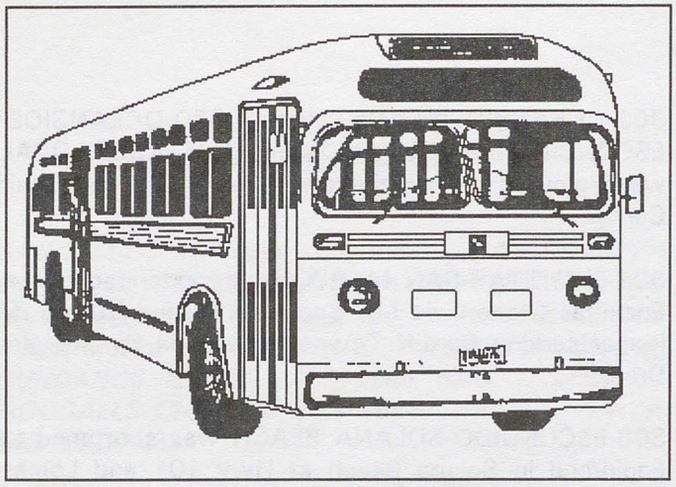


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NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (NCTD)

OCEANSIDE: Commuter rail came to San Diego February 27 as the *COASTER (San Diego Northern Railway dba COAST EXPRESS RAIL)* began operations between Oceanside and San Diego along *SANTA FE/AMTRAK* trackage.

This program was ten years in the planning and building and cost $150 million.

Five southbound and one northbound trips are run weekday mornings with five northbound and one southbound trips in the afternoon.

Service is operated by *AMTRAK* under contract to *NCTD.* Four train sets are used.

There are eight stations - Oceanside, Carlsbad Village, Carlsbad Poinsettia, Encinitas, Solana Beach, Sorrento Valley, Old Town and San Diego.

Fares are distance based. A one zone fare is $2.50 with an extra quarter for each additional zone or a maximum fare of $3.25. Senior/disabled fares, ten trip tickets and monthly passes are available. *COASTER* tickets are honored on all connecting bus and rail lines.

Fares on the now discontinued *SAN DIEGO COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM* 800-OCEANSIDE-SAN DIEGO were also distance based with a minimum $2.50 adult fare and two 25 cent zones. *SDCTS* fare media was also valid on all connecting buses and trains.

A one way bus ride Oceanside-San Diego was $3.00 ($72 monthly pass) while a one way train ride is $3.25 ($95 monthly pass).

Some former customers of Route 800 were not pleased with its discontinuation as the bus traveled thru the financial district along B Street enroute to/from the County Administration Center, neither location now directly served.

The *COASTER* fleet includes 5 Morris Knudsen engines, 8 coach cars and 8 cab cars. The bi level Bombardier accessible passenger cars have 136 padded non reclining seats mostly facing each other in pairs of two except near the ends of the cars where they face one direction. The cars also have work tables, accessible restroom, wheelchair spaces and bicycle racks.

The engines and cars are painted in the new *NCTD* colors of dark blue over white over teal with the name "*COASTER*" in white.

Five NEW bus services were created to serve the rail stations while a number of existing ones were rerouted to the stations.

COASTER

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NCTD
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NCTD implemented four new weekday, peak hour feeder routes to serve *COASTER* stations. Regular *NCTD* fares are charged on the lines which are open to all passengers. 5 morning and 5 afternoon round trips are offered (one bus on each) timed to connect with each train.

These are operated with a fleet of five Econoline Champion 16 passenger, accessible cutaways (401-405).

COASTER CONNECTION-CARLSBAD VILLAGE begins at the Carlsbad Village Station via Grand, Roosevelt, Chestnut, looping via Catalina, Appian, Carlsbad Village, Pontiac, Tamarack, Park, Monroe, then Chestnut, Roosevelt and Grand.

COASTER CONNECTION-CARLSBAD POINSETTIA starts at the Poinsettia Station via Encinas, Poinsettia, I-5, La Costa, Levante, El Camino Real, Alga Rd, Poinsettia and Encinas to the station.

COASTER CONNECTION-ENCINITAS begins at the Encinitas Station via Vulcan, Encinitas Blvd, El Camino Real, Mountain Vista, Village Pkwy, Encinitas, Cerro, Willowspring, ECR, Crest, Melba, Nardo, Requeza/F St and Vulcan to the station.

COASTER CONNECTION-SOLANA BEACH starts at the Solana Beach Station via Lomas Santa Fe, Highland, San Mario, Santa Victoria, Santa Carina, Santa Florencea, Santa Rosalia, Santa Helena, Lomas Santa Fe, Glencrest, Canyon, Glenmont, Granados, Lomas Santa Fe and Cedros.

In addition, a FREE shuttle, the SORRENTO VALLEY COASTER CONNECTION, was established to transport train passengers between the Sorrento Valley Station and four employment areas - Sorrento Mesa, Carroll Canyon, Torrey Pines and Campus Point with a maximum travel time of 15 minutes. Reservations need to be made prior to arriving the station in the morning and before the afternoon pick up.

NCTD changed nine routes, either related to the *COASTER* or the opening of the Palomar College Transit Center in San Marcos.

301-OCEANSIDE-UNIVERSITY TOWNE CENTRE was rerouted to serve the Encinitas Station and now stays on Hwy 101 in Cardiff bypassing Cardiff Towne Center.

302-OCEANSIDE-ESCONDIDO, 320-OCEANSIDE-ESCONDIDO EXPRESS and 341-SAN MARCOS LOCAL were rerouted to serve the new Palomar College Transit Center.

304-ENCINITAS-SAN MARCOS was extended to the Encinitas Station via I-5, Santa Fe Dr and Vulcan no longer serving Cardiff Towne Center via Birmingham Drive.

308-ESCONDIDO-SOLANA BEACH was shortened to begin/end in Solana Beach at Hwy 101 and Lomas Santa Fe (Solana Beach Sta) rather than continuing along 101 to Cardiff Towne Center.

309-CAMP PENDLETON-ENCINITAS was also shortened and now begins/ends at Encinitas Sta rather than traveling to/from Cardiff.

321-CARLSBAD-SPINNAKER HILLS was rerouted from Poinsettia Dr along Avenida Encinas to the Poinsettia Station while 361-ENCINITAS-CARDIFF LOCAL was revised to begin/end at the Encinitas Station, but still serve all other parts of the route including Cardiff Towne Center.

NCTD fares increased January 1 - regular adult fare is now $1.10, senior and disabled 55 cents. The premium fare remained at $1.25/60c and ten ride tickets for $10.00 are now available. ◆

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM (SDCTS)

SAN DIEGO: With the inauguration of the *COASTER* February 27, *SDCTS* 800-OCEANSIDE-SAN DIEGO was discontinued. This route had operated since November 1981, first by *SOUTHWEST COACHES, INC.*, then by *SUNDANCE STAGE LINES* and most recently by *GOODALLS CHARTER BUS SERVICE* with a fleet of MCI 102AW3s.

SDCTS assumed operation of former *SAN DIEGO TRANSIT* 220-RANCHO PENASQUITOS EXPRESS and 230-RANCHO BERNARDO EXPRESS as their 850 and 860 *(WT 2/95)* using buses formerly on the 800. Rides were FREE the first week.

850 was extended northward in Rancho Penasquitos from Carmel Mountain & Penasquitos Dr via Carmel Mountain, I-15, Camino del Norte and Bernardo Center to Maturin Drive. ◆

LONG BEACH TRANSIT (LBT)

LONG BEACH: February 26 brought several *LBT* service changes. 15-DEL AMO and 191-SANTA FE were merged into the new 191-SANTA FE-DEL AMO while 161-SOUTH ST and 192-SANTA FE were combined into 192-SANTA FE-SOUTH ST.

These changes mean direct service between the west side and the northeast part of the city via the BLUE LINE Del Amo Station.

Line 191 now has a two way loop on its east end - 191A via Del Amo, Bloomfield, Centralia and Studebaker with 191B looping in the reverse. ◆

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA)

RIVERSIDE: RTA instituted its Winter service changes on February 15.

Line 3-NORCO-CORONA was extended from Rimpau & Magnolia along Magnolia and McKinley to the Wal Mart Shopping Center. Midday headways were lengthened from 1 to 2 hourly.

In Beaumont, 31-HEMET-BANNING was rerouted off Highway 79 and onto I-10, Highway 60 and Gilman Springs Road.

The two branch 34-SUN CITY LOCAL was discontinued although SUN CITY DIAL-A-RIDE continues, serving the same area. ◆

GOLDEN STATE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (GSTC)

LOS ANGELES: GSTC recently inaugurated two new routes, LOS ANGELES-FRESNO and LOS ANGELES-OXNARD. There are two daily round trips on FRESNO leaving Los Angeles at 900AM and 600PM and six daily round trips on OXNARD departing at 500AM, 700AM, 1000AM, 1200PM, 400PM and 600PM. *(Ed. Note - Previously TRANSPORTES INTERCALIFORNIAS was the only Spanish language company serving these routes).*



A new terminal in Tucson (1150 South Plummer) has been opened on the LOS ANGELES-EL PASO route which now offers two daily round trips.

A new terminal was recently opened in East Los Angeles (Olympic & Marianna) replacing the travel agency/bus terminal at Olympic & Atlantic. This location is served by the LOS ANGELES-SAN YSIDRO-TIJUANA, LOS ANGELES-MEXICALI and LOS ANGELES-EL PASO buses. ◆

LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (LADOT)

LOS ANGELES: A third branch of the CITY HALL SHUTTLE began February 21. The FIGUEROA PLAZA ROUTE runs weekdays between 600AM and 630PM on 5/7 minute headways (3/2 buses). From 1st & Main FPR operates via Main, Temple, Figueroa, Diamond, Fremont, Temple, Los Angeles and 1st to Main.

The service started following the transfer of several thousand city workers from the earthquake damaged City Hall, now under repair.

LAIDLAW TRANSIT, INC. operates the route with a fleet including BB1-BB3, former *BURBANK SHUTTLE* Econoline/Wheeled Coaches, and 807779, an Econoline/Escort 158.

LADOT
(Continued)

The City Council has adopted a *LADOT* designed program to provide more personal door to door transit for frail, older and disabled persons.

To be funded by $1.7 million from Prop. A and C monies, it will be phased in over the next few months and offer two new shuttle vans for each of the city's Senior Multipurpose Centers plus one for the Priority Intervention Area in Skid Row.

All users will need to register through the CITYRIDE program. Trips will cost 50 cents. Eligible persons include city residents 65 and older needing door to door transit due to physical or mental disability plus mobility impaired residents of any age.

The Community Redevelopment Agency has asked the city to reduce parking requirements by 40 per cent for downtown commercial office projects over 100,000 square feet.

The proposal would revise the peripheral parking program to make optional the current requirement of remote parking.

The Maguire Thomas Partners' Grand Avenue Garage at Venice and Grand, served by DASH C-EXPO PARK *(WT 2/92)*, is one example of implementation of the plan. ◆

ANGELS FLIGHT

LOS ANGELES: Ceremonies were held March 9 for restoration of "the shortest railway in the world".

Located on the south side of Third between Hill and Olive, the funicular transported countless riders between 1901 and 1969 when it was closed for redevelopment of Bunker Hill.

The new line will be one half block south of the original and link Hill St, opposite Grand Central Market, with the California Plaza, a Bunker Hill office high rise complex. ◆

ANTELOPE TRAILWAYS
(Antelope Valley Bus, Inc. dba)
(AT)

LANCASTER: February 17 brought a sizeable reduction in *AT* operations as the FRESNO-ONTARIO-CALEXICO route *(WT 11/94)* was revised to be a FRESNO-BAKERSFIELD route.

AT now connects with corporate affiliate *AIRPORT BUS OF BAKERSFIELD* whose BAKERSFIELD-LAX route (selected trips) has been extended into Los Angeles at Plaza Del Sol. Thru fares are available.

Operations between Los Angeles and Calexico serving several Inland Empire cities have been suspended.

In Fresno the *AT* route was extended from the downtown *TRAILWAYS* station to the Manchester Mall on Blackstone Avenue.

Two round trips are provided departing Fresno at 315AM and 800AM serving Manchester Mall, Fresno, Goshen Junction, Tulare and Delano arriving Bakersfield at 550AM and 1040AM. Northbound buses leave Bakersfield at 340PM and 910PM serving the same places. Connections with *ABOB* generally have a ten minute transfer time. Two buses are required, one originating in Fresno and the other in Bakersfield. ◆

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

YOSEMITE: YNP officials have announced a million dollar program to test two electric buses in the park beginning this summer.

Half of a $1.47 million grant will be spent to buy the buses, one from APS Systems of Oxnard and the other from Specialty Vehicle Manufacturing, a model 5131. Each bus will cost up to $300,000.

The APS bus will be a 35 footer seating 35 people with a few standees. The SVMC unit will be 31 feet long seating 25 plus standees. They will run eight hour shifts along the flat valley floor route and be additions to the fleet this summer. In the winter, when requirements are reduced, they may provide almost the entire scheduled fleet. ◆

PENINSULA CORRIDOR
JOINT POWERS BOARD
(PCJPB)

SAN CARLOS: The SFO CAL TRAIN SHUTTLE, which operates between the CALTRAIN Millbrae Station and San Francisco Airport, including the passenger terminals and United Airlines Maintenance Base, was expanded February 7th to provide seven day per week service.

COASTER

WELCOME TO THE COAST EXPRESS RAIL

The North County Transit District welcomes you aboard the Coaster, our Coast Express Rail line. Clean and modern trains link commuters and residents from Oceanside to San Diego, with stops in Carlsbad (2), Encinitas, Solana Beach, Sorrento Valley and Old Town. We're sure you'll find our service a comfortable, convenient and dependable way to travel from coastal North County to San Diego.

The Coaster operates Monday through Friday, except on the following holidays:
New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

For information on adjoining transit, personalized commute planning, disabled services and Lost and Found, call 1-800-COASTER (1-800-262-7837). Speech and hearing-impaired commuters call 234-5005.

TICKET TYPES

- **Coaster Plus Monthly Pass.** Valid for unlimited travel during the month and within the Coaster zones designated, plus provide unlimited transportation on all San Diego County Transit, including the Coaster, NCTD Bus, San Diego Transit and the Trolley. Monthly passes are sold during the first ten days and last ten days of the month. Must be signed. Non-transferable. Lamination/ photocopy not valid. See zone fare chart for prices. **Youth (18 & under) passes available for $47 for all zones. Seniors (60+) and the Disabled can purchase passes for $23 for all zones. Seniors/ Disabled and Youths may be required to show identification.**
- **10-Trip Ticket.** Valid for ten one-way trips between the selected origination and destination zones. Transferable. *Must be validated prior to each boarding.*
- **Two-Trip Ticket.** Valid for two one-way trips between the zones selected.
- **One-Trip Ticket.** Valid for one passenger to a selected zone.
- **Transfer From Transit Discount.** $1.10 off (50¢ for Senior and Disabled) one-trip with valid transfer, ticket or pass from participating bus or trolley line. Upon request, must be shown to conductor.

COASTER TIMETABLE

AM MORNING SCHEDULES

Station	#620	#619	#622	#624	#626	#628
Oceanside	5:34	7:41	6:15	6:43	7:18	7:48
Carlsbad Village	5:38	7:34	6:19	6:47	7:22	7:52
Carlsbad Poinsettia	5:44	7:27	6:25	6:53	7:28	7:58
Encinitas	5:49	7:22	6:30	6:58	7:33	8:03
Solana Beach	5:54	7:18	6:35	7:03	7:38	8:08
Sorrento Valley	6:03	7:10	6:43	7:11	7:46	8:16
Old Town	6:22	6:48	7:03	7:31	8:06	8:36
San Diego	6:32	6:41	7:13	7:41	8:16	8:46

NORTHBOUND

SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CALL 1-800-COASTER FOR INFORMATION

PM AFTERNOON SCHEDULES

Station	#637	#644	#641	#645	#649	#651
		SOUTHBOUND				
Oceanside	5:13	5:21	5:43	6:13	6:43	7:33
Carlsbad Village	5:05	5:25	5:35	6:05	6:35	7:25
Carlsbad Poinsettia	4:59	5:31	5:29	5:59	6:29	7:19
Encinitas	4:54	5:37	5:24	5:54	6:24	7:14
Solana Beach	4:49	5:44	5:19	5:49	6:19	7:09
Sorrento Valley	4:41	5:54	5:11	5:41	6:11	7:01
Old Town	4:22	6:14	4:52	5:22	5:52	6:42
San Diego	4:15	6:21	4:45	5:15	5:45	6:35

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GETTING YOUR TICKETS

- Tickets and passes are available from ticket vending machines at stations; cash, VISA and MasterCard are accepted. (ATM cards will be accepted in the future)
- Monthly passes are also available through Pass By Mail.
- Purchase and validate your ticket before boarding.
- All tickets except monthly passes must be validated.
- No tickets are sold on the train by the conductor.
- Passengers without tickets are subject to citation/fine.
- Tickets and passes are non-refundable and non-replaceable.

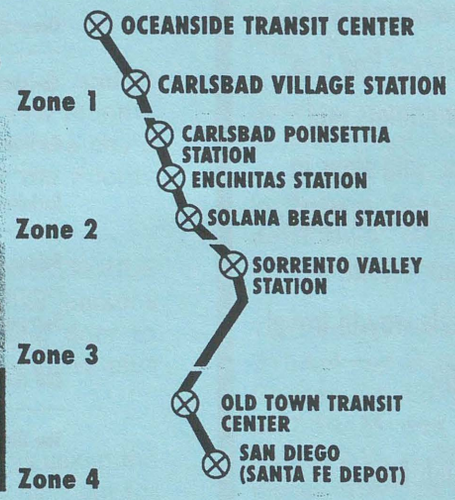
Coaster fare machines do not sell Metrolink or Amtrak tickets.

COASTER

REGULAR FARES

Number of Zones	One Trip	Two Trips	Ten Trips	Monthly Coaster Plus Pass
Within 1 Zone	$2.50	$4.75	$22.50	$80.00
Within 2 Zones $85.00	$2.75	$5.25	$24.75	
Within 3 Zones	$3.00	$5.70	$27.00	$90.00

COAST EXPRESS RAIL



SENIOR AND DISABLED FARES

Number of Zones	One Trip	Two Trips	Ten Trips	Monthly Coaster Plus Pass
Within 1 Zone	$1.25	$2.35	$11.25	$23.00
Within 2 Zones	$1.35	$2.60	$12.35	$23.00
Within 3 Zones	$1.50	$2.85	$13.50	$23.00

TRAVEL ZONES

The chart above defines the Coaster's four travel zones, with each zone numbered differently. For example, traveling from Oceanside to Carlsbad Village Station is one zone. Traveling from Oceanside to Encinitas is two zones.

FOR YOUR SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE

- Cross the tracks only at designated areas.
- Look both ways before crossing the tracks.
- Some trains may not stop and may be travelling at high speeds. Stand back from the platform while waiting.
- While on the station platform, stand back from the edge (behind the yellow line).
- Use caution when moving between train cars.
- Do not lean on or hold the train car doors open.
- The Coaster trains, stations and platforms are accessible to individuals with disabilities.
- Special access platforms are located at the south end of each station platform. Each rail car features an accessible rest room, boarding ramp and two wheelchair spaces.
- In case of emergency, contact the conductor, or use the intercom.

CONNECTING TRANSIT

Coaster tickets provide free transfers to all connecting San Diego Transit buses, Trolley and NCTD buses. For destination and schedule information on connecting transit, call 1-800-COASTER.

PASSENGER CODE OF CONDUCT

Please help make the Coaster an enjoyable ride for everyone. Passengers who violate the following regulations are subject to ticket confiscation, citation and fine per Penal Code Sections 640 and 587.

- **Tickets.** All passengers must present a ticket to the conductor, ticket inspector or police upon request.
- **Smoking.** Smoking is prohibited on trains and station platforms.
- **Littering.** Please keep the trains clean for your fellow passengers. Use the trash receptacles provided or take trash with you when you leave.
- **Radios.** The playing of sound equipment is not allowed without the use of headphones.
- **Bicycles.** Enter train car through doors marked with a bicycle emblem. *Store your bike in one of the spaces provided at the end of each train car. Simply secure your bike's front and back wheels using the black velcro straps.*
- **Baggage.** Passengers may not block seats or aisles with belongings. Surfboards under 6 ft. are permitted.
- **Shirts/Shoes.** Shirts and shoes must be worn at all times.
- **Seats.** Please don't place your feet on the seats.
- **Pets.** With the exception of guide dogs, animals are prohibited.
- **Hazardous Materials.** With the exception of oxygen for personal medical use, the transportation of materials in quantities listed as hazardous by the U.S. Department of Transportation is forbidden.
- **No Soliciting.**

ANY QUESTIONS?

Your comfort and convenience are important to us during your trip on the Coaster. If you have any questions about riding the Coaster, please call 1-800-COASTER (1-800-262-7837).

ATTENTION

Sorrento Valley Commuters.

On February 27, the Coaster-Coast Express Rail begins service between Oceanside and downtown San Diego, with Sorrento Valley as one of its scheduled stops.

For your convenience, a FREE shuttle is available to transport you to and from the Sorrento station and work. This "Coaster Connection" will serve Sorrento Mesa, Carroll Canyon, Torrey Pines and Campus Point, with a maximum travel time of 15 minutes.

For Reservations and Information:

To ensure a seat on the shuttle, you must call (800) 870-6474.

Reservations must be made prior to your morning arrival at the Coaster station, and before your pick-up in the afternoon.

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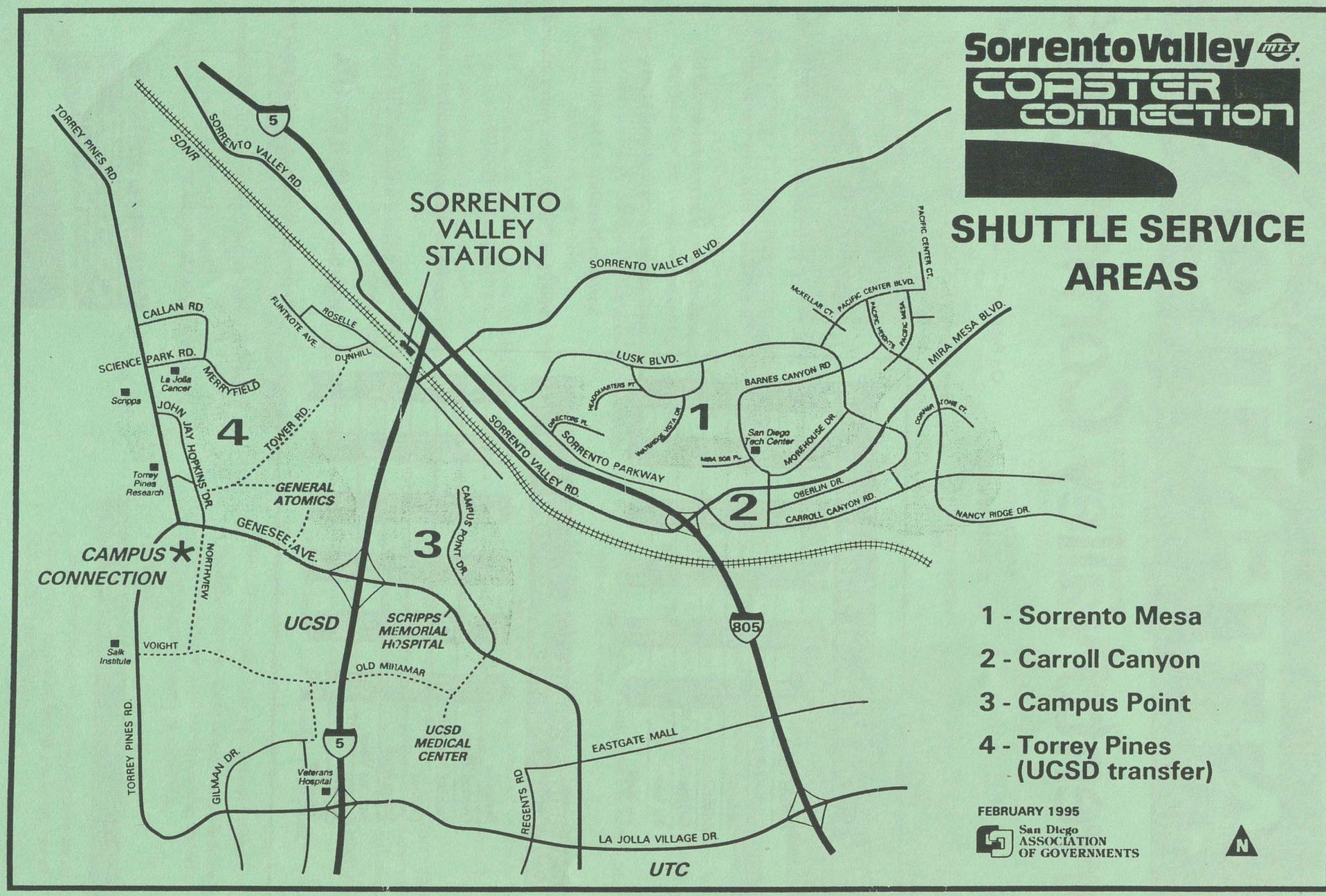
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Sorrento Valley COASTER CONNECTION

Initial Shuttle service may not be able to serve all geographic areas.

Sorrento Valley COASTER CONNECTION



SHUTTLE SERVICE AREAS

1 - Sorrento Mesa

2 - Carroll Canyon

3 - Campus Point

4 - Torrey Pines (UCSD transfer)

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FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 800-870-6474

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The SHUTTLE runs between 500AM weekdays (700AM weekends) and 1100PM connecting with Peninsula commute trains in both directions. Generally a 30 minute peak and 60 minute off peak headway is provided using two vehicles. ◆

AMTRAK

LOS ANGELES: February 1st saw the first round of *AMTRAK* service reductions *(WT 1/95).*

The DESERT WIND (Los Angeles-Salt Lake-Chicago) now operates tri weekly departing Los Angeles and Chicago on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

The PIONEER (Chicago-Denver-Portland/Seattle) now departs both Seattle and Chicago on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.

The EMPIRE BUILDER (Chicago-Minneapolis-Seattle/Portland) now operates only four days per week west of Minneapolis departing Chicago, Portland and Seattle on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Daily trains run between Chicago and Minneapolis.

On February 6th operations at Del Mar, on the LOS ANGELES-SAN DIEGO route, were shifted to Solana Beach (new *COASTER* station). ◆

CITIZENS AREA TRANSIT
(CAT)

LAS VEGAS, NV: January 15 brought several changes to *CAT* services.

NEW 108-PARADISE-SWENSON was formerly 302-STRIP SHUTTLE-MC CARRAN AIRPORT, but with changes. It runs from McCarran Airport via Swenson, Joe W. Brown, Sahara, Paradise, Main, looping via Oakey, Las Vegas Bl South to Main returning via Paradise Rd to the airport. The fare was reduced from $1.50 to $1. Service runs half hourly between 530AM and 100AM (2 buses).

205-OAKEY was rerouted to travel on Main instead of Las Vegas Bl South between Oakey and the Downtown Transportation Center. 210-LAKE MEAD BLVD was extended from the Summerlin Library along Hills Center to Banburry Cross.

301-LAS VEGAS STRIP was revised to operate every 10 minutes between 530AM and 1230AM and 15 minutely otherwise. The 500-503 series New Flyer articulateds and 601-604 series New Flyer low floor buses are all assigned to the 301.

The fare on 303-LAS VEGAS BLVD. SOUTH was increased from $1 to $1.50.

CAT's parent, the Regional Transportation Commission of Clark County, is seeking bids for 18 40 foot low floor buses (with an option for 9 more) and six 60 foot articulated buses (with an option for 3 more). ◆

C-TRAN
(Clark County PTBA dba)

VANCOUVER, WA: On February 7 Clark County voters defeated a $237.5 million bond issue 69%-31% designed to allow expansion of *TRI MET's* MAX light rail system into southwest Washington state. Funds would have been raised by a sales tax increase and a motor vehicle excise tax hike.

Last November, Portland area residents voted approval of light rail expansion *(WT 11/94)* including the Washington extension, subject to the Vancouver vote.

Besides light rail, the package called for expanding east/west bus service on many streets, adding peak hour buses between east Clark County and Portland and more park and ride lots.

The PTBA Board will now meet to discuss options. ◆

PORT ANGELES-SEATTLE BUS LINES
(Apple Blossom Lines dba)
(PASBL)

PORT ANGELES, WA: PASBL has applied to the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission and the Interstate Commerce Commission for authority to serve Port Townsend on its PORT ANGELES-SEATTLE route *(WT 7/94).*

The firm recently changed its route so that the morning Seattle bound bus travels thru Kingston and Edmonds enroute to Seattle returning via Sea-Tac Airport, Tacoma and Bremerton, basically a loop. The afternoon Seattle bus now travels through Bainbridge also returning in the same loop fashion as the morning trip. ◆

WASHINGTON STATE TRANSIT NEWS

COMMUNITY TRANSIT (Snohomish County PTBA) is accepting bids for ten 22 passenger accessible, cutaway style minibuses with an option for five more as well as up to 50 vanpool type vans.

CT has reduced van pool fares 15% to encourage a switch from single occupant vehicles. Currently the fleet has 92 vans (8, 12 and 15 passenger). Commuters with common work schedules, origins and destinations share the ride. The person who volunteers as primary driver rides free and takes the van home at night.

SPOKANE TRANSIT AUTHORITY is seeking to buy five paratransit vans with an option for two more. *STA* recently took delivery of a 31 passenger, accessible Boyertown Trolley for use on a new downtown route connecting the Spokane Coliseum parking lot with the new Transit Plaza.

BEN FRANKLIN TRANSIT in Richland is seeking bids to purchase 16 paratransit vehicles.

CLALLAM TRANSIT SYSTEM in Port Angeles has called for bids on two 30 foot accessible buses.

The *SNOHOMISH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY* went out of business December 31st. *SNO-TRAN* was created in 1974 to provide transit to areas outside the City of Everett, but following failure of a tax levy to fund the service *COMMUNITY TRANSIT* was formed and *SNO-TRAN* became primarily a planning agency. *CT* and the new *REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY* will take on larger planning roles. ◆

PUGET SOUND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RTA)

SEATTLE, WA: In preparation for a three county regional transit election March 14th, *RTA* launched "TRY RAIL!" in January, a six week commuter rail service including nine special round trips for home games of the Seattle Supersonics played temporarily at the Tacoma Dome.

Between January 30 and February 10 two commute hour round trips operated between Everett, Edmonds and Seattle. Between February 20 and March 3 two commute trips ran between Tacoma, Kent and Seattle.

COMMUNITY TRANSIT offered a free shuttle between Marysville and Everett while *EVERETT TRANSIT* ran a shuttle between downtown and the temporary Everett rail station.

PIERCE TRANSIT ran buses between the Tacoma Dome and I-705 Park & Rides and the Tacoma station. In Kent, *SEATTLE METRO* buses ran from the Kent Transit Center and Meridian Park & Ride.

The commute service was FREE while the Sonics games service was $10 round trip, $5 from Kent.

BURLINGTON NORTHERN operated the trains under contract using leased *GO TRANSIT* equipment including 14 double deck coaches, two GMED F59PH engines and power unit 911.

Phase I of the Regional Transit Master Plan, which included development of an express bus system and the beginning of commuter rail, was turned down by area voters (47% Yes-53% No). Only King County approved (51-49%) the measure.

RTA may modify the plan and place it on next fall's ballot. They felt the anti-tax mood of voters and doubts about the rail element were the major issues. ◆

CITY OF PHOENIX TRANSIT SYSTEM (COPTS)

PHOENIX, AZ: The downtown circulator, DASH, has added a new 22 foot battery powered bus to its fleet.

1901, a one door, accessible, Specialty Vehicle Manufacturing model 5000, was purchased with $11,000 in city funds, $25,000 from Arizona Public Service (the local power company) and the remainder from FTA grants.

NOVABUS CORPORATION

MONTREAL, QUE, CANADA: NOVABUS has entered into agreements to make BOMBARDIER, INC. one of the company's major stockholders and to acquire the assets of TRANSPORTATION MANUFACTURING CORPORATION from MOTOR COACH INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL. These changes will result in reorganization of the corporation's operations.

Among divisions of NOVABUS will be the bus manufacturing company in Saint-Eustache, Quebec and the U. S. transit bus manufacturer, NovaBUS of America Inc. It is not known if the Roswell, New Mexico plant will continue to produce RTS buses or if that will be moved elsewhere. ◆

Roster of the Month

Nava-Hopi Tours, Inc.
Gray Line of Flagstaff

FLEET #	BUILDER	MODEL	SERIAL #	DATE	NOTES
88	MCI	MC-5C	U7447/S13164	1978	
92	MCI	MC-9	U35007/S14841	05/80	
93	Chevrolet	Celeb Sedan	G6114314	1987	
94	MCI	MC-9	CPO37041	06/82	
95	MCI	MC-9	CPO37042	06/82	
96	TMC	96A3	FROO5181	07/85	
97	MCI	96A3	FPO40271	06/85	Ex LTR (NV) 361
98	Ford	Econoline	KHA70602	1989	
101	TMC	102A3	JROO6608	1988	
102	TMC	102A3	KROO7077	04/89	
103	Ford	Aerostar	KZB51577	1990	
104	National	RE-29	M2900867	1991	
105	MCI	102B3	MPO43865	03/91	
106	MCI	102B3	MPO43866	03/91	
108	Ford	Econoline	NHA74199	1992	
109	MCI	102D3	RPO46523	1994	
110	MCI	102D3	--	1995	To be delivered in Spring 1995
111	Ford	Aerostar	MZA34002	1992	



NOTICE

Special supplements on operators in the High Sierra area are in preparation and *WT* is looking for roster information on the following: *EL DORADO TRANSIT, AMADOR RAPID TRANSIT, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE GROUND EXPRESS, TAHOE AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT, GOLD COUNTRY STAGE, LINCOLN TRANSIT, ROSEVILLE URBAN SERVICE and ROSEVILLE COMMUTER SERVICE.*

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EQUIPMENT REPORT

(All properties are located in California unless otherwise noted)

PROPERTY	FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL #'S	DATE	NOTES
-NEW-					
Foothill Transit	1000-1016	Gillig	S50T4096/R1085382-397,419	1994	
Pacific Coach Services	6	MCI	102C3/PPO45529	08/93	
Mark IV Coaches	465	MCI	102DL3/RPO46716	08/94	
Lemi Tours	8012	MCI	102D3/SPO47007	12/94	
LADOT	92062	National	RE-29/N2901202	12/91	
	92074	National	RE-29/N2900300	1992	Correction
Metro Atlanta RTA (GA)	2001-2051	New Flyer	D40LF/RUO15348-398	1994	
Tour West American (AZ)	2004	Prevost	2P9L/S1001459	1994	Le Mirage
Citizens Area Transit (NV)	1100-1128	El Dorado	MST2400/mixed	1993	
-USED-					
Sacramento Chtr Buses	4172	Flxible	45102-8-1/60365	07/75	1
San Francisco MUNI	341R	Flyer	D10235C/1708	02/80	2
	601R,603-605R	Flyer	D10240C/1729,1731-1733	02/80	2
	607R-612R	Flyer	D10240C/1735-1740	02/80	2
	615R-616,619R	Flyer	D10240C/1743-1744,1747	02/80	2
Raul Sandoval Bus Lines	4725	MCI	102C3/PPO45566	08/93	3
-DISPOSITIONS-					
Napa Valley Transit	117,119	Carpenter	CBW300/ESO19074,079	1984	4
	122	TMC	T-30/T2-247 9024-27	02/80	4
Greyhound Lines, Inc.	8545	TMC	MC-9/BROO2564	01/81	5
	8586	TMC	MC-9/BROO2610	03/81	5
Zanetti Bus Lines (WY)	D198	Eagle	AE-10/DBO20450	09/83	6
Airport Cruiser, Inc.	4613	Eagle	AE-10/30457	03/81	6
	4615	Eagle	AE-10/DBO31047	04/83	7
	4616	Eagle	AE-10/CBO30924	08/82	7
Buena Park Hotel	173	Flxible	111CD-D06-1/56671	1972	7
SAMTRANS	305,307,315	Flyer	D10235C/1672,1674,1682	01/80	6
	319,321	Flyer	D10235C/1686,1688	01/80	6
	323-325	Flyer	D10235C/1690-1692	01/80	6
	349,351	Flyer	D10235C/1716,1718	02/80	6
	618	Flyer	D10240C/1746	02/80	6
Golden Gate Transit	830,832	GMC	T8H-5307A/437,439	07/72	7
California Charter Buses	4552	Jonckheere	P59/03001072	1984	6
Greyhound Taesco (Arabia)	2079	MCI	MC-5C/U7634 S14076	10/79	6
Antelope Valley Bus, Inc.	827	MCI	MC-8/U30480 S10582	1974	6
Airport Coach	7724	MCI	MC-9/U34663 S14396	01/80	7
Roberts Holiday Lines	685	MCI	102A3/GPO40702	04/86	5
Kerrville Bus Co (TX)	55816-55817	MCI	102A3/GPO40712-713	03/86	6
Ray & Ross Transport (NV)	185	MCI	102A3/JPO42340	11/88	6
Amtravel International	530-531	Setra	S215HDH/L1030193-194	1990	6
Powder River Transp (WY)	1021	TMC	102A3/GROO5519	05/86	6
K T Contract Services (NV)	118,128,137	TMC	102A3/KROO6969,6984,6993	02/89	6
	157,167,169	TMC	102A3/KROO7013,7030,7032	03/89	6

-NOTES-

1. Ex Regional Transit 4172.
2. Ex SAMTRANS, same numbers.
3. Ex Starline Sightseeing Tours 217.
4. For sale by City of Napa.
5. To ABC Bus Sales, Garden Grove.
6. To Hausmans Bus Sales, South Gate.
7. To AZ Bus Sales, Colton.