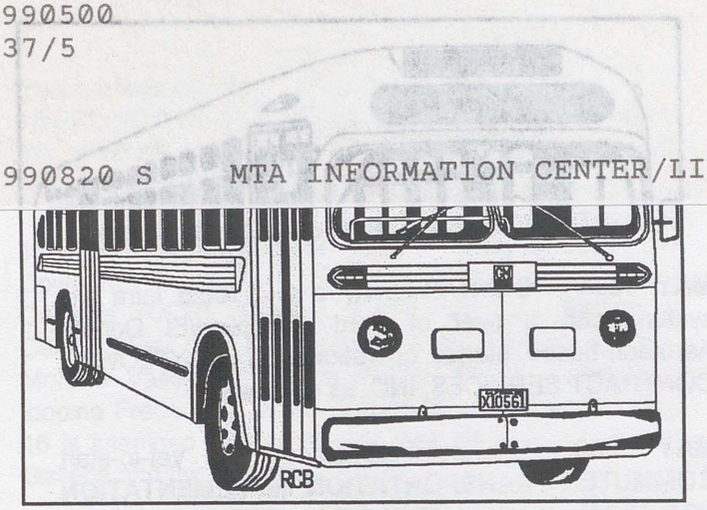
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RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA)

RIVERSIDE: What has been described as the largest service change in **RTA** history took place April 18th as the entire fixed route system experienced either straight lining, headway improvements or extensions.

New service was added in the Sun City to Temecula and Wildomar/Murrieta areas of southwest Riverside County. The fixed route fleet also saw addition of three new El Dorado/National EZ Rider buses.

RTA Riverside Transit Agency

On weekdays there are 57 **RTA** operated large buses on Lines 1, 7, 8, 10, 12-22, 25, 27, 29 and 49 plus 13 contractor (LAIDLAW) small buses and cutaways on Lines 3, 23, 24, 30-32 and 35-37 and five trolleys on the ORANGE BLOSSOM EXPRESS.

1-CORONA-RIVERSIDE now begins in Corona at 10th & Smith via 10th, Lincoln, 6th/Magnolia, Central, De Anza, Merrill, Magnolia/Market, University, Canyon Crest, looping Linden, Rustin, Blaine and Canyon Crest (UCR). Selected trips serve West Corona and Riverside/ Downtown METROLINK. On Sundays, Line 1 continues the Pierce/Hole segment of 12 and the Park/3rd/Big Springs segment of 13.

3-CORONA-NORCO continues weekdays only between the Wal-Mart Center on McKinley St and Arlington & La Sierra via Main St/Hamner in Corona and Norco, but no longer has several alternate routings serving numerous schools, but has a consistent 75 minute headway.

7-ELSINORE-EASTBOUND LOOP and 8-ELSINORE-WESTBOUND LOOP continue to circle the city of Lake Elsinore, but with the 7 now extended, like the 8 was, to the Inland Valley Regional Medical Center requiring operation along Interstate 15.

10-LINCOLN AVENUE runs from Riverside to Galleria At Tyler as before except it was rerouted to travel along Van Buren and Magnolia in lieu of Indiana and Tyler.

12-CALIFORNIA AVENUE operates as before between North Riverside and Magnolia & Harrison in Arlington, then via Magnolia, thru Tyler Mall, Tyler, Hole and Pierce to Sterling replacing Line 1.

13-UCR-CENTRAL-TYLER runs as before from Galleria At Tyler to Downtown Terminal, then via University, Park, Mission Inn, Eucalyptus, 3rd, looping Mt. Vernon, Big Spring, Aberdeen, Linden and Canyon Crest to 3rd.

14-INDIANA AVENUE runs between Galleria At Tyler and Downtown Terminal as before with the Fairmount Park segment realigned to Market Street and transferred to Line 29 which is now interlined with 14.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

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

APPLICATIONS

Astros, Inc. dba ASTRO LINES of Mission Hills for charter authority - TCP 12481-B

Andre Planchon dba MAIN EVENT LIMOUSINES seeking PSC between points in Monterey County and between City of Monterey and San Francisco Airport via Marina, Salinas and San Jose Airport

Arthur F. Baisley dba ARTHUR'S AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION for on-call PSC between points in Sutter, Yuba, Nevada and Placer Counties and Sacramento Airport

Saeid Vakili dba ATLAS EXPRESS for PSC between points in Alameda, Santa Clara, San Mateo Counties and area airports

Ehab Elsayed dba WEST COAST SHUTTLE & LIMO for PSC between points in Solano, Contra Costa, Alameda, San Francisco Counties and area airports

VENTURA COUNTY AIRPORTER has applied to establish a Zone Of Rate Freedom

DECISIONS

Jose Luis Ayala dba EL CORRE CAMINOS, was authorized to transfer his PSC to *Mark Sneed and Jose Luis Ayala dba EL CORRE CAMINOS* (Inland Empire to San Ysidro) although Mr. Ayala, following admission of violation of statutes and General Orders of the PUC, was fined and placed on probation for one year

Sue and Barry Pries dba AFFORDABLE SEDAN AND VAN SERVICE granted PSC from the Tri Valley area (San Ramon, Pleasanton, Livermore) to San Francisco, San Jose and Oakland Airports

Robert John Hilton dba DESERT VALLEY SHUTTLE authorized to add on-call door to door, shared ride service between points in the Coachella Valley and to establish a Zone Of Rate Freedom

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(Headline stories or other news items from past issues of WESTERN TRANSIT as we relive transit history)

MAY 1994 - DOWNEYLINK, a four route intra city system with a fleet of Ford Econoline/El Dorado Aerotech buses, started operations with MAYFLOWER CONTRACT SERVICES, INC. as contractor

MAY 1989 - As administrator for the yet-to-start **COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM** renamed **MUNICIPAL AREA EXPRESS (MAX)** prior to start up, the City of Torrance approved purchase of 23 25-passenger Gillig Spirit buses for the three route system

MAY 1984 - SCRTD placed the first of the 3300-3714 series Neoplan AN440A buses in service, concentrated all MAN articulated buses on 1-HOLLYWOOD BLVD and was in the final construction stages of Division 10 which opened in June

MAY 1979 - ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT was accepting delivery of 2001-2065, non lift equipped Grumman Flxible 870s. The District was then involved in two legal battles, one with the California Attorney General which would force **OCTD** to provide lifts on its buses and the second, with a statewide handicapped persons group, to block purchase of buses without lifts

MAY 1974 - LONG BEACH TRANSIT started two new crosstown lines — 15-DEL AMO BLVD and 16-SOUTH STREET-LOS CERRITOS CENTER with positive connections between the two lines at Del Amo and Long Beach Boulevards

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15-ARLINGTON AVENUE remained the same except the alternate route to La Sierra METROLINK was discontinued. Sunday frequency is now hourly.

16-RIVERSIDE-MORENO VALLEY runs from the Downtown Terminal via University, Canyon Crest, South Campus (UCR), Canyon Crest, Central, Sycamore Canyon, Fair Isle, Box Springs, Day, Canyon Springs, Moreno Valley Mall, Sunnymead, Perris, Allesandro, looping Frederick, Cactus, Ellsworth to Allesandro. Line 16 is interlined with short turn trips on Line 1 between Galleria and the Downtown Terminal.

17-MORENO VALLEY-EUCALYPTUS operates from Frederick & Allesandro via Allesandro, Ellsworth, Bay, Day, Moreno Valley Mall, Frederick, Eucalyptus, Kitching, Allesandro, Moreno Beach and Lasselle to RCC-Moreno Valley Campus.

18-MORENO VALLEY-HEACOCK runs from M.V. Mall via Frederick, Ironwood, Heacock, Allesandro, Indian, J. F.Kennedy, Kitching and Krameria to RCC.

19-MORENO VALLEY-PERRIS-SUN CITY runs from M. V. Mall, looping thru M.V. Ranch area via Frederick, Old Lake, Sunnymead Ranch, Perris, Manzanita, Heacock, Old Lake, Frederick, Cottonwood, Perris, Iris, Lasselle, Krameria, Perris, San Jacinto, Wilkerson, 4th, I-215, McCall, looping via Bradley, Cherry Hills, Sun City and McCall. Selected weekday trips serve Starcraft Industries while Sunday trips operate only to Perris.

20-RIVERSIDE PLAZA-MORENO VALLEY runs as before, between Riverside Plaza and the Moreno Valley Community Hospital, primarily along Allesandro Blvd.

21-COUNTRY VILLAGE-TYLER RANCH operates from Indiana & Wickham via Indiana, Tyler, (Galleria At Tyler), Magnolia, Van Buren, Limonite, Pedley, Jurupa, Felspar and Mission Blvd to Country Village. All trips now serve METROLINK The Pedley Station and 21E-METROLINK EXPRESS was discontinued.

22-RIVERSIDE-PERRIS-LAKE ELSINORE remained on the same alignment and schedule as before connecting Riverside, Woodcrest, Mead Valley, Perris and Elsinore.

23-TEMECULA-MURRIETA covers some new territory. From County Center the bus travels County Center Dr, Equity, Ynez Rd, Winchester, Murrieta Hot Springs Rd, Madison, Kalmia/California Oaks, Falconer, Nutmeg, Prielipp and Inland Valley Dr to Inland Valley Regional Medical Center (connection with Lines 7 and 8).
24-TEMECULA LOCAL is interlined with 23 and runs from County Center via County Center Dr, Ynez, Solano, Margarita, Rancho California, Front, 2nd, Mercedes, Main and Pujol to the Community Center.

25-RIVERSIDE-LOMA LINDA stayed on the same routing thru Riverside, Highgrove and Grand Terrace, but half hourly short turns as far as Center and Iowa were added on weekdays.

26-MORENO VALLEY-METROLINK EXPRESS was discontinued, replaced in part by a streamlined routing west of the Moreno Valley Mall for Line 16.

27-TYLER MALL-HEMET was extended into the Valle Vista area of Hemet and rerouted away from Sun City (see 19 and 37). From Galleria At Tyler, buses run via Tyler, 91 Freeway, Van Buren, Wood, Bergamont, Cole, Trautwein, Orange Tree Pkwy, Van Buren, I-215, Nuevo, Perris, San Jacinto, Wilkerson, 4th, I-215, Hwy 74/Florida Ave (serving Hemet Valley Mall) to Lincoln.

29-RIVERSIDE-RUBIDOUX runs from the Downtown Terminal via Market, 24th, Rubidoux Blvd, Tilton, 42nd, Riverview, Limonite, Etiwanda looping via 50th, Martin and Bellgrave (Jurupa Valley High School).

30-PERRIS LOCAL continued on the same routing and schedule offering community service between 900AM and 500PM on weekdays.

31-BANNING-HEMET was realigned and now operates from Hemet Valley Mall via Latham, Lyon, Stetson, State St (diverting to serve Mt. San Jacinto Community College), Gilman Springs Rd, Lambs Canyon Rd (Hwy 79), 6th/Ramsey and Highland Springs Rd to San Gorgonio Hospital. 31 is interlined with 32.

32-HEMET MALL-SAN JACINTO also begins at Hemet Valley Mall and travels via Devonshire, Lyon, Acacia, Palm, Mayberry, San Jacinto, Esplanade, Hewitt, Anza, State and Community College Drive to MSJCC.

35-MORENO VALLEY MALL-BANNING operates from Moreno Valley Mall via Centerpoint, Frederick, Hwy 60, Interstate 10, 6th, Allegheny, 8th and Highland Springs to Banning's San Gorgonio Hospital.

36-YUCAIPA-CALIMESA-BANNING had several small reroutings and now travels from Yucaipa (connection with **OMNITRANS** Line 8) via Yucaipa, 5th, Erwin, Park, Ave. K, Calimesa Blvd, Cherry Valley, Desert Lawn, San Timoteo Canyon Rd/14th, Beaumont, 6th, Allegheny. 8th and Highland Springs to San Gorgonio Hospital. Line 36 will now deviate up to 3/4 of a mile on either side of the alignment on advance request. 24 hours notice is required, but there is no additional charge.

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37-PERRIS-SUN CITY-TEMECULA is NEW, has NEW buses and the longest service span of any **RTA** route, 415AM-136AM. 1000PM is the latest otherwise.

Between 600AM and 900PM the route serves Perris. At other times, the bus travels along Hwy 74 to/from Hemet serving Hemet Valley Mall and Sears Plaza.

Hourly between 600AM and 900PM, from Temecula's County Center, the 37 travels via County Center, Equity, Ynez, Rancho California, Diaz Rd, Winchester, I-215, McCall (Sun City), Bradley, Cherry Hills, Sun City, McCall, I-215, 4th and Wilkerson (Perris).

At 415AM, 510AM, 931PM and 1032PM buses depart Hemet's Sears Plaza via Oakland, San Jacinto, Florida (Hwy 74), I-215, McCall, then operate the regular route to Temecula. At 802PM, 903PM, 1111PM and 1212AM, buses leave Temecula for Hemet.

The special hours and alignment for Line 37 is part of **RTA**'s participation in Riverside County's Welfare-To-Work programs *(WT 7/98).* The first tier of the program was to include aiding persons in Hemet with transportation to jobs in Temecula and Murrieta by providing fixed route service on Interstate 215.

49-RIVERSIDE-COUNTRY VILLAGE VIA MISSION BLVD remained on the same routing with minor adjustments in the schedule.

Lines 3, 30 and 37 operate only on weekdays while all others run Monday thru Saturday. Sunday service is offered only on 1, 15, 16, 19, 20, 22 and 49.

Line 3 is operated by LAIDLAW from their Corona yard using 500 series Econoline/Goshen cutaways while the other contract lines are run by LAIDLAW out of the Hemet yard, generally using 600 and 800 series Econoline/World Trans cutaways.

The **RTA** fleet includes 9901-9903, El Dorado/National EZ Riders, which are part of the contract fleet, operated by LAIDLAW from Hemet and assigned to Line 37.

These low floor, diesel powered buses have a rear door ramp, 25 gray fiberglass with padded insert seats, a mixture of forward and longitudinal, two wheel chair stations and transom windows. *(Ed. Note - these buses are part of a group of 29 which National built for OCTA who elected to purchase only 25. These are three of the other four, the last one being used as a demonstrator. The OCTA units are undergoing acceptance and will be placed into service this summer).*

OMNITRANS (OT)

SAN BERNARDINO: **OT** fares will increase on July 5th. Regular cash fares will increase from 85 cents to $1 with senior and disabled fares rising from 35 to 45 cents. Day Passes will also increase - from $2 to $2.50 ($1 to $1.25) All categories of monthly passes will rise. The **INLAND EMPIRE CONNECTION** fares will also rise. One zone will become $1 and two zones $1.85. ACCESS and Dial-A-Cab fares will rise, but Dial-A-Ride fares (DAR runs in Yucaipa only) will remain as now.

OT is planning to purchase about five acres of land from Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway for use as the San Bernardino Transcenter. The land, along Rialto between E and F Streets, would replace the present 4th Street Transit Mall and is adjacent to a proposed METROLINK Station for downtown.

Later this year, **OT** will receive the first 44 (of 61) CNG low floor New Flyers *(WT 7/98).* 26 will replace 1980 RTS 04s (400-440 series) and 18 are for expansion. In April 2000, 5 medium duty buses are due, 4 to replace more 1980 RTS 04s and one for expansion. These units are for new Smart Shuttles in Redlands and Chino Hills to replace present Lines 30, 31 and 72.

FOOTHILL TRANSIT (FT)

WEST COVINA: The **FT** Board has approved purchase of 88 new buses including 77 40-foot low floor Gilligs, 7 30-foot low floor Gilligs and 4 40-foot low floor buses with hybrid-electric drive propulsion and diesel auxiliary power unit from Orion (likely the Orion VI). Two of these buses are being bought by **FRESNO AREA EXPRESS** through an assignment under terms of the contract.

LAIDLAW TRANSIT SERVICES was awarded a 3 year contract for continued operation of Lines 178/179, 184, 185, 187, 272, 274, 276, 480/481, 482, 701/702 and 721 although they did not offer the lowest cost proposal. In response to questions from COACH USA, who did submit the lowest costs, the staff said that quality of service issues such as continued operation with the same staff and impacts on riders that changes in contractors have, were included in the evaluations.

FT continues to pursue acquisition of land at Live Oak and Peck Rd in Irwindale for a second operating facility to replace the current LAIDLAW yard on Baldwin in El Monte. This change would allow capital funds to be used for construction and local money used for facility lease payments could be used for other expenses.

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TRANSPORTATION AND LEGISLATION

A number of additional bills have been introduced in the California Legislature affecting transportation issues.

SCA 3 (Burton, D-San Francisco and Karnette, D-Long Beach) proposes a state constitutional amendment to ask California voters to change state law and allow local jurisdictions, normally counties, to impose a "special" tax, by a simple majority vote as opposed to the current 2/3, if the tax is imposed exclusively to fund projects and services for transportation purposes.

SB 315 (Burton & Karnette) proposes to finance repairs and upgrades of transportation infrastructure by calling for four transportation bond issues of $4 billion each, beginning with the November 2000 election.

SB 1101 (Murray, Burton, Escutia, Karnette, Polanco, Solis) would require any Los Angeles County based transit operating organizational unit established by the LACMTA after 1/1/99, any other entity that assumes operating responsibilities or any employer of a transportation zone to assume any collective bargaining agreements and any labor obligations imposed by state or federal law *(Ed. Note - the practical effect of this bill would be to require FOOTHILL TRANSIT, if it expands, or the proposed San Fernando Valley Transportation Zone or other zones not yet created, to honor the labor contracts MTA has with the United Transportation Union, Amalgamated Transit Union and Transit Communications Union. Employees acquired by the other entities would be placed in the same bargaining units as their MTA counterparts).*

AB 521 (McClintock, R-Granada Hills) offers a pay-as-you-go alternative to SB 315 by transferring to the State Highway Account the existing sales tax on nine cents of the state gasoline tax and then transfer two cents of the gas tax from state to local government. The bill would raise $800 million per year limited to mixed flow facilities on state highways and local streets and roads only. No funds could be spent on public transit.

AB 1315 (Ashburn, R-Bakersfield and Strickland, R-1000 Oaks) would severely hurt transit funding by exempting from state sales tax any excise tax imposed on gasoline and diesel fuel. By reducing the base the sales tax is applied to, the State Transit Assistance Fund would be reduced $30 million annually and there would be no transit capital funds for the Public Transportation Account as its revenues would be reduced, for this purpose, by another $30 million.

VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (VTA)

SAN JOSE: Two NEW lines started April 12th as part of the Spring Service Change.

12-EASTRIDGE-SAN JOSE CIVIC CENTER operates on weekends only connecting Eastridge and the Civic Center area also serving The San Jose Flea Market on Berryessa Road. Buses run every half hour between 1000AM and 600PM via Capitol Expressway, Quimby, Tully, King, Berryessa, Hedding and 1st to Taylor.

Also begun was 46-LOCKHEED MARTIN-SHORELINE INDUSTRIAL PARK, a new shuttle route operating on weekdays during peak hours between the Shoreline Industrial Park and connecting local and express buses at Lockheed Martin.

Construction of the Tasman West Light Rail Extension to Mountain View has caused the closing of some light rail stations on weekends to retrofit station platforms and upgrade tracks. The TASMAN LIGHT RAIL BUS BRIDGE, a weekend only Free replacement service, has been established. It runs along the same route as the train between the Component and Old Ironsides Stations from Component Drive via North 1st and Tasman Drive to Patrick Henry Drive.

Between mid February and May 3rd TLRBB operated between 220AM Saturday and 300AM Monday. As of May 4th, the TLRBB runs on a daily basis.

CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

Tuolumne County voted to pull out of the **YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY** *(WT 3/99).* Remaining members, National Park Service, Mariposa, Merced and Mono Counties, are planning to begin busing tourists by the summer of 2000.

Riverside County Transportation Commission members have given the go-ahead to proceed with initial development of new METROLINK stations in Corona at Main Street and Arlington at Van Buren Blvd. This is the first step in a long process.

As of March 15, **NORWALK TRANSIT SYSTEM** buses no longer run inside Norwalk Town Square, but instead travel along Pioneer Blvd. The **NTS** fleet includes at least four more (7053-7056) 40-foot low floor Gilligs.

POWAY TRANSIT SYSTEM'S weekend only POWAY TROLLEY route *(WT 4/99)* has been discontinued.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA)

LOS ANGELES: The **MTA** Board has approved the Pre-Applications from **FOOTHILL TRANSIT** and the GREATER SAN FERNANDO VALLEY TRANSPORTATION ZONE allowing the applicants to develop zone application for transfer of specific lines, service areas and funds, subject to additional input from the involved stakeholders and further debate. Changes have already been made to the Zone Guidelines.

The extension of Line 802-UNION STATION-WILSHIRE RAIL (METRO RED LINE) to Hollywood will open June 12. The 4.6 mile extension will feature five stations – Vermont/Beverly, Vermont/Santa Monica, Vermont/Sunset, Hollywood/Western and Hollywood/Vine. Bus line changes to be made include adjustments on Lines 2, 14, 163, 212, 217, 420 and 429, discontinuation of Line 1 and inauguration of a Free fare, **MTA** funded, **LADOT** operated HOLLYWOOD SHUTTLE along Hollywood Blvd between Vine and La Brea.

Court appointed Special Master Donald Bliss, who oversees the Consent Decree, recently rejected the agency's challenge to his power, but did reduce the number of buses to be purchased to improve service and reduce delays from 532 to 481 *(WT 4/99).* This includes 379 buses to comply with overcrowding issues and 102 to expand capacity on certain lines.

COACH USA COMPANIES IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

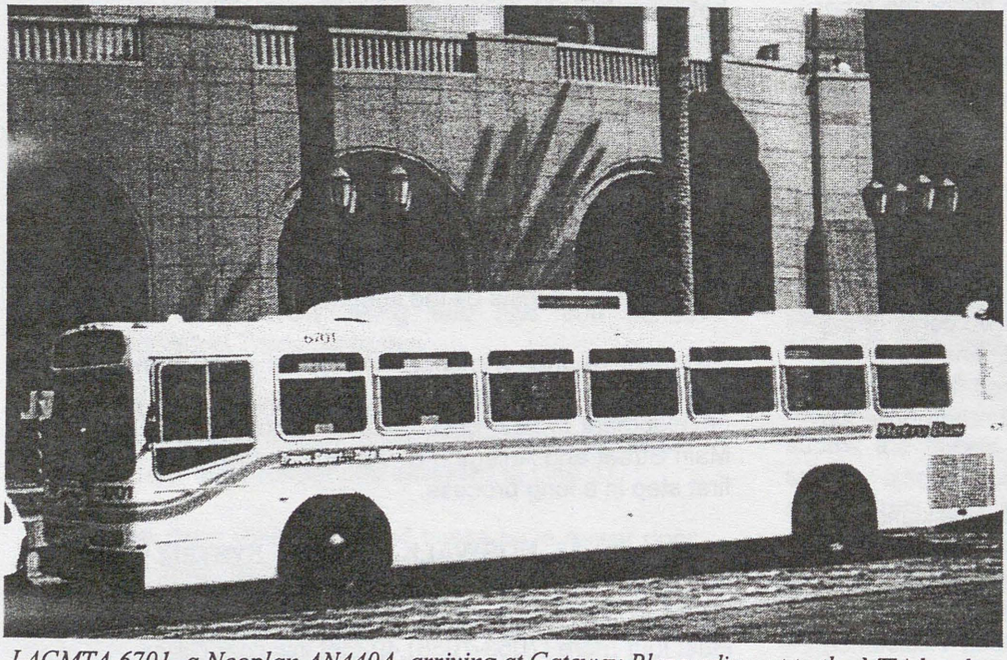
CALIFORNIA CHARTERS, INC., ANTELOPE VALLEY BUS, INC., PACIFIC COAST SIGHTSEEING TOURS and **VALEN TRANSPORTATION, INC.** are all COACH USA subsidiaries located in Greater Los Angeles.

CCI recently transferred the **LADOT** Lines 142, 143 and 147 operating contract and ten 30- and 40-foot Gilligs from their 69th Street Long Beach garage to the **AVBI** Commerce yard on Washington Blvd. receiving in return **AVBI's** AMTRAK CALIFORNIA contract and about eight lift equipped MCI/TMC buses.

Meanwhile in Anaheim, **PCST** and **VTI** each moved from separate locations into a combined facility on Manchester Avenue (formerly Bauer Motors Jaguar) adjacent to the Santa Ana Freeway.

PCST, with a fleet of MC-9s, is the new contract operator of the seven route shuttle system in Anaheim connecting most hotels and motels with Disneyland. They replace **WESTERN TRANSIT SYSTEMS** with its fleet of former **OCTA** Gillig Phantoms.

The ANAHEIM-ONTARIO MILLS SHUTTLE, operated by **PCST,** has been expanded to include pick ups in Buena Park at Buena Park Hotel, Embassy Suites and Holiday Inn and Friday service has been added.



LACMTA 6701, a Neoplan AN440A, arriving at Gateway Plaza adjacent to the MTA headquarters building for publicity photos. One of an order of 100 CNG buses, these are powered by Detroit Diesel Series 50 engines and are expected to all be assigned to Division 3.

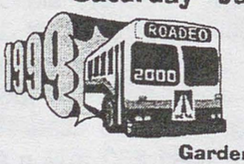
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OCTA ROADEO

OCTA will be having their Annual Roadeo on Saturday, June 5th from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Division 4 in Garden Grove. Take the Garden Grove Freeway and exit at Harbor Blvd and go south to Woodbury. Turn right and proceed to end of street.

There will be various displays, food, games, and the roadeo competition.

Saturday - June 5



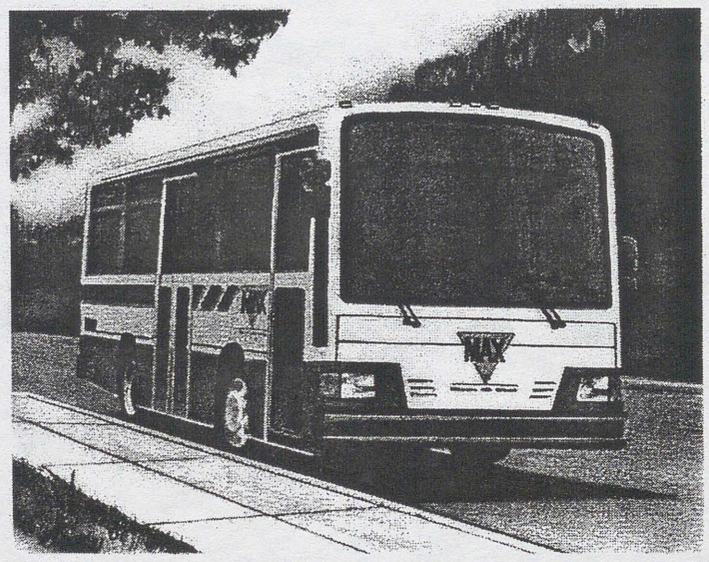
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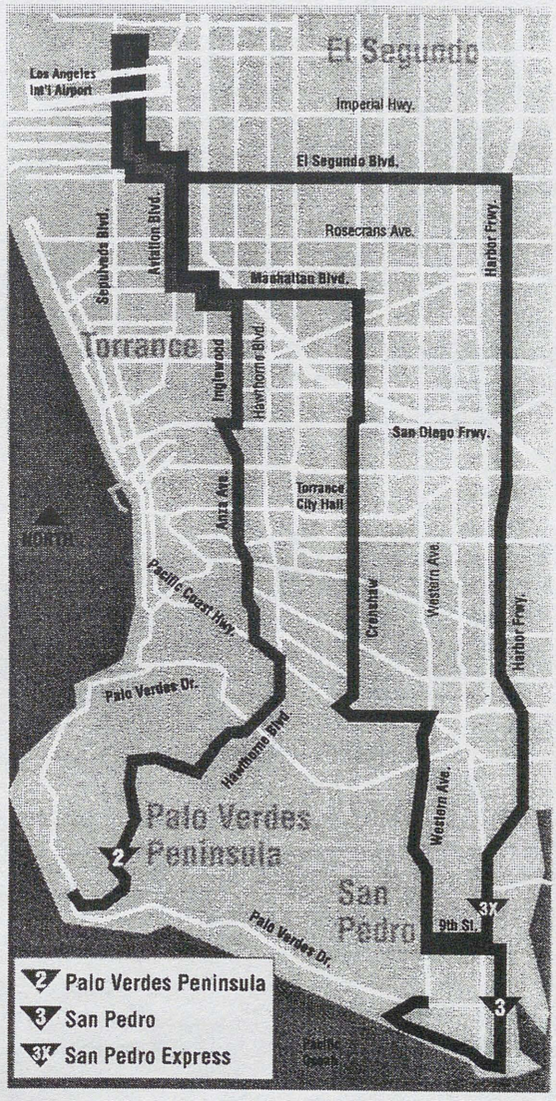
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MUNICIPAL AREA EXPRESS (MAX)
South Bay Area
Los Angeles County, California

FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL	SERIAL #'S	YEAR	NOTES
500-502	Gillig	Spirit 28	L2090027-029	03/90	Green Line Shuttle – 1
503	Gillig	Spirit 28	L2090030	03/90	Destroyed by fire – 2
504-512	Gillig	Spirit 28	L2090031-039	03/90	MAX – Coach USA – 3
513	Gillig	Spirit 28	L2090040	03/90	Transp Concepts, Inc – 4
514-515	Gillig	Spirit 28	L2090041-042	03/90	Green Line Shuttle – 1
516	Gillig	Spirit 28	L2090043	03/90	Transp Concepts, Inc – 4
517-520	Gillig	Spirit 28	L2090044-047	03/90	MAX – Coach USA – 3
521	Gillig	Spirit 28	L2090073	05/90	MAX – Coach USA – 5

NOTES:
1. Used on GREEN LINE SHUTTLE Lines 626 and 627 from LAIDLAW (DAVE) Long Beach yard.
2. Destroyed by fire and replaced by 521 in March 1999.
3. Used on MAX South Bay Lines 2, 3 and 3X from COACH USA/CALIFORNIA CHARTER, INC. yard.
4. Leased to TRANSPORTATION CONCEPTS, INC. for LACMTA Line 603 contract.
5. Used on MAX South Bay Lines from CALIFORNIA CHARTER, INC yard – former TORRANCE TRANSIT 323.





MAX started on April 18, 1990 to take over and possibly expand commuter service between cities of The Greater South Bay and the El Segundo Employment Center. It originally included Route 1-BEACH CITIES serving Manhattan, Hermosa and Redondo Beaches.

MAX 1 was the HERMOSA MANHATTAN COMMUTER SERVICE (HERMAN), MAX 2 replaced RTD Line 685-PALOS VERDES-EL SEGUNDO BEEP while MAX 3 was the former Hughes Commuter Bus Service.

All the trips are one way going to El Segundo in the morning and returning in the evening. All buses are used with one spare. In the afternoon, they can be seen lining up on Imperial just west of Douglas.

The system is administered by the City of Torrance. Until last year it was operated by DAVE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE. It is now operated by COACH USA/CALIFORNIA CHARTER.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

(All properties are located in California unless otherwise noted)

PROPERTY	FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL #'S	DATE	NOTES
-NEW-					
Golden State Trnsp Co	1675-1677	Dina	Viaggio 1000/VS001675-677	1997	
Orange County TA	6001	ElDo/National	EZ Rider/VC084252	04/97	
	6002	ElDo/National	EZ Rider/WC084019	01/98	
	6003-6005	ElDo/National	EZ Rider/WC084003,002,001	11/97	
	6006	ElDo/National	EZ Rider/WC084005	11/97	
	6007-6008	ElDo/National	EZ Rider/WC084006-007	12/97	
	6009-6010	ElDo/National	EZ Rider/WC084009,011	12/97	
	6011-6012	ElDo/National	EZ Rider/WC084010,012	11/97,12/97	
	6013-6014	ElDo/National	EZ Rider/WC084013-014	01/98,12/97	
	6015-6018	ElDo/National	EZ Rider/WC084015,016,018,017	01/98	
	6019-6020	ElDo/National	EZ Rider/WC084020,004	01/98,11/97	
	6021-6022	ElDo/National	EZ Rider/WC084021-022	02/99,01/98	
	6023-6025	ElDo/National	EZ Rider/WC084023-025	02/99	
Riverside Transit Agency	9901-9903	ElDo/National	EZ Rider/WC084026-028	02/99	
COACH USA/CA Charter	61300-61301	Van Hool	T2145/X2043288-289	01/99	
	61302-61305	Van Hool	T2145/X2043291-294	01/99	
	61306	Van Hool	T2145/X2043295	01/99	
	61307	Van Hool	T2145/X2043279	01/99	
	63167-63168	Van Hool	T2145/X2043285, 287	01/99	
	63161-63162	MCI	102EL3/XP060617-618	01/99	
	63163-63164	MCI	102EL3/XP060619, 621	01/99	
First Class Charter	27	MCI	102DL3/RP046702	09/94	
West Valley Charter	970	Prevost	H3-41/W1012270	1998	
-USED-					
AVBI (AMTRAK)	1215	TMC	102A3/JR006699	10/88	1
Centeno Charter	903	TMC	102A3/LR007772	1990	2
Orange County TA	8814	Ford/ElDo	Econ/ELF/SHA48343	11/94	3
	8828	Ford/ElDo	Econ/ELF/SHB09035	03/95	3
-DISPOSITIONS-					
LAX Shuttle	54	Gillig	3596T6V92/C1080105	1982	4
Greyhound Lines, Inc.	5180	TMC	MC-9/CR003142	1982	5
	5368	TMC	MC-9/CR003175	1982	5
	5716	TMC	MC-9/CR003228	1982	5

-NOTES-

1. Ex Greyhound Lines 2203 via Orange Belt Stages 242.
2. Ex unknown.
3. Returned from Mountain Area Regional Transit Authority.
4. Sold, along with six more, at Nationwide Auctions.
5. To ABC Bus Sales in Garden Grove (CA).

NORTH LAKE TAHOE TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

TAHOE CITY: Legislation recently passed creating **NLTTA,** an authority covering the portion of Placer County east of the Sierra crest including the California side of Lake Tahoe. A Board of Directors is to be elected and the Authority will then begin work to ask county voters to pass a sales tax measure to fund transportation improvements as part of plans to make the area the premier mountain resort for the West.

FRESNO TRANSIT (FT)

FRESNO: On April 4 **FT** increased Sunday service to the same level as Saturday bringing longer hours and service to areas previously without such on Sunday. On September 1st weekday late night (after 1000PM) service will be instituted on a number of lines. A small bus deviated fixed route line is being planned for southeast Fresno.