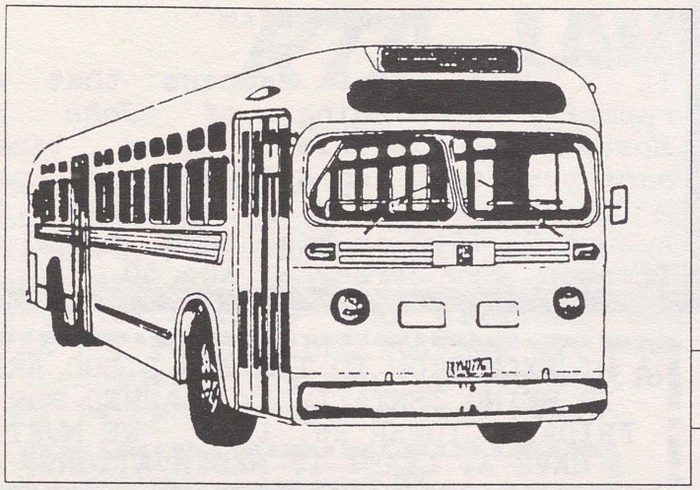


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BUENA PARK STAY N PLAY SHUTTLE (BPS)

BUENA PARK: There are a number of tourist attractions in the city and this service is designed to promote these places and the city in general. It is part of a larger promotional campaign.

Operated by PACIFIC COAST SIGHTSEEING TOURS using a specially decorated bus, BPS is the area's latest tourist service operation. It was started in June and connects the Hampton Inn, Quality Inn, Buena Park Hotel, Movieland Wax Museum, Knotts Berry Farm, Buena Park Mall, Ripleys Believe It Or Not and Disneyland. Although there is a different schedule weekdays, Saturday and Sunday there are five trips to/from Disneyland and four local Buena Park trips each day. Special evening service for Medieval Times dinner and performance is also provided. PCST 4702, an MC-8, is painted white with pink trim and blue lettering and reads "Buena Park Shuttle, Knotts, Movieland, Buena Park Mall, Medieval Times". Service is restricted to guests of the three hotels who must have a ticket to board the bus. *(Ed. Note - This might be thought of as Buena Park's 1990 version of The Town Tour - WT 1/69, 7/70).*

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA)

RIVERSIDE: RTA's Line 11 LAKE PERRIS SHUTTLE was reinstated for the third year on July 5th operating Wednesday through Saturday until September 1st. There are five trips from Riverside departing at 900AM, 1045AM, 1230PM,

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Buena Park Stay'n Play Shuttle Schedule

Mondays thru Fridays

BUS STOPS AT:	Disneyland Service TIME	Disneyland Service TIME	TIME	TIME	TIME	Disneyland Service TIME	TIME	Disneyland Service TIME	Disneyland Service TIME	TIME
Hampton Inn	9:00AM	10:00AM	11:30AM	1:00PM	1:45PM	2:30PM	5:30PM	7:30PM*	9:05PM	
Quality Inn	9:07AM	10:07AM	11:39AM	1:09PM	1:54PM	2:39PM	5:39PM	7:39PM	9:14PM	
Movieland Wax Museum Medieval Times	9:09AM	10:09AM	11:43AM	1:13PM	1:58PM	2:43PM	5:43PM	7:43PM	9:18PM	
Knott's Berry Farm	9:15AM	10:15AM	11:49AM	1:19PM	2:04PM	2:49PM	5:49PM	7:49PM	9:26PM	10:20PM
Buena Park Hotel	9:16AM	10:16AM	11:50AM	1:20PM	2:05PM	2:50PM	5:50PM	7:50PM	9:27PM	Drop off at hotels as requested
Buena Park Mall		10:22AM	11:56AM	1:26PM	2:11PM	2:56PM	5:56PM	7:56PM		
Ripley's Believe It or Not *Scheduled to open in August*			12:02PM	1:32PM	2:17PM	3:02PM	6:02PM		9:33PM	
Medieval Times Movieland Wax Museum		10:28AM	12:04PM Drop off at hotels as requested	1:34PM Drop off at hotels as requested	2:19PM Drop off at hotels as requested	3:04PM Quality Inn 3:07PM Hampton 3:10PM	6:04PM Drop off at hotels as requested	8:02PM* Drop off at hotels as requested	9:35PM Drop off at hotels as requested	
Disneyland Park	Drop Off	Drop Off				Drop Off		Pick-up for return 8:45PM Drop off at hotels	Pick-up for return 9:50PM Drop off at hotels	

***SPECIAL MEDIEVAL TIMES DINNER AND TOURNAMENT SERVICE.** There will be pick-ups at 5:15 p.m. for first show and 7:30 - 7:50 p.m. for second show. Please reserve your show and transportation with your hotel front desk clerk, Bellman or Concierge. There will be transportation back to your hotel after each show.*

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

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

- *DESERT STAGE LINES* psc between points in San Bernardino County & Palm Springs, Ontario & Los Angeles International Airports

- Gormley/Takei dba *VALENCIA AIRPORT SHUTTLE* to establish a zone of rate freedom of no more than $10 and no less than $8 between Santa Clarita Valley points & LAX

- *TOUR MASTERS INC* for hearing regarding suspension of charter authority pursuant to Resolution TL-18336

- Arik Sharabi dba *CALIFOANIA MINI BUS* extend passenger stage services certificate between certain points in City of San Francisco & San Francisco International Airport

- Robert Mondavi Winery, et al vs *NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN*, defendant is in violation of PUC Code Section 7537 by blocking crossings to complaint's property & conducting repairs at these crossings without determination from the Commission that such is necessary or required by law, etc

- Craig M. Collins dba *FAST TRACK TRANSIT* passenger stage services certificate to operate between points in San Bernardino, et al, Counties & LAX, et al

IN MEMORIAM

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of *John P. Hoschek* - Librarian, many times past-president and a founder of the MOTOR BUS SOCIETY. John died on August 7, 1990 in his home town of Trenton, New Jersey at age 60.

A WT EXCURSION TO THE SAN DIEGO AREA IS BEING TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR FRIDAY OCTOBER 26, 1990. WE MUST HAVE AT LEAST 15 RESERVATIONS.

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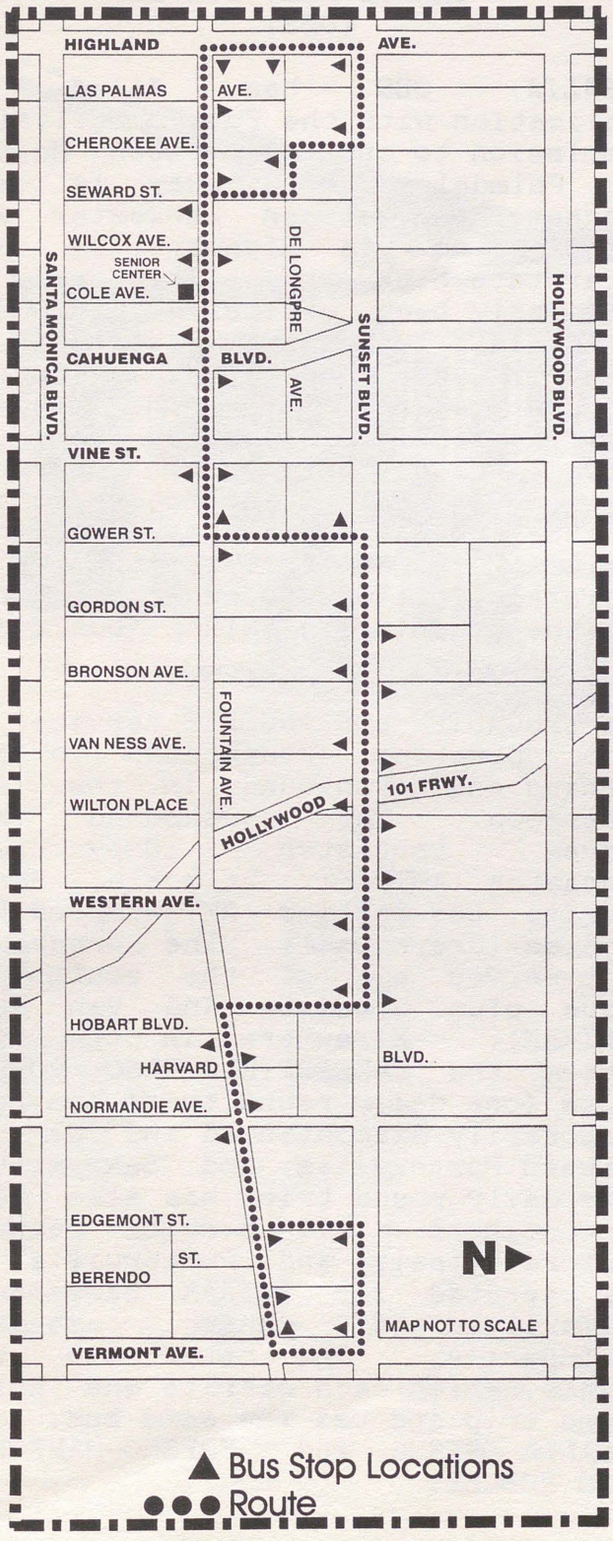
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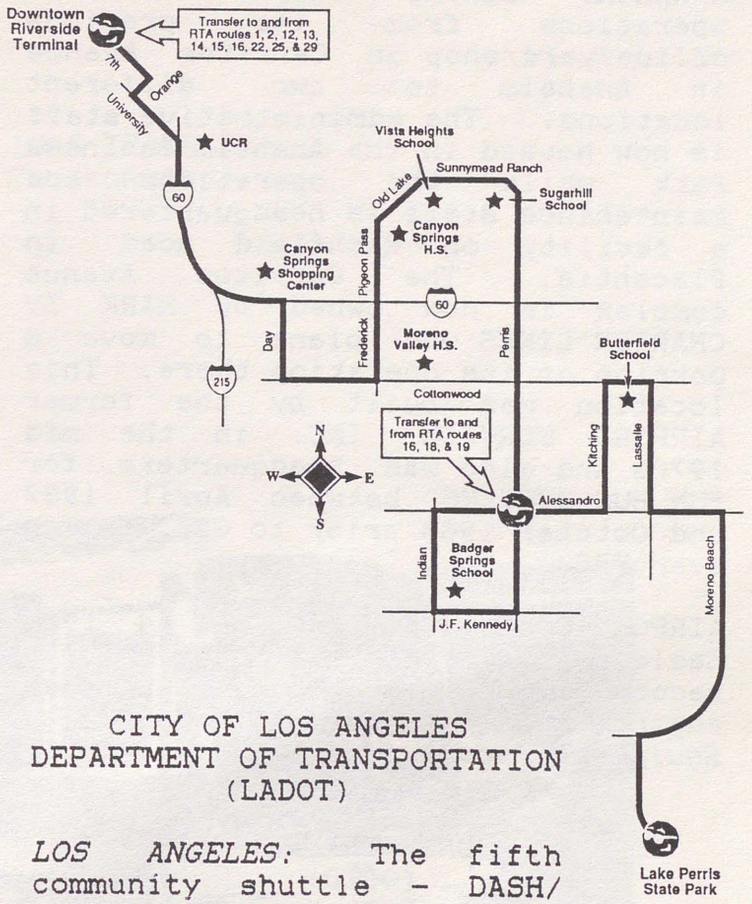
RTA LAKE PERRIS SHUTTLE

JULY 5 - SEPTEMBER 1

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250PM and 525PM with three return trips departing Lake Perris State Park at 140PM, 400PM and 650PM. Fares are 60 cents for adults, 30 cents for elderly and disabled and FREE for youths thru college age with proper identification. Radio station KHPY is sponsoring the free rides.





CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
(LADOT)

LOS ANGELES: The fifth community shuttle - DASH/ HOLLYWOOD - commenced operations on July 23rd. This service operates every half hour between 900AM and 600PM Monday thru Saturday using two buses. Service departs Sunset & Vermont on the hour and half hour with a 45 minute round trip running time. GREYHOUND LINES, INC. operates the service using CTS Champion buses numbered 100-102 which seat 20 in grey cloth perimeter seats and have one wheelchair position. Painted in DASH colors of white body with blue, magenta and grey stripes, the buses have Diamond fareboxes, Braun lift in a separate door, headsign, two way radio, grey interiors and blue floors. The public information pieces promoting the service indicate the multi ethnic area that Hollywood has become as they appear in five languages - English, Spanish, Tagalog, Korean and Armenian.

AIRPORT COACH

ANAHEIM: During July AC moved operations from its previous office/yard/shop on Cerritos Avenue in Anaheim to two different locations. The administrative staff is now housed in the Anaheim Business Park while the operations and maintenance staff is headquartered in a facility on Richfield Road in Placentia. The Cerritos Avenue complex is now owned by MARK IV CHARTER LINES who plans to move a portion of its operation there. This location was built by the former AIRPORT SERVICE, INC. in the mid 1970s and also was headquarters for FUN BUS SYSTEMS between April 1987 and October 1988 prior to GSI taking over FBS.

AIRPORT COACH also received 4 1981 Eagle AE10s that have been reconditioned inside and out and new engines and transmissions. *(See Equipment Report).*

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (OCTD)

GARDEN GROVE: The Summer Shake Up took place on July first and included some traditional changes, suspension for the summer of Line 161 TRASK-NEWLAND and implementation of the 44A branch of 44 DISNEYLAND-FULLERTON PARK/RIDE serving Buena Park Mall and providing 45 rather than 90 minute headways, as well as extension of Line 355 BREA-FULLERTON-IRVINE. Beginning at the Lambert Park & Ride the line travels State College, Birch, Brea, Harbor, Commonwealth, Pomona to the Fullerton Transportation Center, then the existing route to the Irvine Industrial Complex. Three morning southbound and three afternoon northbound trips are provided.

During last month's Orange County Fair a special branch of Line 40 was operated on Saturday and Sunday, 40 ORANGE COUNTY FAIR SHUTTLE, between noon and midnight. On the first weekend one bus operated a 34 minute headway during all hours. On the next weekend a second bus began at 600PM operating a 15-18 minute headway until close of service. 4500 series Gilligs from Division 6 were used. The route began at the Southern California Automobile Club building at Sunflower and Fairview via internal roadways. South Coast Drive, Fairview, Merrimac, Fairgrounds roadways and returning via Fairview to SCAC building.

ORANGE BELT STAGES (OBS)

VISALIA: OBS has filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission to operate between Mojave and Palmdale via Highway 14 and Lancaster and between Lancaster and Los Angeles via Highway 14 and Interstate Highway 5. This area has previously been exclusive GREYHOUND LINES, INC. territory. (According to the July Russell's Guide this service is now operating). The Mojave-Palmdale service is part of two round trips which previously operated between Bakersfield and Mojave on the BAKERSFIELD-BARSTOW route. The other two trips operate full length, one is operated for Greyhound connections and the other as an AMTRAK bus/train service.

The LANCASTER-LOS ANGELES service is also operating, southbound in the morning and northbound in the late afternoon. The southbound trip serves Lancaster (Greyhound), Lancaster (AMTRAK), Palmdale, Santa Clarita, Los Angeles (AMTRAK) and Los Angeles (Greyhound). The northbound trip serves all of the southbound stops plus Glendale and Van Nuys (AMTRAK). Elsewhere in the OBS system, the BAKERSFIELD-PASO ROBLES route (one daily round trip) has been temporarily discontinued and service between Porterville and Bakersfield (one daily round trip) has also been discontinued. All service between Hanford, Visalia and Porterville is now operated for AMTRAK passengers primarily and other customers secondarily. The other two OBS routes, which each operate one daily round trip and use the same bus, are VISALIA-FRESNO and FRESNO-HANFORD-PASO ROBLES.

ROSTER OF THE MONTH

MONTEREY SALINAS TRANSIT
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA



FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL	SERIAL NUMBERS	YEAR
80	FAGEOL TWIN COACH	34S	669B	1948
201-215	FLXIBLE	45096-8-0	61227-61241	1976
301-305	GRUMMAN	45102-8-1	90958-90962	1979
306-311	GRUMMAN	45102-8-1	91439-91444	1979
501-518	GRUMMAN	35102-6T	BD093410-427	1981
519-521	GRUMMAN	35102-6T	BD093544-546	1981
601-605	FLXIBLE	35096-6-1	62389-62393	1977
701-705	GILLIG	SPIRIT	K1090018-022	1989

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SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (SAMTRANS)

SAN MATEO: SAMTRANS was impacted by the nationwide GREYHOUND LINES,INC. strike which began March 2, 1990. GL has operated mainline routes for SAMTRANS since 1977 - 5M SAN MATEO-SAN FRANCISCO VIA MISSION, 7B REDWOOD CITY-BAYSHORE-SAN FRANCISCO, 7F, 16F, 17F PALO ALTO-SAN FRANCISCO and 41F REDWOOD CITY PARK & RIDE-SAN FRANCISCO. When the walkout took place SAMTRANS added service on four other lines and GL contributed partial service on some of the disrupted routes but that was made difficult by frequent turnover. GL had been operating 16F and 17F and then a shortened 7B between Burlingame and San Francisco on weekdays between 5AM and 1PM. Then 17F was suspended and 16F extended to Page Mill Road.

The Mainline routes service contract, last offered in 1987, was due to expire on June 30th and bids were solicited. GROSVENOR BUS LINES, INC., operators of GRAY LINE OF SAN FRANCISCO, was the low bidder and they were awarded a contract and commenced operating full service on July 1st using agency provided buses including 30 of the 40 new New Flyer articulated buses, #500-539.

Those buses and 38 standard 40 foot Gillig buses are now arriving and will replace 74 AM Generals (400-443, Model 10235B-8 and 500-529, Model 10240B-8) purchased in 1977.

Fares wise, SAMTRANS has made several changes. Fares for special Candlestick Park baseball service is $3 round trip while football fares will be $5 round trip. The northern boundary between Fare Zones A and B was moved south from Army Street in San Francisco to the San Mateo-San Francisco County Line. Only 3B and 21A serving Stonestown Shopping Center in San Francisco will be exempt from the change. Weekly passes (unlimited rides for seven days for the cost of ten rides) have been introduced and the prices of monthly passes were reduced 15% with the pass multiplier based on 36 rather than 42 rides per month.

SAMTRANS and BART have signed the final agreement which paves the way for a BART extension to San Francisco International Airport. SAMTRANS will pay BART $200 million and BART will build an extension from Daly City thru Colma, South San Francisco, Tanforan and SFO.

SANTA CLARA COUNTY TRANSIT (SCCT)

SAN JOSE: July 9th saw implementation of SCCT Line 521 SUPER EXPRESS connecting Gilroy, San Martin, Morgan Hill and Lockheed Missiles & Space Company in Sunnyvale. Four morning northbound and five afternoon southbound trips are provided. SCCT has leased seven GMC T8H5307A buses from GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT to provide buses with high back seats, greater leg room and individual reading lights. The buses have been painted in a special paint scheme using SCCT colors but in a "hockey stick scheme" similar to Greyhound Lines where the colors go up over the roof.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (RTD)

LOS ANGELES: Line 801 LOS ANGELES-LONG BEACH BEACH RAIL began operation July 14 and was originally going to have two days of free rides. The RTD Board voted to operate the line fare free through July 31st to introduce the service and allow as many people as possible to test the service. Because of the time of year vacationing students comprised a good segment of the riders (some riders said that the trains were like a ride at Disneyland but free). Ridership in the first week was 32,600 on July 14, 69,800 on July 15, 29,000 on July 16, 35,000 on July 17, 37,000 on both July 18 and 19, 33,000 on July 20 and 36,000 on July 21. Over the eighteen days in July 670,000 people took rides.

August 1st brought fares which are the same as the local RTD fares.

RTD
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Every passenger riding a train is required to present proof of payment on demand. There are three basic methods - an RTD or Joint monthly pass, a valid bus transfer and a ticket bought from a rail station vending machine.

Line 601 BLUE LINE SHUTTLE-LA between Pico Station and 6th & Flower *(WT 7/90)* has been rerouted twice to allow easier physical transfers between the buses and trains at Pico Station. As well, stops were added at 7th & Hope and 8th & Flower. Line 60/61/360 LOS ANGELES-HUNTINGTON PARK-LONG BEACH BOULEVARD has been rerouted to also serve the Pico Station. Inbound buses travel via 7th, Hope, 8th and Flower to Pico. Outbound buses will operate via Pico, Figueroa, Wilshire, Grand and 7th.

On August 13, the hours for the Metro Blue Line were extended.

The first northbound train from the Anaheim Station in Long Beach will continue to leave at 530AM, but the last northbound train will leave the station at 700PM rather than the old departure time of 600PM.

The first southbound train from the Pico Station in Los Angeles will continue to leave at 535AM, but the last will leave at 805PM instead of the old departure time of 705PM.

The hours of operation will be extended again on September 2, when the first northbound train from the Anaheim Station will leave at about 507AM and the last train will leave at 800PM.

The final southbound train from the Pico Station will be leaving at 902PM.

San Diego Transit

SAN DIEGO: For the summer season ending September 9, SDTC operated its summer only SUN RUNNER TRACKLESS TROLLEY in the Pacific and Mission Beach areas on Wednesday thru Sunday between 1000AM and 600PM. The line began and ended at Mission Bay High School on Grand Avenue traveling along Lamont St., Garnet Avenue and Mission Blvd. Fare was 25 cents.

June 24th saw three route changes. Line 15 CITY OF EL CAJON and 115 EL CAJON BLVD-FLETCHER HILLS-PARKWAY PLAZA were rerouted downtown to operate along 10th/11th Avenues, Broadway looping Harbor, Ash, Pacific Highway and Broadway. 40 SAN CARLOS-FLETCHER HILLS EXPRESS was extended from its former terminal at Fletcher Parkway and Westwind along Fletcher to Chatham Street.

NATIONAL CITY TRANSIT

NATIONAL CITY: Last October 15th NCT made several weekend service changes. 601 4TH & DIVISION STS-30TH STREET, on Saturday, was changed from an alternating 30/45 headway to half hourly 7AM to 7PM and trips were all extended from Division & Highland to 43rd & Delta. The headway on Sunday only 604 PLAZA BLVD-30TH-PLAZA BONITA CTR was increased from hourly to half hourly all day (800AM-630PM).

NCT's Youth fare (ages 6-18) was increased from 40 cents to 50 cents while the basic fare remained at 75 cents and seniors/handicapped stayed at 50 cents.

San Diego Mini Tours

SAN DIEGO: SDMT has started several new tours, SEAPORT VILLAGE, CALIENTE, ENSENADA OVERNIGHT, SAN FELIPE, DISNEYLAND & UNIVERSAL STUDIOS OVERNIGHT and, through ASTRO TOURS of Mexico, a ROSARITO BEACH-PUERTO NUEVO tour. The TIJUANA tour has been increased from 4 to 10 trips daily. The KNOTTS BERRY FARM tour was discontinued while DISNEYLAND and UNIVERSAL STUDIOS are now subject to minimum passenger requirements and may be combined. SDMT has graduated from a fleet of Dodge Vans and Econoline/Falcons to one that now includes a National Eurocoach and at least three intercity buses, an MC-8, an MC-9 and a 102A3.

E Q U I P M E N T R E P O R T

PROPERTY	FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL #'S	DATE/ NOTES
-NEW-				
Vallejo Transit Lines	3901-3910	Gillig	35102TB/L1083182-191	1990
	4301-4312	Gillig	40102TB/L1083192-203	1990
Sacramento Reg. Transit	9001-9050	Gillig	40102TB/L1083316-365	1990
SamTrans	400-437	Gillig	40102TB/L1083366-403	1990
Arrow Stage Lines (AZ)	---	MCI	102C3/KP042433	1989
Academy Tours (NJ)	296	MCI	102C3ss/LP043353	1990
American Stage Tours	1034	MCI	102C3ss/LP043434	1990
Sunrise Plaza	61	Neoplan	AN116/3/LL013144	07/90A
SamTrans	9500-9539	New Flyer	D60-90/LU013611-650	1990 B
San Francisco MUNI	9001	Orion	01.502/L6002326	1990 C
	9002-9022	Orion	01.502/L6002545-565	1990 C
	9023-9045	Orion	01.502/L6002571-593	1990 C
West Valley Charter	913,915	Prevost	2P9L/L1001513,1515	1990
Scenic Hyway Tours	4445	Prevost	2P9H (H3-40)/L1001052	1990
Shine Holiday	233	Setra	S215HDH/L1030156	1990
Arrow Stage Lines (AZ)	9837	Setra	S215HDH/L1030169	1990
	9845	Setra	S215HDH/L1030175	1990
Amtravel	530-531	Setra	S215HDH/L1030193-194	1990
West Valley Charter	901	TMC	102A3/JR006540	1988
K-T Services (NV)	175-180	TMC	102A3/KR007038-043	1989
West Valley Charter	903	TMC	102A3/KR007076	1989
Nada Bus	5301	Van Hool	T815/K2019609	1989
Ritz Express	902	Van Hool	T800/L2020846	1990
Starline Tours	97	Van Hool	T800/L2020863	1990 D
-USED-				
Airport Coach	8119-8120	Eagle	AE10/30477,30423	1
	8121-8122	Eagle	AE10/30474,30365	2
-DISPOSITIONS-				
Amtravel	735-737	GMC	T8H-5305A/135-137	3
	738	GMC	T8H-5305A/138	4
	739-744	GMC	T8H-5305A/139-144	3
	746	GMC	T8H-5305A/146	3
Golden Gate Transit	848,859	GMC	T8H-5307A/983,994	5
	862,869	GMC	T8H-5307A/2207,2214	5
	876	GMC	T8H-5307A/2221	5
	878-889	GMC	T8H-5307A/2223-2224	5
	891-892	GMC	T8H-5307A/2236-2237	5
	893-898	GMC	T8H-5307A/2523-2528	5
	900-905	GMC	T8H-5307A/2530/2535	5
	907	GMC	T8H-5307A/2537	5
	909-920	GMC	T8H-5307A/2539-2550	5
-DEMONSTRATORS-				
Eagle	---	Eagle	AE15/LB070431	1990
MCI/TMC	---	TMC	102C3/KR006895	02/89
National Coach	---	Ford 350	Escort 158/LHA97256	1990
Prevost with Lift	1202	Prevost	2P9XL/J1001428	1988

NOTES:

All Gillig listed are 6V92T except Vallejo, they are 6V92.

A. Their 2nd 61.

B. Delivered as 500-539. Operated by Grosvenor.

C. 30' 26 passenger with lifts.

D. Kintetsu colors.

1. Ex Aztec Bus Lines 910,906.
2. Ex Aztec Bus Lines 907,901.
3. To Orlando Gray Line (FL). Originally Golden Gate Transit.
4. To Dreamliner Bus Leasing. Originally Golden Gate Transit.
5. To Kitsap Transit (WA).