports there are other independent firms who also operate parking facilities and provide buses, theoretically in competition with the airport operated lots. In practice there seems to be sufficient business for all of the providers.

At LAX there are two off airport parking lots, Lot B (formerly VSP) at 111th and La Cienega and Lot C at 96th and Vicksburg. The northernmost section of this large facility is known as Lot D-Westchester Parkway.

The LAX PARKING SHUTTLE operates between both lots and the roadways circling the eight LAX terminal buildings 24 hours per day. In addition, Line A-AIRLINE CONNECTING SERVICE circulates continuously on the airport roadway while Line I-IMPERIAL TERMINAL operates every half hour between LAX and IT, a small terminal primarily for charter flights, on Imperial Highway just south of LAX. Parking costs $3-$5 per day and the bus ride is free. HUDSON GENERAL COACH LINES, INC. operates LAXPS under contract with Los Angeles Department of Airports using a fleet of 47 airport owned 35 foot Gillig Phantoms. 24-38 are 3596TB6V92T/K1082562-576 built in 1989 with wheelchair lifts at the front door. 40-71 are 3596T6V92/C1080091-122 built in1982

Ontario International Airport is also operated by LADOA. Its parking shuttle operation is called AIRPORT AUXILIARY PARKING LOT TRAM and is operated by PARKING CONCEPTS, INC. using a fleet of two dozen van type vehicles including two Econoline/Escort II, three Econoline/Escort 138 with the others Econolines. At least two of the vans are lift equipped. Remote Parking Lot A is located about one mile west of Ontario International Airport on Airport Drive near Grove Avenue. All day parking is $3 and the van ride is complementary. AAPLT operates during all hours of airport operations. An approximate two minute headway is operated using eight units plus two

AIRPORT PARKING SHUTTLES (Continued)

more for the Employee Parking Lot Shuttle. This lot is just east of the public lot.

The Orange County Airport Parking Lot Shuttle began operation in October 1985 when an 1800 space parking lot, located on Main west of MacArthur across the San Diego Freeway from the airport, opened to alleviate the parking crunch at the airport as well as to provide added parking during the several years of construction of an entirely new airport. Shuttle buses, operated by AMPCO PARKING COMPANY, serve the lot between 530AM and 1130PM. In 1988 another lot, the Main Street Annex, opened with shuttle service provided and this past March one of the new on airport parking facilities, the Southwest Parking Structure, opened. It too has shuttle buses.

AMPCO has a fleet of 15 van on chassis units including Econoline/Champions, Econoline/Escort II and Chevy Van/Escort II which seat fourteen and have baggage sections.

Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena Airport has two remote parking lots, "A" on Winona north of Hollywood Way and "B" on the south side of Hollywood Way. The B-G-P TRANSPORTER operates between the two parking lots, a stop at Hollywood Way & airport entrance roadway (for RTD connections) and the airport terminal. Lot A is open between 700AM and 1100PM while Lot B is open all hours. The BGPT normally operates on a ten minute headway using two buses with one late at night. The fleet includes approximately nine vans (62-70) painted white with blue trim including some Econoline/Escort II and Econoline/Escort 158. Daily parking charges are $4 with the shuttle buses free of charge.

The are a number of other shuttles. At LAX are several privately operated long term parking facilities, some are just parking lots while others are structures with amenities.

WALLY PARK is a new full service parking facility which includes, for WallyClub members, car wash, auto detailing, gas and other auto services. WP operates a fleet of at least eight Econoline/Escort 138s.

PARK AAIR, affiliated with American Airlines, has a parking facility on 96th opposite Lot C and has a fleet of Econoline/Collins vans. Budget Rent-A-Car also has a parking service next to its car rental facility and its fleet of vans is used for car renters and car parkers.

At ONTARIO AIRPORT, SUNRISE AIRPORT PARKING operates a parking lot and shuttle service using a fleet of five Econoline 350/Escort 138 vans. SAP is located on Airport Drive right next to the Airport Auxiliary lot and charges the same parking prices.

At Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena, CARTERS AIRPORT PARKING (Club VSP Airport Parking) operates a parking garage and servicing facility at Hollywood Way & Thornton. Parking is $5 per day and airport transportation is provided with a fleet of Dodge Ram/Collins vans.

Also at Burbank/Glendale/Pasadena, Alamo Rent-A-Car facilities are at the Burbank Hilton and for $6 a day they also operate a parking lot and shuttle service using an Econoline 350/EMC Express van.

The car rental agencies all provide shuttle service for their customers. Most use large vans, but at LAX several of the firms use 30/35 foot buses. Alamo has four Gillig 35 footers plus Econoline/Falcons. Avis has eight TMC Orions and ten Gilligs while Hertz has a fleet of at least sixteen GMC/TMC RTS. Budget has five National Transmarks and some Econoline/Escort II. National has at least thirteen Transmarks.

With the continued growth in airline travel it is expected that the bus, van and parking businesses will continue to expand. WT will continue to report on airport activities.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

PROPERTY	FLEET #	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL #	DATE/ NOTES
-NEW-				
SCRTD	2700-2751	Flxible	40102-6C/KD100772-823	12/89
San Diego Transit	212	Ikarus	416.1/KA155024	11/89
Lehigh & Northampton	8931-8935	Orion	01.502/K6002283-287	1989
Transportation Auth (PA)	8936-8950	Orion	01.507/K6002268-282	1989
Antelope Valley Bus Inc.	850	MCI	102C3/KP042542	1989
Grayline San Diego	47908A	MCI	102AW3/KP042980	09/89
SCRTD	1991	TMC	T80206/KR826065	1989
	2349	TMC	T80206/KR826686	1989
-USED-				
Airport Coach	802	MCI	MC-9/CP036966	1
	904	Eagle	AE-10/30368	2
5 Star Tours	26	MCI	MC-7/U12224/S10074	3
-DISPOSITIONS-				
Airport Coach	8520	TMC	96A3/FR005185	4
	8522	TMC	96A3/FR005183	4
	8524-8525	MCI	96A3/FP040340,342	4

NOTES

1. Ex Aztec 802. Originally LTR 265. Leased.
2. Ex Aztec 904. Leased.
3. Ex Hotard Coaches (LA). Originally Greyhound.
4. Returned to LTR.

-BIDS RECEIVED-

PROPERTY	QTY	BUILDER	MODEL
PATransit - Pittsburgh, PA	25	Ikarus	60' Artic
Sun Metro - El Paso, TX	79	TMC	

-BIDS WANTED-

PROPERTY	QTY+OPT	DESCRIPTION
Central Arkansas Transit Authority	1	30' Heavy Duty with lift
Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky	5	35' Heavy Duty Transit Coaches
Tri County Transit (FL)	12+6	35' x 96" ADBs with lifts
Miami Valley RTA - Dayton, OH	25+12	40' Transit Coaches
City of Augusta, GA	3	Advance Design Transit Coaches