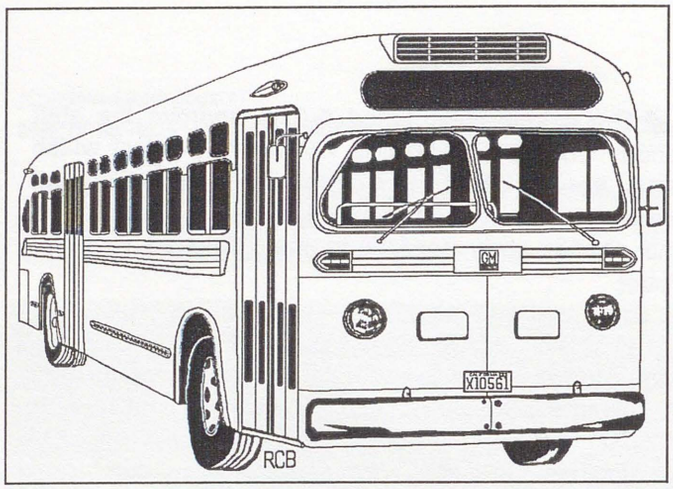


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LONG BEACH TRANSIT (LBT)

LONG BEACH: When the 20 low floor New Flyers (9401-9420) were purchased *(WT 4/95)* the order included two options, one for 25 units (now scheduled for June delivery) and a second option for 20 more buses (delivery expected in March 1997).

Specifications for 28 additional buses have been issued to the manufacturers. These buses are not expected until 1998 or 1999.

Five CNG powered Orion IIs ($214,142 plus tax per bus) are due in Long Beach this fall for assignment to present Line 121-EAST OCEAN BLVD which will become RUNABOUT Route D-CATALINA LANDING-OCEAN BLVD-CSULB (See route change information elsewhere in this story).

LBT and predecessor **LONG BEACH MOTOR BUS COMPANY** have had garage facilities on land at Anaheim and Cherry for many years including buildings and shops on both sides of Cherry at different times.

Plans are in the works to replace the present Operations Building with bids for architectural and engineering services now on the street.

Because the present facility cannot accommodate a fleet any larger than the present one, and there are expansion plans along with need to construct CNG fueling facilities, a second operating facility at 68th and Cherry in North Long Beach will be built. Bids for construction will be issued by next month. The second facility was originally included in the electric trolley bus plans *(WT 2/93)* as TBs were to be housed at Anaheim Street, but the construction was placed on hold when the TB program folded.

Represented employees recently ratified a new labor contract under which all bus operators will become full time and new hires will be paid at 50 per cent of top rate (presently $17.11 an hour). Raises and benefits will be given on an escalating scale requiring eight years to receive top rate and all benefits.

Substantial service changes are in the works for June 23.

Line 51/52 will become Line 5-LONG BEACH BLVD between Artesia Station and downtown. The 4th Street portion will short turn at 4th and Park and be combined with the Pacific and Magnolia branches, to be known as Line 181. Service to Seal Beach will be transferred to Line 131.

The 40 line will run only between downtown and Anaheim and Clark and be known as 46-ANAHEIM STREET-DOWNTOWN. This was done to simplify changes as ridership along Anaheim is very high. The Pacific and

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

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

APPLICATIONS

✓ *RED & WHITE FLEET, INC.* to transfer and *BLUE & GOLD FLEET, a Delaware Limited Partnership,* to acquire a PSC to operate as a common carrier by vessel (San Francisco Bay Area) and to issue evidence of indebtedness and execute leases

✓ *Iris-Kaisha USA Corp dba IRIS CHARTER* of Burlingame for Class B TCP, 10360-B

✓ *J & J WMS Enterprises/NEED-A-RIDE* for a PSC to operate within San Mateo County and City of Palo Alto

✓ Commission Investigation and Order to Show Cause on why charter party operations of Kirk Pontius should not be revoked

✓ *CATALINA CRUISES, INC.* to transfer its water vessel PSC between Long Beach, San Pedro and Catalina Island to *CATALINA CHANNEL EXPRESS, INC.* and to sell, assign, or otherwise transfer property including a leasehold interest. *CCE* to provide letter of credit to secure transfer of the leasehold property

DECISIONS

📖 *Seyd M. Saidi dba INTERNATIONAL SHUTTLE* granted PSC between points in Contra Costa, Alameda and San Francisco Counties and Oakland Airport

📖 *Marin Ski Shuttle dba MARIN SKI TOURS* granted PSC between points in Marin County and Sierra ski resort areas in California

📖 Petition of *SUPERSHUTTLE OF SAN FRANCISCO, INC.* to modify October 1995 decision and to obtain permanent authority to serve Sacramento Metro Airport from surrounding counties denied

📖 *EURO-PACIFIC TOURS* granted sightseeing PSC 10296-S and TCP 10296-B in Southern California area

📖 *Matthew Shoyookh & Shahriar Cheshmehzangi dba SUPER HOLIDAYS TOUR & TRAVEL* has been authorized to sell vehicles and transfer Buena Park/Anaheim area PSC to *Shahriar Cheshmehzangi dba ROYAL POLO TRANSPORTATION* (BUENA PARK MALL SHOPPERS SHUTTLE operation)

📖 The Commission voted 5-0 to approve the staff recommendation to oppose AB 2517 (Bowler) which would transfer all of the Commission's regulatory and licensing authority over passenger stage corporations and charter party carriers to the California Highway Patrol.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 8, 1996 — San Diego Electric Railway Association, P.O. Box 89068, San Diego, CA 92138. Tour of SAN DIEGO TROLLEY'S Old Town Line, system and maintenance facilities.

June 29, 1996 — Pacific Bus Museum, Box 91, San Anselmo, CA 94979-0091. Excursion on SANTA MONICA MBL 5180 (last new look) and a Classic.

October 6-9, 1996 — APTA EXPO at Anaheim Convention Center

October 12-13, 1996 — Motor Bus Society Fall Meeting in Anaheim, California. Visits to various properties in the East and South.

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Magnolia legs will be combined with East 4th (Line 181).

Line 81-EAST 10TH will be rerouted near CSULB, take over the Studebaker Road segment of 41/42 and terminate at Studebaker and Atherton.

Present 121-EAST OCEAN BLVD will be replaced by a NEW Runabout D operating from the Catalina Landing along Golden Shore and West Ocean and then following the 121 alignment along Ocean Blvd to CSULB. In the downtown area the D will duplicate the routing of the Runabout A and in downtown will also be FREE. At some point (to be determined) on the edge of downtown to/from CSULB the regular fare will apply.

131-WARDLOW-REDONDO will be extended from the current Market Place terminal to Electric & Main (Seal Beach) replacing Line 51.

171-PACIFIC COAST HWY.-SEAL BEACH will be rerouted via the Anaheim Road and College Park Estates areas to CSULB and the Studebaker/Loynes segment will be dropped.■

FAIRFIELD-SUISUN TRANSIT SYSTEM (FSTS)

FAIRFIELD: The FAIRFIELD-VACAVILLE-U.C.DAVIS route "*CITYLINK*" has been numbered into 20-FAIRFIELD-VACAVILLE and 30-FAIRFIELD-DIXON-DAVIS with service levels remaining as before. Line 20 runs hourly 730AM-630PM on weekdays and 930AM-530PM Saturdays while Line 30 has four weekday round trips. Both lines each require one bus.

FSTS, in cooperation with **VACAVILLE CITY COACH** and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, are now funding a new peak hour commute line, 40-SOLANO BART EXPRESS, which operates during weekday morning and evening commute hours between Vacaville and BART Pleasant Hill via Fairfield primarily along I-80 and I-680.

Four morning and five afternoon round trips are offered. Line 40 stops at the Vacaville Telecommute Center, Magellan Road Park & Ride in Fairfield and BART Pleasant Hill with selected trips serving Solano Mall. Service runs between 500AM-930AM and 330PM-830PM (3 buses).

Fares to/from BART are $3.50 from Vacaville and $3.00 from Fairfield stops and $1.25 between Fairfield and Vacaville for all riders as this is peak hour pricing.

Starting this month **FSTS** began selling the new unlimited ride Solano Ride Pass which sells for between $13.50 and $59.00 depending upon the fare category and the service to be used.■

AMADOR STAGE LINES/SIERRA TRAILWAYS (ASL/ST)

SACRAMENTO: To complement its SAN FRANCISCO-SACRAMENTO-RENO route, **ASL/ST.** has started a HAYWARD-PLEASANT HILL-SACRAMENTO route which also serves Richard Lee Tours in Oakland. One daily round trip (leave Hayward 745AM and Sacramento 1030PM) and one Friday/Saturday round trip (depart Hayward 600PM and Sacramento 950AM) are offered. Depending upon patronage, the service may operate to and from Reno rather than requiring passengers to change buses in Sacramento.■

BAY AREA NEWS BRIEFS

AC TRANSIT has awarded American Ikarus, Inc. a contract for 132 forty foot standard transit buses. 65 of the buses will be delivered next year with 67 the following year. The pact also includes an option to purchase 66 buses later.

The **BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT** increased fares about 13 per cent on April 1st to help raise funds to renovate the original rail cars, help cover the cost of operating new extensions and make the system more accessible. This is the second of three fare hikes over three years

SHANGRI-LA HOLIDAYS TRAVEL LINES has taken delivery of twelve Van Hool T-800/40 motor coaches, numbered in the 500 series. These buses will generally be used on **SLH's** own group tours which generally originate in Taiwan.

The **SANTA CLARA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AGENCY** recently inaugurated a free commuter shuttle connecting the San Jose/Diridon **CALTRAIN** Station with downtown San Jose. The buses are scheduled to connect with arriving and departing trains.

PAT HOLIDAYS BUS COMPANY of San Francisco has added four Van Hool T-800/40 buses to its fleet. These buses are being used on escorted tours, primarily in the western states.

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The Northwestern Pacific Railroad Authority, a joint powers agency including **GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT,** Marin County and the Northern California Rail Authority, which operates rail service north to Humboldt County, has secured $2.8 million from the California Transportation Commission towards purchase of 141 miles of former NORTHWESTERN PACIFIC railroad tracks between Novato and Willits as a step toward creation of commuter rail in the North Coast counties. **GGT** and the county already own the right of way between Novato and Larkspur Landing which may be paved over for use as a busway alternative to Highway 101 for **GGT** buses.■

TRANSPORTATION AND LEGISLATION

Assemblyman Bernie Richter (R-Chico) has announced that he has dropped AB 2084, the bill which would have diverted Transit Development Act monies from transit agencies to counties for their use *(WT 1/96, 3/96)*. The bill had been amended to cover only Butte County whose voters approved continuation of the local utility tax in the March elections.

Recently introduced Senate Bill 150 (O'Connell) would exempt local agency tax increases adopted prior to December 1995 from voter approval requirements of Proposition 62. The bill addresses aspects of the California Supreme Court decision in Santa Clara County Local Transportation Authority vs Guardino as it applies retroactively to city and county general taxes adopted without voter approval, but does not address the court's finding that special purpose transportation agency sales taxes are special taxes requiring a 2/3 voter approval.

State Senator Kuykendall (R-Palos Verdes) has introduced AB 2995 which would dissolve the current **OCTA** Board and replace it with a directly elected ten member board.

AB 1710 (Hannigan) would transfer administration of the Capitol Corridor train service (San Jose-Sacramento) from CALTRANS to a 16 member Joint Powers Board and names the **BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT** as the managing agency for the first three years. After that time the JPB could select another manager. **BART** would have six members on the board while Placer, Sacramento, Yolo, Solano and Santa Clara Counties would have two each. The board would be responsible for increasing service to six daily round trips. Opponents of this plan fear that creation of independent systems to manage the three California rail corridors could lead to fighting over funding rather than creating a transportation system.

SB 877 (Alquist, D-San Jose) would authorize the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to place before voters in the nine county San Francisco Bay Area a proposal for a regional gasoline tax of up to 10 cents per gallon to fund a package of transportation improvements and rehabilitation projects. The bill has passed the Senate, but awaits action in the Assembly.■

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA)

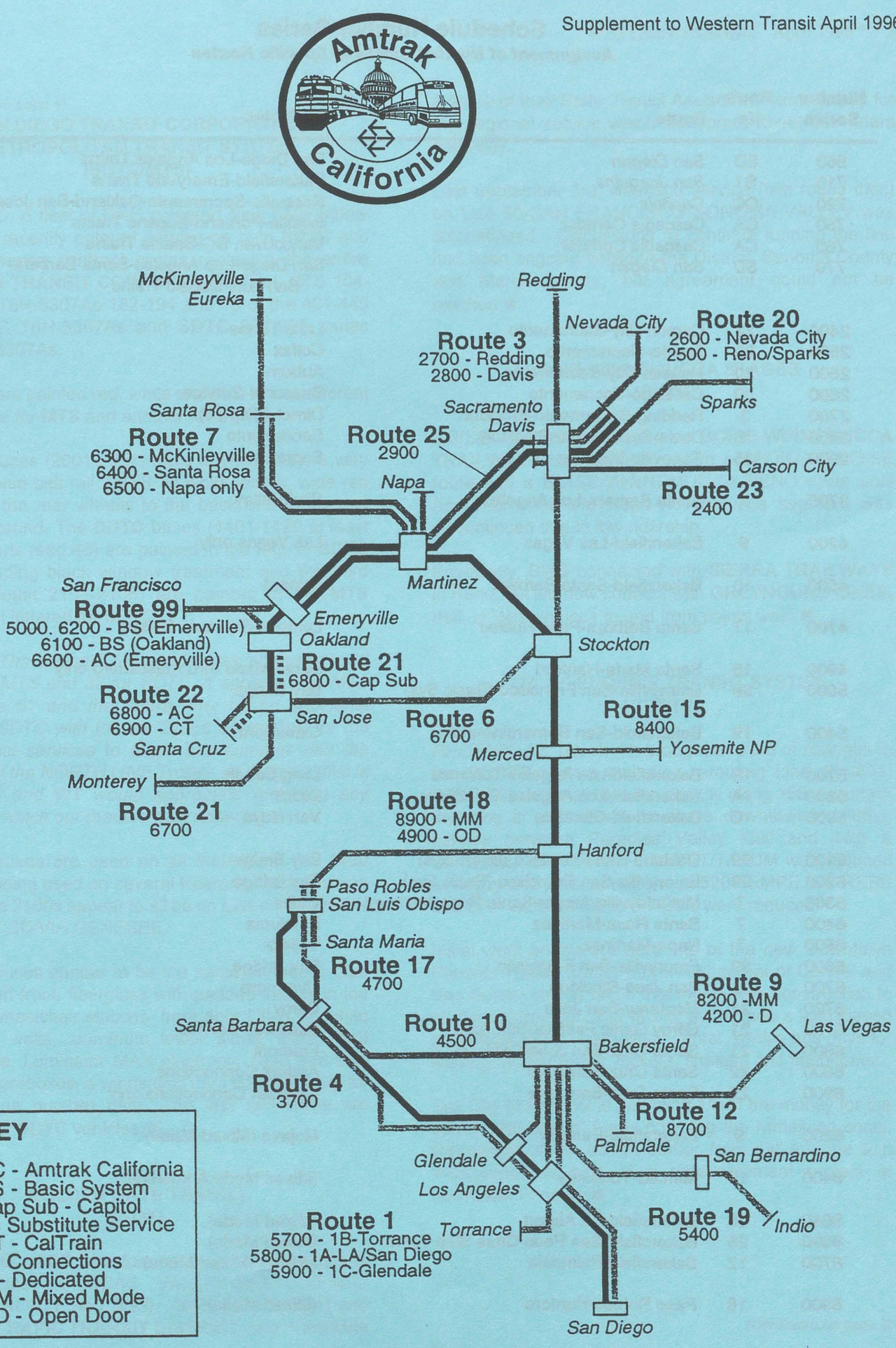
LOS ANGELES: The **MTA** Board recently appointed Interim Chief Executive Officer Joseph Drew to the permanent position at a $167,640 annual salary. The contract includes many of the benefits his predecessor, Franklin White, enjoyed, but at substantially reduced levels. Board Chairman Larry Zarian said that Drew had proven himself during the interim period leading the Board to dispense with a national search.

Beginning February 25th Line 108-SLAUSON AVENUE was adjusted in the Marina Del Rey area so that westbound buses arriving Washington and Palawan Way operated through the Marina area as eastbound trips as far as Fox Hills Mall, stopping there to take their layover, with passengers receiving free line continuation transfers to board the "leader" bus. Public timetables included appropriate wording and graphics advising passengers of this arrangement.

March 31st brought the last of the seven line transition to **ATE MANAGEMENT & SERVICE COMPANY** *(WT 1/96, 3/96)* as Lines 232-LONG BEACH-LAX VIA PCH and 266-LAKEWOOD/ROSEMEAD BLVDS. were shifted. In addition to 3300 series Neoplans and 8200 GMC RTS 04s, the **MTA/ATE** fleet now also includes a small number of 2200 and 2300 series TMC RTS 06s and 35 foot 4400 series RTS 04s.

MTA has started purchasing land for the RED LINE subway extension to the eastside. Tunneling on the 6.8 mile long segment will begin next year. It will be built in two segments, from Union Station to First & Lorena to open in 2003 and the second segment, as yet unfunded, from First & Lorena to Whittier & Atlantic. The line will proceed south under Santa Fe, then swing east paralleling 1st Street to Soto and Chavez, return to First to a point east of Lorena, swing south to Whittier and then east to Atlantic Blvd. in East Los Angeles.■

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Amtrak California
McKinleyville
Eureka
Redding
Nevada City
Route 20
2600 - Nevada City
2500 - Reno/Sparks
Route 3
2700 - Redding
2800 - Davis
Sparks
Santa Rosa
Sacramento
Davis
Route 7
6300 - McKinleyville
6400 - Santa Rosa
6500 - Napa only
Route 25
2900
Carson City
Route 23
2400
Napa
Martinez
San Francisco
Route 99
5000. 6200 - BS (Emeryville)
6100 - BS (Oakland)
6600 - AC (Emeryville)
Emeryville
Oakland
Stockton
Route 21
6800 - Cap Sub
Route 22
6800 - AC
6900 - CT
San Jose
Route 6
6700
Route 15
8400
Santa Cruz
Merced
Yosemite NP
Monterey
Route 21
6700
Route 18
8900 - MM
4900 - OD
Hanford
Paso Robles
San Luis Obispo
Santa Maria
Route 17
4700
Route 9
8200 -MM
4200 - D
Las Vegas
Santa Barbara
Route 10
4500
Bakersfield
Route 4
3700
Route 12
8700
Palmdale
Glendale
San Bernardino
Los Angeles
Route 1
5700 - 1B-Torrance
5800 - 1A-LA/San Diego
5900 - 1C-Glendale
Torrance
Route 19
5400
Indio
San Diego
KEY
AC - Amtrak California
BS - Basic System
Cap Sub - Capitol Substitute Service
CT - CalTrain Connections
D - Dedicated
MM - Mixed Mode
OD - Open Door

Schedule Number Series

Assignment of Number Blocks to Specific Routes

Number Series	Route No.	Route	Via/Notes
560	SD	*San Diegan*	San Diego-Los Angeles Trains
710	SJ	*San Joaquins*	Bakersfield-Emeryville Trains
720	CC	*Capitols*	Roseville-Sacramento-Oakland-San Jose Trains
750	CA	Cascadia Corridor	Seattle-Portland-Eugene Trains
760	CA	Cascadia Corridor	Vancouver, BC-Seattle Trains
770	SD	*San Diegan*	San Diego-Los Angeles-Santa Barbara-San Luis Obispo Trains
2400	23	Carson City-Sacramento	Lake Tahoe
2500	20	Sparks-Sacramento	Colfax
2600	20	Nevada City-Sacramento	Auburn
2600	20	Cal Expo-Sacramento	Seasonal Service
2700	3	Redding-Sacramento-Stockton	Direct (Hwy 70)
2800	3	Davis-Sacramento-Stockton	Sacramento
2900	25	Roseville-Martinez	Sacramento
3700	4	Santa Barbara-Los Angeles	Simi Valley
4200	9	Bakersfield-Las Vegas	Las Vegas only
4500	10	Bakersfield-Santa Barbara	Oxnard
4700	17	Santa Barbara-Paso Robles	Lompoc-San Luis Obispo
4900	18	Santa Maria-Hanford	Santa Maria thru Atascadero only
5000	99	Emeryville-San Francisco (Basic Sys)	Bay Bridge
5400	19	Bakersfield-San Bernardino-Indio	Claremont
5700	1B	Bakersfield-Los Angeles-Torrance	Long Beach
5800	1A	Bakersfield-Los Angeles-San Diego	Direct
5900	1C	Bakersfield-Glendale	Van Nuys
6100	99	Oakland-San Francisco (Basic Sys)	Bay Bridge
6200	99	Emeryville-San Francisco (Basic Sys)	Bay Bridge
6300	7	McKinleyville-Arcata-Santa Rosa-Martinez	Willits
6400	7	Santa Rosa-Martinez	Petaluma
6500	7	Napa-Martinez	Vallejo
6600	99	Emeryville-San Francisco	Bay Bridge
6700	6	San Jose-Stockton	Livermore
6720	21	Monterey-San Jose	Gilroy
6730	21	Gilroy Garlic Festical-San Jose	Seasonal Service
6800	21	Santa Cruz-San Jose-Oakland	Fremont
6800	22	Santa Cruz-San Jose	Amtrak Connections
6900	22	Santa Cruz-San Jose	CalTrain Connections only
8200	9	Bakersfield-Barstow	Mojave (Mixed Mode)
8400	15	Merced-Yosemite	(Mixed Mode & Interline)
8640	26	Bakersfield-LA Airport	(Mixed Mode)
8690	26	Bakersfield-San Pedo Cruis Ship Term.	(Mixed Mode)
8700	12	Bakersfield-Palmdale	Mojave (Mixed-Mode)
8900	18	Paso Robles-Hanford	(Mixed Mode)

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SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORPORATION METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (SDTC/MTS)

SAN DIEGO: A fleet of CNG powered New Flyer Model D40 buses recently entered service on both **SDTC** and **MTS** 900 series contract routes replacing the entire **AMERICAN TRANSIT CORPORATION** fleet, RTS 104-106, GMD T8H-5307As 182-194 and 15 of the 401-440 series GMC T6H-5307As and **SDTC** 931-965 series GMD T8H-5307As.

The buses are painted red, white and blue in two different designs, one for **MTS** and another for **SDTC.**

The **MTS** buses (2001-2051) have a white body, a very wide dark blue belt rail, "MTS" in white letters, wide red stripe from the rear wheels to the back of the bus and wrapping around. The **SDTC** buses (1401-1429 at least - news reports read 46) are painted in the regular **SDTC** colors including black window treatment and the third group (at least 2101-2106) are painted in the **MTS** scheme, but lettered for **SDTC.**

(Ed. Note - The original 77 bus order was increased to 83 with 51 for MTS and 32 for SDTC. It appears that MTS received its 51 and that there may be an additional twenty for SDTC with the six 2100s earmarked for the new contract services to begin this summer with the extension of the NORTH LINE Trolley. At this point this is speculation and **WT** *would appreciate receiving any information which our readers may know.)*

The **MTS** buses are used on all their lines, the 1400 series are being used on several Kearney Mesa Division lines and the 2100s appear to all be on Line 41-FASHION VALLEY-UCSD VIA GENESEE.

Inside the buses appear to be the same, 44 seats, blue leatherette in front, fiberglass with padded inserts in the back, two wheelchair stations, front door Lift-U lift, white upper side walls, aluminum lower sides, black front driver's area, Luminator MAX electronic head and side signs, GFI fareboxes, a windshield card box and a clip for the Bus Run number card. The last two items are traditional for **SDTC** vehicles.■

GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT (GGT)

SAN RAFAEL: **GGT** Directors have approved funding to continue Line 40-LUCAS VALLEY-SAN RAFAEL-BART/DEL NORTE *(WT 5/93)*. **GGT, AC TRANSIT** and **BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT** each contribute a share of their State Transit Assistance funds to pay for this regional service which transports about 500 riders each day.

Last September 3rd, weekend service (two round trips) on Line 90-SAN FRANCISCO-SONOMA VALLEY was discontinued. Discussions to continue funding the line had been ongoing between the District, Sonoma County and Marin County, but agreement could not be reached.■

BOISE-WINNEMUCCA STAGES (BWS)

BOISE, ID: **BWS,** operating as **BOISE-WINNEMUCCA TRAILWAYS** had been operating a SPOKANE-BOISE route and a BOISE-WINNEMUCCA-RENO route until April 1st when the Reno-Winnemucca segment was discontinued due to low ridership.

Previously, **BWS** connected with **SIERRA TRAILWAYS** in Reno, but will now connect with **GREYHOUND LINES, INC.** in Winnemucca to and from points west.■

CITY OF PHOENIX TRANSIT SYSTEM (COPTS)

PHOENIX, AZ: March 4th brought a round of changes to the **COPTS** system including rerouting Line 16-16TH STREET to have all trips run directly along 16th no longer diverting in peak hours to serve downtown. Midday service between Paradise Valley Mall and 44th & Camelback on 44-44TH STREET/TATUM was reduced to hourly and peak hour trips on 520-TEMPE EXPRESS and 570- GLENDALE EXPRESS were reduced.

Initial work on the 2.6 acre site of the new Downtown Phoenix Transit Center (northwest corner of Central and Van Buren) should begin this month with construction to start in September. The facility will include a landscaped passenger plaza, information center, twelve bus bays for loading, bicycle racks, lockers, shelters and telephones.

The City of Phoenix is providing 1/5 of the money for the center with federal funds covering the remaining costs. Relocation of the transit center from 1st Avenue and Washington is part of a redevelopment project in downtown Phoenix.■

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PACIFIC COAST SIGHTSEEING TOURS, INC.

Anaheim, California

Fleet Nos	Builder	Model	Serial	Year	Notes
1501	Dodge	Ram 350 LE	LK760924	1990	Lift equipped
1502-1504	Dodge	Ram 350 LE	SK556672-674	1995	
1505-1509	Dodge	Ram 350 LE	SK557557-559,555-556	1995	
2510-2511	Ford El Dorado	Econoline 350/Aerotech	SHA08174-175	1995	
2512-2514	Ford El Dorado	Econoline 350/Aerotech	SHA08179-180	1995	
2515	Ford El Dorado	Econoline 350/Aerotech	SHA08182	1995	
5317-5318	MCI	MC-9	CPO37127,130	1982	1
4719-4720	MCI	MC-9	EPO39216-217	1984	2
4721	MCI	MC-9A	EPO38757	1984	3
3922	MCI	MC-9A	EPO38758	1984	4
5325	MCI	MC-9	U32121/S15198	1980	5
5326	MCI	MC-9	U35238/S15203	1980	6
4727-4728	TMC	MC-9	CRO03267-268	1982	7
4729-4730	TMC	102C3	KRO07165-166	1989	
4731-4733	MCI	MC-9	DPO38211,213,214	1983	8
4734	MCI	MC-9	BPO35772	1981	9
4735	MCI	MC-9	BPO35904	1981	10
4736-4739	MCI	102C3	MPO43826-829	02/91	
4740-4741	MCI	MC-9	CPO36904-905	03/82	11
4742-4743	MCI	MC-9	DPO38212,216	1983	12
4746-4747	MCI	MC-9	CPO36877,874	1982	13
5348	TMC	MC-9	ERO04303	1984	14
5549	MCI	102DL3	PPO45226	03/93	15
5550	MCI	102DL3	PPO45228	03/93	16
5551	MCI	102DL3	PPO45418	03/93	
4752-4753	TMC	102C3	LROO7723-724	1990	17
5654-5655	Prevost	H3-45	R1001084-085	1994	
5556-5557	MCI	102DL3	SPO468864-885	1995	
4758-4759	MCI	102C3	PPO45529-530	08/93	18
4760	MCI	MC-9	BPO35773/S15809	03/81	19
4761	TMC	MC-9	EROO4247	02/84	20
4762-4763	TMC	MC-9	EROO4251-252	02/84	21
4764	TMC	MC-9	EROO4680	12/84	22

Notes

1. Ex Airport Service 4203, 4206.
2. Ex California Charter Buses 4542-4543.
3. Ex Continental Golden Charter 35.
4. Ex Continental Golden Charter 36, lift equipped. Renumbered from 4722.
5. Ex Airport Service 4002.
6. Ex Airport Service 4007.
7. Ex Shuttlejack (NM) -,-.
8. Ex Franciscan Lines 118,120,121.
9. Ex Rosech Lines 463.
10. Ex Rosech Lines 465.
11. Ex Franciscan Lines 116-117.
12. Ex Franciscan Lines 119, 123.
13. Ex Coordinators 5125-5126.
14. Ex Coordinators 5328.
15. Painted for Universal Studios.
16. Painted for Sea World.
17. Ex Shuttlejack (NM) 804, 801.
18. Ex Pacific Coach Services 6-7.
19. Ex Roesch Lines 464.
20. Ex Roesch Lines 451.
21. Ex Roesch Lines 454-455.
22. Ex Roesch Lines 458.

The first two digits of the fleet number is the seating capacity. The last two are the fleet number.

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REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (RPTA)

PHOENIX, AZ: **RPTA** Line 72-SCOTTSDALE ROAD-RURAL ROAD was also adjusted March 4th with only selected trips now operating north of the Scottsdale Airport to the Scottsdale Princess Resort Hotel.■

WASHINGTON STATE NEWS BRIEFS

PIERCE TRANSIT of Tacoma has placed an order for 13 compressed natural gas powered suburban style Orion V buses with delivery scheduled for spring 1997.

CLARK COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT AREA (C-TRAN) of Vancouver is accepting bids for 23 twenty five foot, lift equipped paratransit vehicles.

The **CENTRAL PUGET SOUND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY** is planning to offer another transportation plan on the November 1996 ballot. It will include regional express buses, light rail, commuter rail, HOV facilities and general traffic improvements to be completed within ten years. The tax rate for the new proposal will be 0.4 percent local sales tax and 0.3% local vehicle license tax.■

WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES (WSF)

SEATTLE, WA: During February the schedules of the SOUTHWORTH-VASHON and FAUNTLEROY-VASHON routes were adjusted to allow repairs to be made to the wing walls in the main slip at the Vashon Terminal. During the construction only one ship was able to operate while the regular schedules allow two vessels to dock simultaneously.

Parking fees were instituted at the Southworth terminal parking lot in February - $1.50 per day for those travelers arriving between 400AM and 800AM. Travelers can pay in cash or **KITSAP TRANSIT** discount tickets ($1.20).

Those who do not want to pay can park at the Harper Free Evangelical Church park and ride and use **KITSAP TRANSIT** Line 86 buses to and from the Ferry. The bus meets all ferries through the 730PM arrival except for a few midday trips.

WSF's Tariff Policy Committee has recommended fare changes to the State Transportation Commission related to bicycle passes and interagency fares.

Washington State Ferries

The pilot program for bicycle passes would be extended with the cost of the annual pass to be $20 to gear it more toward commuting bicyclists than recreational users. With the pass the 50 cent bicycle surcharge would be waived and only the regular passenger fare would be paid. The existing bicycle pass program will continue in the interim.

Authority would also be requested to combine fares with other transit agencies on a test basis. These special fares would integrate bus and ferry ticketing as part of the Central Puget Sound Regional Fare Integration Project.

The objective of the project is the development of a single fare mechanism for use on all transit systems and modes in Kitsap, King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties. Some type of credit card/debit card has been mentioned.

The Tariff Committee has also been evaluating final phasing in of oversized vehicle fare modifications and the fares charged on the ANACORTES-SIDNEY, B.C. route.

Todd Shipyards has begun production of the three Jumbo Mark II ferry boats *(WT 3/94)*. The firm is buying materials and producing parts for the first vessel. The ship will be built in units, which are roughly 30 foot blocks. Presently there are 11 units on the launchway at Todd and the delivery date for the first vessel, the *TACOMA,* is set for March 1997.

The delivery date for the second ship, the *WENATCHEE,* is one year after completion of the first. The third vessel, the *PUYALLUP,* will follow in the same manner.

Actually, some construction will start on the next vessel before the previous one is finished.

There will be an enclosed passenger lounge on the upper most deck. There will also be open ended enclosures there. Other passenger space amenities will include a new express bar as well as full food service, additional and wider stairways, better lighting and ventilation, unisex restrooms with baby changing facilities, elevator access to the sun deck and a dedicated first aid room. There will also be outlets where passengers can plug in computers and public cellular phones will be available. Consultants have been employed to design upgraded interiors including seating, upholstery and colors.■

EQUIPMENT REPORT

(All properties are located in California unless otherwise noted)

PROPERTY	FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL #'S	DATE	NOTES
-NEW-					
Humboldt Transit Authority	30	Gillig	4096TB6V92TA/M1083974	1991	
	31	Gillig	S50T40102/S1085621	05/95	
	32	Gillig	S50T40102/T1085622	04/96	
VINE/Napa Valley Transit	127-131	Gillig	S50T35102/S1085641-645	12/94	
Chula Vista Transit	32-33	Gillig	S50T35102/S1085857-858	05/95	
Oahu Transit Services (HI)	660-685	Gillig	S50T40102/S1085952-977	6-7/95	
	686-688	Gillig	M11T40102/S1085978-980	07/95	
	740-749	Gillig	S50T40102/S1086310-319	08/95	
	754-770	Gillig	S50T40102/S1086320-336	08/95	
	751-753	Gillig	S50T40102/S1086337-339	08/95	
	771-773,750	Gillig	M11T40102/S1086340-343	12/95	
Turismos Rapidos (NM)	240	MCI	102DL3/RPO45793	1994	"La Gacela"
	265	MCI	102DL3/RPO46727	1994	"Pantera"
	270	MCI	102DL3/RPO46728	1994	"Leopardo"
	280	MCI	102DL3/SPO46915	1995	"Durango"
	290	MCI	102DL3/SPO46918	1995	"Aguas Calientes"
Amer Pac Tour Coach, Inc	1263	MCI	102D3/SPO46886	1995	
Texas Bus Lines (TX)	158	MCI	102D3/SPO47076	1995	
K-T Services, Inc. (NV)	291	MCI	102D3/SPO47079	1995	
Knapps Bus Lines	04	Prevost	LeMirage XL/L1001881	1990	
Adventure Chtr & Tours (NV)	27	Setra	S215HDH/R1030375	1994	
Preferred Charters	9317	Van Hool	T800-45/24578	1993	
Con Tours	777	Dina	Viaggio 1000/SS000776	1995	
-USED-					
National City Transit	301-302	Gillig	4096TA6V92/D1080499,0525	1983	A
	303-306	Gillig	4096TA6V92/-,-,-,-	1983	B
Main Place Shpr Shuttle	404	Gillig	3596TA6V92/D1080568	1983	C
Airport Coach	728	MCI	MC-8/U33050/S13550	11/78	D
	729	MCI	MC-8/U32825/S13402	1978	E
Palac Charters dba America Sightseers	7878	Prevost	H3-40/N1001190	1992	F
Shuttleking Tours, Inc (TX)	9402	Van Hool	T800-45/R2024837	1994	G
-DISPOSITIONS-					
Antelope Valley Bus, Inc	863	MCI	MC-9/U35432 S15386	1980	H
	864-865	MCI	MC-9/BPO35971-972	1981	H
Airport Bus of Bakersfield	123-124	MCI	MC-9/BPO36046,048	1981	H
-CORRECTIONS-					
Mogollon Tours, Inc. (AZ)	517	MCI	102DL3/RPO46288	1994	I
American Pacific Int'l	1225	MCI	102DL3/NPO58003	1992	J

NOTES

A. Ex OCTA 4035, 4061.
B. Ex OCTA -,-,-,-.
C. Ex OCTA 4540.
D.. Ex AVBI 847.
E. Ex AVBI 845.
F. Ex Academy Lines (NJ) 505.
G. Ex ABC Bus Sales demo.
H. For sale at AVBI in Commerce.
I. Originally reported as 515.
J. Originally reported as 1224-builders plate VIN error re-verified.