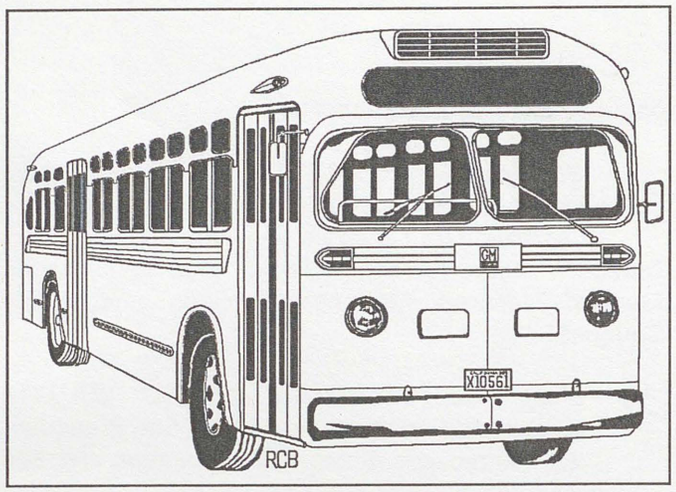


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BANNING MUNICIPAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (BMTS)

BANNING: Recently *BMTS* increased its fixed routes from two to three and its fixed route bus fleet from three to five.

Joining the long established NORTHERN ROUTE and SOUTHERN ROUTE was the CABAZON ROUTE offering the first route transit into the Banning Pass area including the Desert Hills Factory Stores and the Casino Morongo.

CABAZON operates hourly on weekdays 800AM-600PM and on Saturday 800AM-500PM (one bus) beginning at the San Gorgonio Pass Hospital on Highland Springs Avenue (major *BMTS, RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY and BEAUMONT/CHERRY VALLEY DIAL-A-RIDE* interchange point) via Highland Springs, Wilson, Sunset, Interstate 10, 8th, Ramsey, Hargrave, I-10, Fields Rd, Seminole Road, Main, Broadway to Cabazon Community Center returning to Main, Apache Trail, I-10, Highland Springs to K Mart Plaza returning to the San Gorgonio Hospital.

The CABAZON fare is 75 cents with 10 ride tickets at $6.75 (City fare is 50 cents/$4.50).

The loop in the northeast area of NORTHERN was reversed to travel Nicollet, Evans, George, Hargrave, Hoeffer, Phillips, Theodore, Hargrave, Indian School, Alessandro, Wilson, San Gorgonio.

Saturday hours on both city routes (NORTHERN and SOUTHERN) are now continuously between 800AM and 500PM (previously the system shut down for lunch between 1200 and 100PM).

Equipment wise, *BMTS* has taken delivery of 214, an 11 passenger, lift equipped Ford Econoline/Collins Civitran and 208, a 37 passenger CNG powered Bluebird Q-Bus QBRE-3704.

Bus 208 has 37 blue fiberglass with padded insert seats, 2 wheelchair stations, rear door lift, off white interior, Diamond farebox, one piece curtain head and side signs and transom windows.

The Banning Dial-A-Ride continues to operate on weekdays between 800AM and 400PM within Banning's city limits and new ADA Priority Status Paratransit is available during the hours the fixed routes operate and is available to those qualified persons who live within and are traveling to destinations within 3/4 mile of the fixed routes. ■

INLAND EMPIRE CONNECTION (IEC)

SAN BERNARDINO: A fifth *IEC* route, 120-REDLANDS-SAN BERNARDINO, began operation on January 2nd providing weekday service between Redlands, Loma Linda and San Bernardino including the *METROLINK* Station.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

SAN FRANCISCO: Below are applications to and decisions of the California Public Utilities Commission:

APPLICATIONS

☑ Marin Ski Shuttle dba MARIN SKI TOURS for PSC between points in Marin County and Sierra ski resort areas

☑ Commission Order Instituting Investigation into operations and practices of *Joseph Perez dba AMBASSADOR LIMOUSINE SERVICE* and to determine if respondents authority should be suspended or revoked

☑ COII into *Fansar Enterprises, Inc dba MERRITT TRANSPORTER,* a charter party carrier, and whether it operated during a period when operating authority had been suspended at the request of the California Highway Patrol

DECISIONS

NORTH SHUTTLE SERVICE, INC. granted PSC between points in Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa Counties and Bay Area airports

TRANS AMERICAN EXPRESS granted authority to transfer its On Call PSC between Southern California points and Southern California airports to *Diana Tam and Sylvia Bustani dba A-1 ONTARIO EXPRESS*

Cheryl Jensen dba EXECUTIVE VIP AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE granted PSC between Southern California points and Southern California airports, *AMTRAK* Stations and area harbors

PSC granted to *Kavoos Fard dba AIRPORT 2000 SHUTTLE* between Santa Clara, San Mateo, Alameda Counties and Bay Area airports

KARMEL SHUTTLE SERVICE, INC. granted PSC between points in Los Angeles and Orange Counties and area airports, Los Angeles Harbor, Union Station, Disneyland and between points in Los Angeles and Orange Counties and the Huntington Beach Hospital and Medical Center

M & M LUXURY SHUTTLE, INC. granted certificate between points in Bay Area counties and Bay Area airports

Guy Shuman dba ALTOS ADVENTURES issued PSC between points in Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa Counties and points in Placer, El Dorado, Yuba, Nevada, Sierra, Shasta, Siskiyou, Merced, Stanislus, Mariposa, Tuolumne and Alpine Counties

Shibli Azar dba AZAR AIRPORT SHUTTLE granted PSC between points in San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties and San Francisco and San Jose Airports

Hubert L Beaver (American Taxi of Chico) dba AMERICAN SHUTTLE issued PSC between points in Butte, Yuba, Sutter Counties and Sacramento Metro Airport

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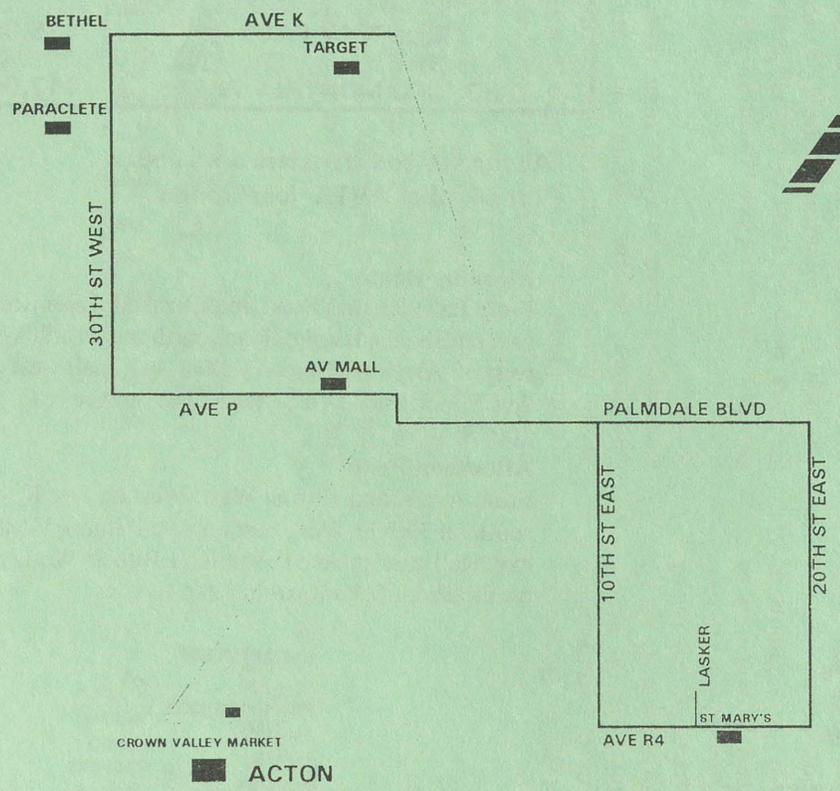
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ACTON LINE

Acton to Palmdale/Lancaster



AVTA

FARES

FULL FARE	$1.25
REDUCED FARE	$0.60
MONTHLY PASS	$35.00
REDUCED MONTHLY PASS	$17.00

All passes and transfers are good for all other AVTA local routes.

Morning Routing

From Acton: north on Crown Valley Road from Crown Valley Market, north on I-14, exit west on Ave P into AV Mall, exit west on Ave P, north on 30th St West, east on Ave K, south on Sierra Hwy, east on Palmdale Blvd, south on 10th St East, east on Ave R4 to 20th St East.

Afternoon Routing

From 10th St East and Ave R4: east on Ave R4, north on 20th St East, west on Palmdale Blvd, north on Sierra Hwy, west on Ave K, south on 30th St West, east on Ave P into AV Mall, exit east from AV Mall on Ave P, south on I-14, exit south on Crown Valley Road to Crown Valley Market.

BUS STOPS MORNING	TIME
ACTON	6:35
AV MALL	7:00
30THWEST/AVE M	7:15
30TH WEST/AVE K	7:20
10TH ST EAST/PALMDALE BLVD	7:35
LASKER/AVE R4	7:50
20TH ST EAST/AVE R4	7:55

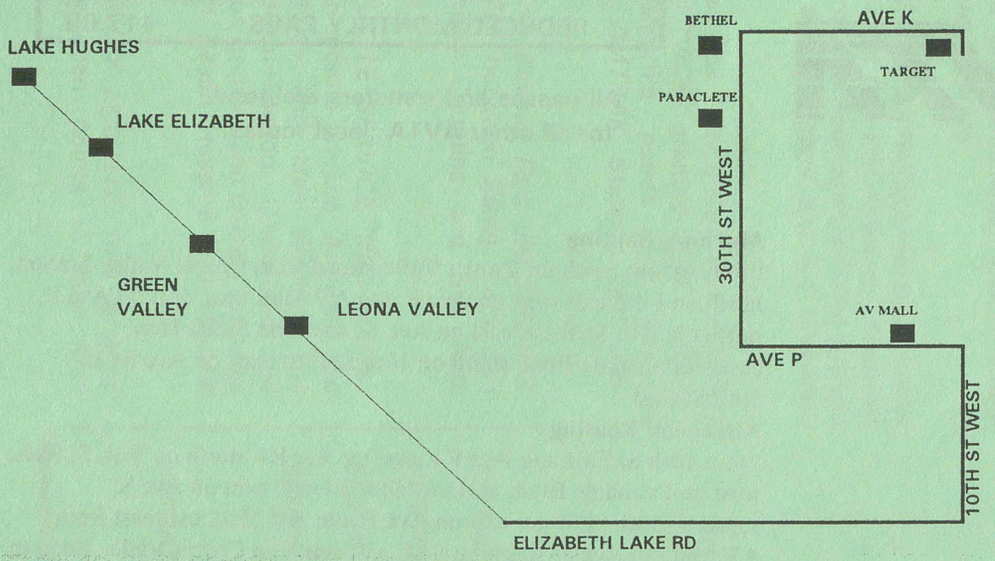
BUS STOPS AFTERNOON	TIME
10TH ST EAST/AVE R4	2:25
LASKER/AVE R4	2:32
10TH ST EAST/PALMDALE BLVD	2:45
30TH ST WEST/AVE K	3:00
30TH WEST/AVE M	3:05
AV MALL	3:20
ACTON	3:45

For more information call the AVTA at (805) 945-9445

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THE LAKE HUGHES LINE

Lake Hughes, Lake Elizabeth, Green Valley, and Leona Valley to Palmdale/Lancaster



FARES

FULL FARE	$1.25
REDUCED FARE	$0.60
MONTHLY PASS	$35.00
REDUCED MONTHLY PASS	$17.00

All passes and transfers are good for all other AVTA local routes.

Morning Route
From Lake Hughes Road and Elizabeth Lake Road: east on Elizabeth Lake Road, north on 10th St West, west on Ave P and into AV Mall, exit mall west on Ave P, north on 30th St West, east on Ave K to 10th St West.

Afternoon Route
From Ave K and 10th St West: West on Ave K, south on 30th St West, east on Ave P into AV Mall, exit Mall east on Ave P, south on 10th St West, west on Elizabeth Lake Road to Lake Hughes.

BUS STOPS MORNING	TIME
LAKE HUGHES/ELIZABETH LAKE RD	6:20
WALKATOP RD/ELIZABETH LAKE RD	6:30
JOHNSON RD/ELIZABETH LAKE RD	6:35
SAN FRANCISQUITO/ELIZABETH LAKE RD	6:40
90TH ST WEST/ELIZABETH LAKE RD	6:50
AV MALL	7:15
30TH WEST/AVE M	7:35
30TH WEST/AVE K	7:40
10TH ST WEST/AVE K	7:50

BUS STOPS AFTERNOON	TIME
10TH ST WEST/AVE K	2:35
30TH WEST/AVE K	2:45
30TH WEST/AVE M	2:55
AV MALL	3:20
90TH ST WEST/ELIZABETH LAKE RD	3:45
SAN FRANCISQUITO/ ELIZABETH LAKE RD	3:50
JOHNSON RD/ELIZABETH LAKE RD	3:55
WALKATOP RD/ELIZABETH LAKE RD	4:00
LAKE HUGHES/ELIZABETH LAKE RD	4:05

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ROSSMOOR Leisure World®
LAGUNA HILLS

FIXED ROUTE BUS SYSTEM

In the early 1960's Ross Cortese's Rossmoor Corporation developed seven retirement communities nationwide including the Laguna Hills Leisure World complex near El Toro Road and Interstate 5 in south Orange County. The facility, which opened in the fall of 1964, is one of three in California, the others located about twenty five miles north in Seal Beach and in Walnut Creek (Contra Costa County). In addition to housing, the complex has several club houses which have scheduled activities for the residents and their guests.

The population at Laguna Hills has continued to grow and several additional housing areas have been built. Today, there are over 20,000 residents occupying every type of housing - houses, apartments, co-op apartments, condominiums and a residential hotel, The Towers. Leisure World is situated on both sides of El Toro Road south of the San Diego Freeway. There are twelve entrance/exit gates, some of which have "bus only" lanes for the *LWB* fleet.

Leisure World residents need to be a minimum of 55 years old to purchase or rent property although people of any age can inherit property.

A monthly carrying charge is assessed to all residents by the "Mutuals", similar to homeowners associations, covering the costs of landscaping, the bus system, water bills, the complex' own cable television station and outside building maintenance.

Many of the residents either cannot or choose not to drive and one of the earliest community projects was development of a bus system. *LEISURE WORLD BUS,* formerly *LEISURE WORLD MINI BUS,* presently consists of an eleven line fixed route system (seven on Sundays and holidays), the evening "B" BUS and new, call-in accessible service.

The bus system was organized and is operated to facilitate transport within the retirement community and the outlying shopping and medical centers. Buses operate on outside city streets and highways, regular streets within Leisure World as well as on cul de sacs (which can best be described as wide driveways). Some of the bus routes appear circuitous on a map, but they are designed to provide service to almost all residential areas. Service is restricted to Leisure World residents and their guests. While no fares are charged, passengers need to show their resident identification cards.

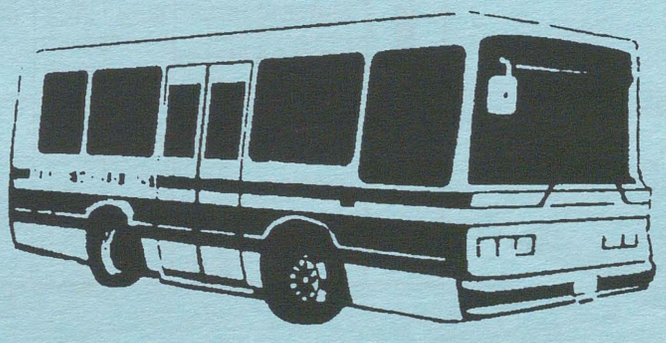
Buses on all routes operate hourly between 800AM and 500PM with all trips beginning/ending at Clubhouse Number 1/Administration Building. All service is pulse scheduled at this point. Gate 5 (on El Toro Road), Gate 8 (on Santa Maria Avenue) and Louisa & Health Center (opposite Laguna Hills Mall) are transfer points where the buses which pass by are pulse scheduled to allow easy transferring.

The evening "B" BUS operates between 615PM and 1100PM Monday through Saturday providing the equivalent of a Dial-A-Ride system. Residents are asked to call between 800AM and 500PM (same day) and reserve their evening rides.

The Sunday and holiday seven route system allows for some routes to be only partially served, but operating hours are still 800AM-500PM. The "B" BUS does not operate.

The *LWB* fleet of 15 units include Bluebird All Americans, National RE-26s, Econoline/Escort 158s and an Econoline/Aerotech. All of the buses have one

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MAJOR DESTINATION TIMES FOR ALL BUSES. (MONDAY THRU SATURDAY)

(NOTE: TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND AFTER THE HOUR)

DESTINATION		NUMBER ON BUS AND TIME LISTED IN MINUTES AFTER THE HOUR										
		1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9	10	11	12
CLUBHOUSES	CLUBHOUSE #1	:00 :50	:00 :50	:00 (R):14 :50	:00 :22 :50	:00 :50	:00 :50	:00 :50	:00 :50	:00 :50	:00 :50	:00 :50
	CLUBHOUSE #2					(R):25	(R)18 (R):37		(R):05			
	CLUBHOUSE #3	:08 :22	:11	:09 :16 :47		:33 :45	:11					
	CLUBHOUSE #4					:08						:40
	CLUBHOUSE #5							:23	:21 (R)	:26 (R)		
	CLUBHOUSE #6								:27			
MAR-KETS	VON'S MARKET	:10	:06	:11		:23	:15 :44	:03		:05	:13 (R):45	
	HUGHES MARKET					:27	:20 :34		:10	:10	:29	
TRANS. PT.	GATE #5				:03 :20 :47	:04 :20						EXIT :47
	GATE #8						:32	:32	:32	:32	:32	
	(TRANSFER POINT) LOUSIA/HEALTH CTR	:32	:32	:32	:32							:13
MALL AREA	SEARS		:38					(R):40				:22
	GATE #2	:27 :41		:29 :41					(R):40			(R):12
	PENNEY'S	:38	:39	:35	:36			:42				:23
	BROADWAY				:37			:43				
MED. BLDGS.	SADDLEBACK VAL. MEDICAL CENTER				:30			:38				:10
	HOSPITAL	:30	(R):30	(R):31	(R):31				:43			:11
	TAJ MAHAL				(R):28							:09
MISCELLANEOUS STOPS	OAKBROOK VILLAGE MARSHALLS-TR JOE		:36									:19
	ARCADE	:37	:41	:37								:24
	POST OFFICE	(R):40							:47			:07
	GREAT WESTERN S. CLIFTONS/LONGS		:45		:26				:37			:03
	COCO'S/REUBENS				:39							(R):26
	DON JOSE/BOB'S				(R):41							
	ST.GEO.CHURCH				(R):42							(R):32
	GATE #6				:44							:33
	TEMPLE/METH. CH.	(R):09	(R):05	(R):10		(R):23	(R):40				(R):11	
	CHRIST S.& BAPTIST		(R):05			(R):23 (R):30				(R):36	(R):45	
	SERVICE CENTER GARDEN CENTER #2					(R):23	(R):40	(R):05			(R):45	
	TOWERS						:26	(R):17				
	GATE #10						:25 :30		:12 :30	:15 :30		

R = UPON REQUEST

MAJOR DESTINATION TIMES FOR ALL BUSES. (SUNDAY AND HOLIDAYS)

(NOTE: TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE AND AFTER THE HOUR)

DESTINATION		NUMBER ON BUS AND TIME LISTED IN MINUTES AFTER THE HOUR						
		1	2	4	5	7	8	10
CLUBHOUSES	CLUBHOUSE #1	Leave :00 Arr. :31 Arr. :50	Leave :00 Arr. :14 Arr. :50	Leave :00 Arr. :50	Leave :00 Arr. :24 Arr. :50	Leave :00 Arr. :50	Leave :00 Arr. :50	Leave :00 Arr. :50
	CLUBHOUSE #2				(R) :32	OUTBD (R):12 INBD (R):37		
	CLUBHOUSE #3	:16	:16		:40	:04		:39
	CLUBHOUSE #4				:15			
	CLUBHOUSE #5					(R) :24	(R) :21	:21
	CLUBHOUSE #6						:26	
MAR-KETS	VON'S MARKET	:08	:08		:30	OUTBD :10 INBD :44	:05	:05
	HUGHES MARKET				:34	OUTBD :15 INBD : 33	INBD :30	INBD :33
GATES	GATE #2	OUTBD :34 INBD :45						
	GATE #5 (Trans. Pt.)			ENTER :15 EXIT : 21	ENTER :03 EXIT : 21			
	GATE#6			ENTER :44				
	GATE #7						ENTER :10 EXIT : 37	
	GATE #8						EXIT :28 ENTER :32	
	GATE #9							ENTER :15
	GATE #10					ENTER :20 EXIT : 31		EXIT :30
	GATE #11					ENTER :17 EXIT : 20		
	GATE #12				(R):32	OUTBD (R):12 INBD (R):37		
	GATE #14							ENTER :10 EXIT : 14
RESTAURANTS	CLIFTONS		:46	:05 :24			:40	
	COCO'S/REUBENS			:39				
	DELANEYS		:44					
	DON JOSE/BOB'S			(R) :40				
MEDICAL FACILITY	HOSPITAL	(R) :36	(R) :36	:27			(R) :44	
	MEDICAL CENTER (GLASS BLDG.)						:42	
CHURCHES	CHURCHES (OnMoulton)	(R) :05	(R) :05		(R) :28	(R) :08 (R) :40		West Side Only (R)8:37 (R)10:37
	LUTHERAN				(R) :26			
	PRESBYTERIAN	(R) :07			(R) :28			
	ST.GEORGES			(R):41				
	ST. NICHOLAS	(R) :11	(R) :11			:46	:38	
MISC.	LONGS/CLIFTONS		:46	:05 :24			:40	
	MALL	:40	:40	:10 :35			:45	
	OAKBROOK	(R) :37	(R) :38	:31				
	ARCADE	:41	:41	:37				
	GARDEN CENTER 2/ SVC. CTR./STABLES				(R) :36			
	TOWERS					(R) :21 :29	(R) :16	

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passenger door (basically near the center), have all longitudinal seating except for the back seat and are non air conditioned. Until recently none of the units was accessible.

With the passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act, the issue of accessible public and private facilities has been spotlighted.

Many of the recent decisions, nationwide, affecting transportation and the allocation of resources have been decided like this - when there has been a conflict over continuing to provide for able bodied seniors or beginning to provide for disabled persons, regardless of age, the seniors do not prevail. Lack of sufficient funds to provide all the service requested is the major reason.

In 1993 a controversy developed over the fact that none of the *LWB* buses was accessible. Facing the threat of a lawsuit by disabled residents, the Board of Directors of the Golden Rain Foundation voted to purchase at least one accessible bus.

In this case, everyone was a senior and some were also disabled. While the able bodied residents kept what they had, resources were spent on accessible vehicles.

P2289, a lift equipped Econoline/Aerotech, arrived during 1994 and is presently being used to provide a call-in, reservation door to door Dial-A-Ride system within the *LWB* service area.

Recently a consultant firm was hired to develop plans for *LWB* to comply with Americans With Disabilities Act provisions. The firm has recommended a fleet of low floor buses and the Orion II was suggested as the vehicle to purchase.

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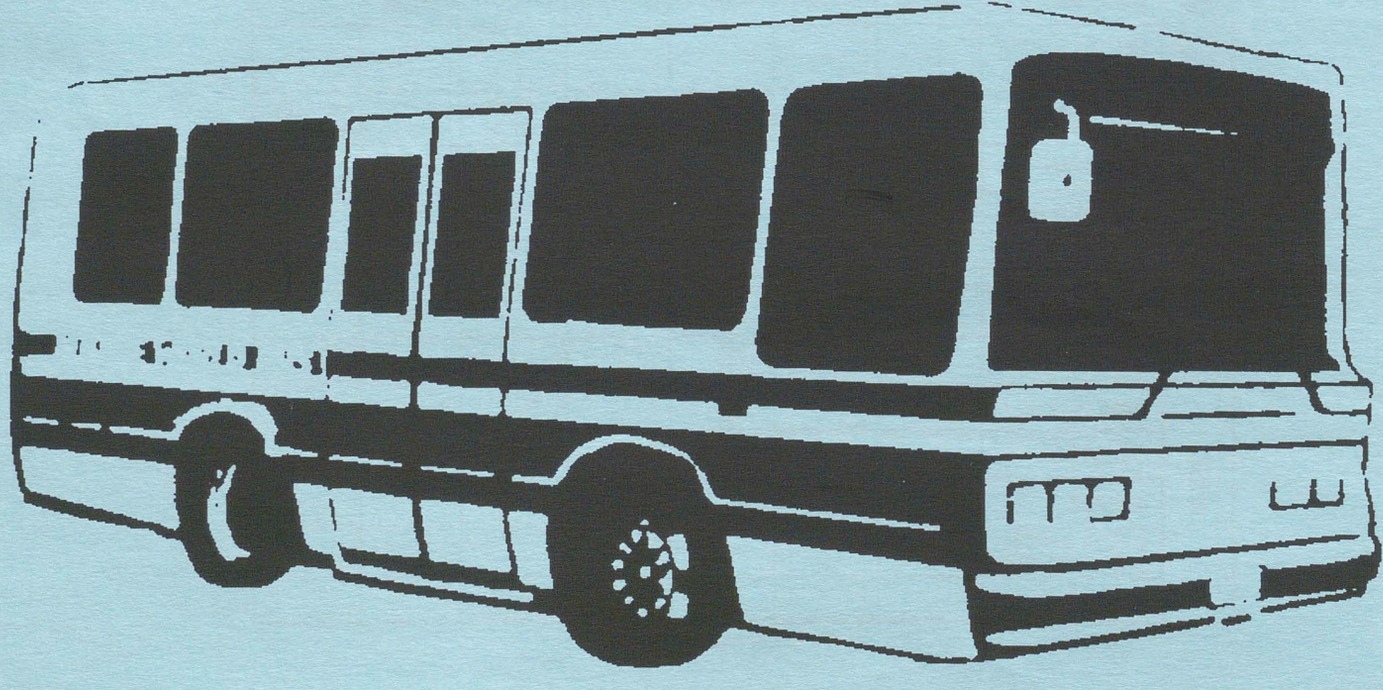
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FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL	YEAR	NOTES
P1479-P1487	Bluebird	All American	---	1
P1844-P1846	National	RE-26	1988	2
P2078-P2079	Ford Econ	Escort 158	1992	3
P2289	Ford Econ	Aerotech	1994	4

-NOTES-

1. 28 longitudinal seats with one door.
2. 25 longitudinal seats with one door.
3. 21 longitudinal seats with one door.
4. 15 seats, lift equipped with one door.



INLAND EMPIRE CONNECTION

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Service operates about every 75 minutes between 430AM and 830PM with selected westbound trips (those which pass by close to train times, either westbound departures or eastbound arrivals) serving the San Bernardino *METROLINK* station.

From the Redlands Mall, Line 120 travels via Orange, Citrus, Brookside, Barton, Benton, Prospect, Anderson/Tippecanoe, Hospitality Lane, Waterman, I-10, I-215, 2nd, H St, 4th to Arrowhead, returning via 2nd to H Street. Rail station trips operate via 2nd, Viaduct and 3rd into 4th to Arrowhead.

Super Buses came to *IEC* starting February 12th. Three *ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY* units, tractors 7108-7110 and trailers 7608-7610, leased to *IEC,* have been assigned to Line 149-RIVERSIDE-DISNEYLAND offering more seats for growing patronage and as the first step toward providing *IEC* newer buses.

The buses are painted white over purple divided below the window line with "INLAND EMPIRE CONNECTION" in blue just above the side windows. They maintain their GFI fareboxes with fare collection and operator interaction by means of cameras and microphones.

In downtown Riverside eastbound Line 149 buses now travel along University from the 91 Freeway, stopping adjacent to the Riverside Downtown Terminal, then returning via station driveways, 7th, Lime and 91 Freeway.

An additional weekday afternoon round trip, departing Riverside at 345PM and Disneyland at 535PM, was added. This requires use of all three Super Buses, two in the morning and three in the afternoon. Weekend schedules require one bus.

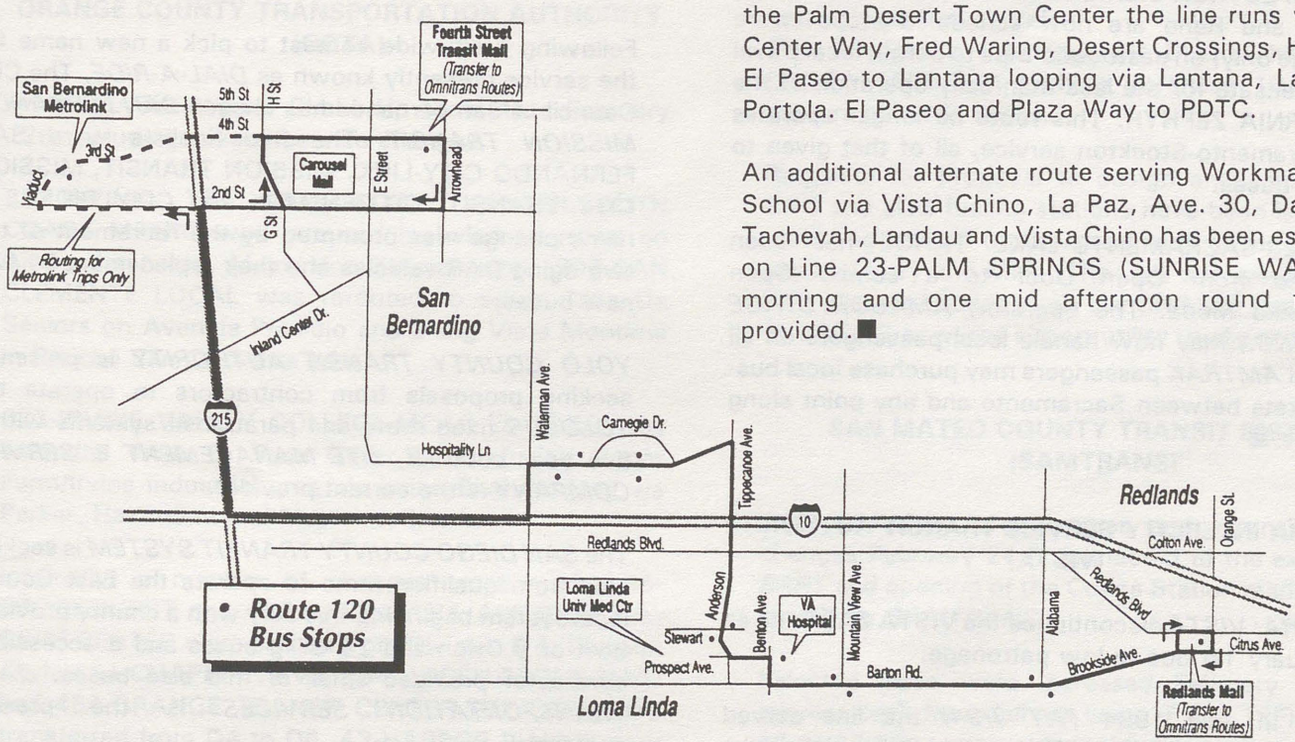
Later this year *IEC* will receive 3 reconditioned GMC RTS buses from *RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY* for Line 496 and then seven CNG powered Flxible Metros for Lines 100, 110 and 120 as part of a joint *OMNITRANS/VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY* order *(WT 12/94).*■

SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY (SUNLINE)

THOUSAND PALMS: SUNLINE, in partnership with the City of Palm Desert, recently established Line 51-FREE SHOPPER HOPPER, a electric vehicle shuttle, circulating through the shopping areas of Palm Desert.

Line 51, which will end its seasonal route on March 23rd, operates Tuesday thru Saturday between 1000AM and 445PM on a fifty minute headway. From the Palm Desert Town Center the line runs via Town Center Way, Fred Waring, Desert Crossings, Hwy 111, El Paseo to Lantana looping via Lantana, Larrea and Portola. El Paseo and Plaza Way to PDTC.

An additional alternate route serving Workman Middle School via Vista Chino, La Paz, Ave. 30, Date Palm, Tachevah, Landau and Vista Chino has been established on Line 23-PALM SPRINGS (SUNRISE WAY). One morning and one mid afternoon round trips are provided.■



Inland Empire Connection Route 120

AMTRAK CALIFORNIA (AC)

SACRAMENTO: A number of bus route changes were made on January 22nd including discontinuation of former 1D-BAKERSFIELD-SANTA MONICA-TORRANCE.

Route 1-LOS ANGELES BASIN now consists of three routes; 1A, all buses operating between Bakersfield and San Diego via Los Angeles including Bakersfield-Los Angeles only trips; 1B, all bus between Bakersfield and Long Beach/Torrance via Los Angeles and 1C, all buses serving Santa Clarita, Van Nuys, Burbank Airport and Glendale. The overnight San Diego-Bakersfield buses, former 1N, will no longer serve Long Beach.

Routes 6-STOCKTON-SAN JOSE and 21-SAN JOSE-SANTA CRUZ, previously operationally combined, have been separated into two routes.

Route 7-NORTH BAY-REDWOOD EMPIRE was extended north from Arcata to McKinleyville. The route is now operated by *ROYAL COACH TOURS (WT 12/95)* and has been converted from Mixed Mode (*AMTRAK* passengers carried on same bus as intercity bus company's passengers) to Open Door (operated for *AMTRAK* passengers only but includes local bus-only riders who purchase tickets for trips which do not include train travel).

On Route 20-HIGH SIERRA/SIERRA FOOTHILL, Colfax, Truckee and Reno are now scheduled stops (were Discharge only) on eastbound trips to permit local travel to compensate for the less-than-daily operation of the CALIFORNIA ZEPHYR. This route no longer operates any Sacramento-Stockton service, all of that given to Route 3 buses.

Route 23-SACRAMENTO-LAKE TAHOE has been converted from Open Door to a combo Open Door/Mixed Mode. The operator, *AMADOR STAGE LINES, INC.*, may now handle local passengers on all trips and *AMTRAK* passengers may purchase local bus-only tickets between Sacramento and any point along the route.■

VENTURA INTERCITY SERVICE TRANSIT AUTHORITY (VISTA)

VENTURA: VISTA discontinued the VISTA EAST line as of February 1st due to low patronage.

Started in July 1994 *(WT 7/94)* the line served Moorpark, Simi Valley, Thousand Oaks, Westlake Village, Agoura Hills and Oak Park. Westlake Village and Agoura Hills, located in Los Angeles County, helped fund the service in hopes of encouraging workers to take the bus to the employment centers in those cities.■

CALIFORNIA TRANSIT NEWS

LIVERMORE/AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY is offering for sale four 1976 AM General 9635B-6 (originally *SOUTH COAST AREA TRANSIT* units) plus spare parts. *LAVTA* is now an all Gillig property.

SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORP. is advertising for bids for thirty 40 foot CNG powered Low Floor buses.

EASTERN CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (TRI DELTA TRANSIT) is seeking proposals to purchase 12 heavy-duty diesel buses.

DOWNEYLINK and Bellflower's *THE BUS* recently entered into a transfer agreement allowing interchange of passengers at Foster Road and Bellflower Blvd.

American Ikarus, with a bid of $217,285 per bus, may be awarded an *AC TRANSIT* contract for 132 buses with an option for another 66. However, the Board could reject the pact if it determines the firm could not deliver the buses and can also take into account where the bidders (Gillig Corp of Hayward was second low bid) are located.

Following a citywide contest to pick a new name for the service presently known as *DIAL-A-RIDE*, The City Council of San Fernando has chosen *SAN FERNANDO MISSION TRANSIT.* The five finalists were SAN FERNANDO CITY-LINK, MISSION TRANSIT, MISSION CITY TRANSIT, CITIZEN LINK and CITY RIDE. The name change was prompted by the retirement of the two aging DAR vehicles and their replacement by two new buses.

YOLO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY is presently seeking proposals from contractors to operate the *YOLOBUS* fixed route and paratransit systems with a five year contract. *ATE MANAGEMENT & SERVICE COMPANY* is the current provider.

The *SAN DIEGO COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM* is seeking bids from qualified firms to operate the East County local system beginning this July with a county provided fleet of 9 Orion and 29 Gillig buses and 8 accessible, contractor provided small or mid size buses. *DAVE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES* is the present contractor.

CALIFORNIA TRANSIT NEWS
(Continued)

According to a study recently released by the SAN JOAQUIN REGIONAL RAIL COMMISSION, intercity rail service between Stockton, the Tri Valley area and San Jose is considered a viable alternative to traffic congestion and passenger movement in the Altamont Pass area.■

UCI CAMPUS EXPRESS (UCI)

IRVINE: UCI expanded its MEDICAL CENTER SHUTTLE route starting January 16th to include the new Family Health Center in downtown Santa Ana and the Regional Transportation Center (*AMTRAK Station).*

Service is provided for students, faculty and staff between the University of California Irvine campus and the UCI Medical Center in Orange, a publicly funded medical center and a teaching hospital, on weekdays between 630AM and 800PM on a rough 90 minute headway using 1 bus.

This service is using the HOV lane on the Santa Ana Freeway including the special on/off ramps at Grand Avenue and the special fly-over ramp connecting the Santa Ana and Newport Freeways.■

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (OCTA)

ORANGE: The Winter Shake Up took place February 12th including several service changes.

382-IRVINE TRANSPORTATION CENTER-SOUTH COAST METRO was rerouted in Irvine to travel on Alton, Jamboree, Main, Von Karman while 397-SAN CLEMENTE LOCAL was rerouted to serve Casa De Seniors on Avenida Presidio and along Vista Montana in Rancho San Clemente area.

673-IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE-MCAS EL TORO was extended from El Toro Gate 2 to Musick Honor Farm/Irvine industrial area via Irvine Blvd, looping via Parker, Hammond and Musick to Irvine.

Internally, a number of changes were made. 35-BROOKHURST and 462-SANTA ANA AMTRAK STA-CIVIC CENTER were shifted from Division 6 to Division 4 while 54-CHAPMAN AVE, 56-GARDEN GROVE BLVD and 454-ORANGE TRANSP CENTER-THE CITY were transferred from D4 to D6. 43-HARBOR BLVD is now operated from both Divisions 4 and 6.

The 5101-5114 series New Flyers (with suburban seats and overhead parcel racks) are used on weekends with assignment to 33-MAGNOLIA AVENUE and 71-TUSTIN AVENUE.

The *OCTA* Board has voted to move ahead with a study of consolidating with the three TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR AGENCIES (currently the builders and operators of toll roads in the county) as well as the *LAGUNA BEACH MUNICIPAL TRANSIT LINES* and the county transportation duties of the Orange County Environmental Management Agency.

The staff study said there were opportunities for cost savings and efficiencies. The TCA boards recently voted against such a study suggesting that *OCTA* is an empire building bureaucracy looking for financial stability.

Studies in 1990/91 suggested combining the TCAs and *LBMTL* with what became *OCTA*.■

CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF AIRPORTS (LADOA)

LOS ANGELES: LADOA has issued a request for bid to purchase one dozen 130 passenger airfield buses (six replacement, six additions) to be powered by LNG. These buses will be used at LAX to shuttle passengers between the Tom Bradley International Terminal and remotely parked aircraft.
The Air Quality Management District has awarded LADOA $600,000 to help purchase 10 more LNG powered shuttle buses.

Requests for Proposal to design and construct both CNG and LNG fueling stations have been issued. They would be located on the south side of the airport near Imperial Hwy and Main. The LNG site would serve the LNG powered buses while the CNG site would be used by 33 CNG powered airport utility trucks and sedans.■

SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (SAMTRANS)

SAN CARLOS: Fare changes and extensive service changes February 24th connected to the extension of *BART* and opening of the Colma Station made this a big month for *SAMTRANS.*

Selected fares were increased February 1 - adult express cash fares (all but lines 1F and 19F) rose from $2 to $2.50, senior and disabled fares increased from 35 cents to 50 cents.

SAMTRANS
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On February 24 fares on 1F became $1 Linda Mar-Colma and $2 Linda Mar-San Francisco while 19F is $2. At the same time fares on 5M-SAN FRANCISCO-SAN MATEO VIA MISSION and 7B-SAN FRANCISCO-REDWOOD CITY VIA BAYSHORE were changed such that riders pay $2 to travel from San Francisco to the Peninsula and $1 to travel to San Francisco.

For the first year of service, passengers from *BART* will be able to transfer at Colma to Lines 1F-LINDA MAR-SAN FRANCISCO, 2S-DALY CITY-SAN BRUNO, 5M and 22D-BART/COLMA-SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO without additional fare.

Coincident with the *BART* extension to Colma, Lines 2S and 22D no longer operate to and from downtown San Francisco and 5M only operates downtown during weekday commute hours. During other hours buses will run to and from BART/Colma. Alternate trips on 1F operate to/from BART/Colma with the others to/from downtown San Francisco using the I-280 Freeway extension.

Fourteen routes were changed to provide service at BART/Colma (1C, 1F, 1G, 2S, 3C, 3X, 5M, 20C, 20J, 21A, 21B, 21F, 22D and 26H) with service at BART/Daly City reduced as 1C, 1G, 3X, 5M, 20D, 21B, 21F and 23X no longer serve it.

Three weekday lines (10P-LINDA MAR BLVD, 20D-BART/DALY CITY-DOELGAE SENIOR CENTER and 23X-BART/DALY CITY) were discontinued while 24B-BRISBANE and 30A-TANFORAN-MILLBRAE SQUARE were reduced to a few trips.

Weekday service on 4A, 34D, 40E, 50B, 51S and 90H was reduced to hourly while weekend service on 4A, 33B, 33C, 34D, 40E, 45B, 50B, 51S and 90H was eliminated *(WT 9/95).*■

GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT
(GGT)

SAN RAFAEL: GGT and the Amalgamated Transit Union recently settled on a new three year contract offering small wage increases and adjustments in the pension program.

GGT rejected Neoplan's bid for 45 foot suburban style buses and has awarded an $11 million contract to MCI for thirty accessible 102DL3s. The 57 passenger buses will cost $338,000 a copy.

While most *GGT* buses have been transit style bodies with suburban interiors, they did purchase 21 MCI accessible 102A3s several years ago which have been in service primarily on 80-SANTA ROSA-SAN FRANCISCO.■

YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT
(YST)

YUBA CITY: January 2nd saw expansion of the SACRAMENTO COMMUTER and SACRAMENTO MIDDAY EXPRESS routes.

Added to the COMMUTER was a NEW Highway 99 Route to complement the Highway 70 operating two morning southbound and afternoon northbound trips. This route serves Montgomery Wards, Walton Terminal (Sam's Club), Blackburn-Talley and, in the afternoon, Peach Tree Mall.

The MIDDAY EXPRESS now operates Monday through Friday, with a mid morning and an afternoon round trip, still on a reservation basis.■

SACRAMENTO METRO AIRPORT
GROUND TRANSPORTATION

SACRAMENTO: Sacramento Metro Airport is not served by any fixed route bus service, but until recently had competing van shuttle services including some which provided scheduled service between the airport and downtown Sacramento.

Last year the Public Utilities Commission granted *SUPER SHUTTLE OF SAN FRANCISCO, INC.* temporary authority to operate between Metro Airport and points in Sacramento, Sutter, Yuba, Butte, Solano, Yolo, Placer, El Dorado, Nevada and San Joaquin counties *(WT 11/95).*

Hearings were conducted last month to determine if the authority should be made permanent. The PUC staff report has said that "all nine ... former competitors" have been driven out of business by the "sweetheart deal given *SS*". *SS* officials content that their superior quality of service is the reason other companies have not been able to compete.

At the same time the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors granted *SS* an exclusive contract to pick up passengers without reservations at curbside. Other shuttle van companies (there were nine previously doing business) may still carry passengers with reservations.

SACRAMENTO METRO AIRPORT GROUND TRANSPORTATION
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This contract followed a twelve year period of county dissatisfaction of the van service offered. Meetings and promises to correct did not result in changes and in 1994 the County took bids for an exclusive contract. Last October *SS* was awarded the contract over three other bidders for what is the state's only exclusive shuttle operation.

The PUC's Safety and Enforcement Division opposed the exclusive contract for fear that it would wipe out competing van services.

If the PUC does not grant permanent authority, a "legal quagmire" could result. Because jurisdiction over passenger carriers appears to overlap, *SS* could keep running under the county's contract.■

TAOS TRANSIT
(TT)

TAOS, N.M.: The Town of Taos dba *TAOS TRANSIT* is now soliciting proposals from prospective contractors interested in operating a NEW fixed route transit system in this northern New Mexico city with a fleet of three new minibuses and one van.■

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
(RTC)

RENO, NV: The RTC, as parent of *CITIFARE,* is soliciting proposals for purchase of 20 40-foot Advance Design buses with an option for 16 additional buses and related spare parts. *(Ed. Note - the present CF fleet includes both 35 and 40 foot GMC/TMC RTS buses, both lift equipped and non lift equipped).*■

CITIZENS AREA TRANSIT
(CAT)

LAS VEGAS, NV: CAT implemented major service changes January 28th including six NEW lines and discontinuation of 407-BOULDER HWY LIMITED.

107-BOULDER HWY was shortened to operate only as far south as the Triple J Bingo Hall in Henderson with NEW 116-BOULDER CITY replacing that segment of the former 107.

214-BONANZA-D STREET was divided into 214-H STREET-D STREET (a loop in the northwest) and 215-BONANZA ROAD.

217-WARM SPRINGS begins at Vacation Village traveling via Las Vegas Blvd South, Warm Springs, Eastern, Wigwam, Arroyo, Warm Springs, Stephanie looping Patrick, Whitney Ranch and Sunset to Stephanie.

218-CHEYENNE is a NEW crosstown line in the north operating along Cheyenne between Nellis Blvd and Buffalo.

401-DOWNTOWN CIRCULATOR begins at the Sawyer State Building via Las Vegas Blvd North, Stewart, thru the Downtown Transit Center, Stewart, Casino Center (returning 4th), Alta, Shadow, Charleston and Rancho to Sahara Rancho Medical Center.

402-MALL EXPRESS begins at the Boulevard Mall via Twain/Spring Mountain (serving Fashion Show Mall), Interstate 15, Hwy 95, Decatur and Meadows to the Meadows Mall.■



LINK
(Chelan-Douglas PTBA)

WENATCHEE, WA: LINK recently brought operation of its two county paratransit, "LinkPlus" in house in order to reduce the overlap in labor, maintenance and operational expenses. Service had always been contracted to a local private, non profit vendor. While paratransit accounted for 6% of total ridership, it was consuming 22% of the operating budget.

As part of the change, 14 new 1995 WorldTrans buses were acquired through a lease-purchase plan. The paratransit fleet now totals 22 and the overall fleet 50.

In operation since December 1991, *LINK's* 22 route fixed route system in the Chelan and Douglas Counties north central area of the Evergreen State, now carries about 5,500 riders per day while the paratransit system handles about 400 a day. Both systems have continued to experience growth of about 10% each year.■

EQUIPMENT REPORT

(All properties are located in California unless otherwise noted)

PROPERTY	FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL #'S	DATE	NOTES
-NEW-					
Folsom Stage Lines	291	Bluebird	CS/SFO64537	1995	
Western Charter Tours	771-772	MCI	102C3/JP044208-209	7/88	
Marin Airporter	55	MCI	102D3/SP047598	6/95	
Greyhound Lines (TX)	1002	MCI	102D3/TP047917	10/95	1
Delta Charter Service	134	MCI	102D3/TP047935	11/95	
United Charter Service	MC-23	Setra	S217HDH/145020	9/94	
Super Sightseeing Tours	3601	Van Hool	T800-35/18559	1995	
Pacific Coast Sightseeing	1502-1504	Dodge	350LE Ram/SK556672-674	1995	
	1505-1507	Dodge	350LE Ram/SK557557-559	1995	
	1508-1509	Dodge	350LE Ram/SK570255-256	1995	
	2510-2511	Ford ElDo	Aerotech/SHA08174-175	1995	
	2512-2513	Ford ElDo	Aerotech/SHA08179-180	1995	
	2514	Ford ElDo	Aerotech/SHA08182	1995	
-USED-					
Mariposa Charter	007	TMC	MC-9/CR003287	7/82	2
Sierra Pacific Tours	706	TMC	96A3/FR005150	6/85	3
SFO Airporter	366	MCI	102C3/NP044561	4/92	4
Taylored Tours	2	Prevost	LeMirage/G1001093	1986	5
Santa Rosa Airporter	4006	Van Hool	T800-40/21752	1992	6
-DISPOSITIONS-					
Protrav Travel Service	1002,1005	Eagle	AE-15/LBO70363,366	2/90	A
	1018,1020	Eagle	AE-15/LBO70442,444	6/90	A
Commerce Muni Bus Line	320	GMC	T6H-4523A/1786	3/76	B
San Diego Transit Corp	818	GMC	T8H-5307A/2835	6/75	C

-NOTES-

1. Greyhound is reported to have taken delivery of at least 50 102D3s which are painted in two different schemes. The first is the same as the MC-12s and the second is a new design using blue as the predominant color.
2. Ex Greyhound Lines 5886 (8764).
3. Ex Greyhound Lines 1331.
4. Ex Raul Sandoval Bus Line --.
5. Ex Van Galder Bus (WI) 175.
6. Ex Preferred Charters 9221.

A. To ABC Bus Sales (Garden Grove). Advertisements indicate 19 (of the 20) coaches will be available as of mid February.
B. To Pacific Coach Bus Sales (Long Beach).
C. To Zachers (Harbor City).

-BIDS-

MILWAUKEE (WI) COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM is seeking to purchase a quantity of 29 foot, low floor buses

KNOXVILLE (TN) AREA TRANSIT is advertising to purchase two suburban style Advance Design coaches

METRO AREA TRANSIT (Omaha, NE) has issued proposals to buy five small buses

BEAVER COUNTY (PA) TRANSIT AUTHORITY wants to buy four 45 foot and four 40 foot diesel, high floor, suburban style buses

CAPE COD (MA) REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY is seeking bids for three, diesel powered medium duty transit buses