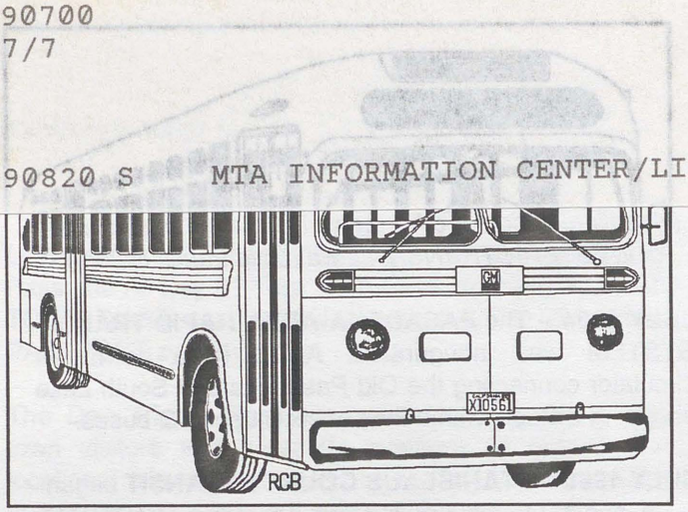
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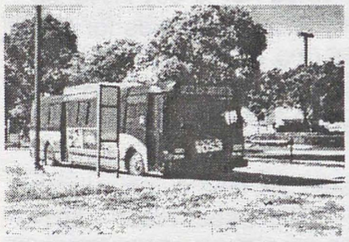
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NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (NCTD)

OCEANSIDE: **NCTD** began serving the new Legoland theme park *(WT 4/99)* on May 30th with the introduction of NEW Line 344-CARLSBAD-PALOMAR AIRPORT ROAD-SAN MARCOS.

Line 344 operates daily on an hourly headway (2 buses) between 530 AM and 930 PM.



The regular route begins at the Palomar College Transit Center via Mission, Las Posas Road, San Marcos Blvd, Palomar Airport Road, Legoland roadways, returning to Palomar Airport Rd and a one way loop in Carlsbad via Avenida Encinas and Poinsettia Lane (laying over at Carlsbad Poinsettia COASTER Station) to Palomar Airport Road.

During weekday rush hours the line makes two diversions off Palomar Airport Road, both serving different areas of the South Carlsbad Business Parks, the first to serve Loker Avenue West and the next to serve El Camino Real, Faraday, Priestly, Rutherford, Aston and College Blvd.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (OCTA)

ORANGE: July 11th brought changes in the **OCTA** fare structure including establishment of a Day Pass and the elimination of transfers.

Regular riders now either pay $1 per boarding or buy a Day Pass for $2 ($2.50 next January) while seniors and the disabled either pay 25 cents per boarding or 50 cents for a Day Pass.

While **OCTA** no longer issues paper transfers, they are accepted from connecting carriers (**MTA, INLAND EMPIRE CONNECTION, LONG BEACH, NORWALK, LAGUNA BEACH** and **NCTD)** for one boarding. These carriers accept the Day Pass for an initial boarding on their buses *(Ed. Note – but not on the three MTA Metro Rail lines)*. Equalizing fares may be needed.

Day Passes are worth $1 toward the $3 Intercounty Express fare on Lines 701-HUNTINGTON BEACH and 721-FULLERTON PARK/RIDE.

On June 28th **OCTA** held a public hearing to receive testimony on plans to extend weekday evening service until about 1100 PM on 26 different lines, to discontinue Line 673-IRVINE VALLEY COLLEGE-EL TORO MCAS related to the closure of the Marine Base and to recombine segments of Lines 91 and 397. NEW Line 191-SAN CLEMENTE-MISSION VIEJO would replace the 397 north of El Camino Real and Del Mar and the current 91 routing via the San Clemente Pier.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

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

APPLICATIONS

Red and White Coaches Inc dba RED AND WHITE TOURS of San Francisco for charter authority – TCP 12687-A

ANTELOPE VALLEY AIRPORT EXPRESS, INC. to establish a Zone Of Rate Freedom between authorized service points and LAX

NORTHSTATE AIRPORT SHUTTLE for PSC between Redding , Anderson, Red Bluff, Corning, Orland, Willows and Sacramento Metro Airport

PRESIDENTIAL LIMOUSINE LLC to operate as a passenger service in San Diego, Orange, Riverside and Los Angeles Counties

AGUILAS DEL DESIERTO, LLC to operate a pre arranged, inter city, passenger stage service between Calexico, Tecate and San Ysidro, on one hand, and Los Angeles, El Monte, Anaheim, San Bernardino and intermediate points, on the other hand

PARADISE SHUTTLE for PSC with routes between San Diego Airport, residences of San Diego County, San Diego attractions and hotels, LAX, Ontario and Orange County Airports

DECISIONS

Mamdouh F. Hassan authorized to transfer PSC-11528 to *CALIFORNIA AIRPORTER and* establish a ZORF

USA SHUTTLE SERVICES, INC. granted authority to add service points in Alameda, San Joaquin and San Mateo Counties

Thelma J. Ayala dba MONARCA TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC. granted a PSC between Victorville and San Ysidro via San Bernardino and Fontana

DOOR TO DOOR AIRPORTER SHUTTLE granted a temporary fare increase to offset increased fuel costs

QUESTION OF THE MONTH ?

Where is the garage located that TCT CONTRACT SERVICES, INC. uses to operate its **LADOT** DASH and CITYRIDE contracts from?

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"PAGES FROM THE PAST"

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

JULY 1994 – The **PASADENA AREA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM** was inaugurated. **ARTS** is a downtown circulator connecting the Old Pasadena and South Lake shopping districts with a fleet of six Bluebird Q buses.

JULY 1989 – STANISLAUS COUNTY TRANSIT began — a two route county system operating MODESTO-TURLOCK and MODESTO-RIVERBANK-OAKDALE routes with STORER TRANSPORTATION SERVICE as the contract operator.

JULY 1984 – The 1984 Summer Olympics bus service program ran between July 28 and August 13. **SCRTD** operated 24 new routes (Park/Ride, Express and Shuttles) with a bus fleet numbering 550. **ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT, SANTA MONICA** and **TORRANCE** also ran special service.

JULY 1979 – AC TRANSIT voted not to buy Advance Design buses ($140,000 each) and sought bids for 200 "New Look" style buses ($115,000 each), still available from Flyer Industries and GM Canada. (They bought 170 40-foot and 20 35-foot Flyers).

JULY 1974 – SCRTD operated six new summer lines designed to aid beach goers – The Street Fleet – 601-SOUTH BAY PARK/RIDE, 602-MALIBU SURFRIDERS, 605-PACOIMA-SANTA MONICA, 606-PASADENA-SANTA MONICA, 607-WHITTIER-SANTA MONICA and 608-COMPTON-SANTA MONICA as well as starting Line 175-SANTA MONICA-MALIBU-TRANCAS.

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LONG BEACH TRANSIT (LBT)

LONG BEACH: June 20th brought the $5 Day Tripper Pass, the All Day $1 Tour D'Art Pass, the new VILLAGE TOUR D'ART service and changes to the downtown PASSPORT system.

The Day Tripper Pass, designed primarily for out-of-town visitors and presently available at only a few locations, allows passengers to ride all day on all **LBT** buses plus two rides on the AQUABUS water taxi.

NEW Line 88-WEST VILLAGE LOOP/EAST VILLAGE LOOP (a/k/a VILLAGE TOUR D'ART) replaced former Lines 31/32-EAST/WEST LOOP. Sunday thru Thursday the line operates every 40 minutes on each loop (1 bus) 1000 AM to 740 PM. On Friday and Saturday a second bus runs offering 20 minute headways 1140 AM to 740 PM with a 40 minute headway until 900 PM.

TOUR D'ART is operated with two Orion IIs (129 and 130), used from **MADISON COUNTY (IL) TRANSIT DISTRICT,** with Orion II 112 painted in the new **LBT** white with black and red stripe scheme as the spare. The other two buses are painted white with a shrink wrap decal, also mostly white, showing the points of interest on the two loops.

TOUR D'ART fare is $1 which buys an all day pass (a special looking transfer issued from the Almex machines) good on this line only although the TOUR will accept all other **LBT** fare media.

B-PINE AVENUE-SHORELINE VILLAGE was extended from Pine and Shoreline Drive to serve the Aquarium which provides double the previous amount of service to the popular tourist attraction.

As of mid June, more than 100 **LBT** buses had been repainted with the new red, white and black graphics with plans to complete the fleet by the end of the year.

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA)

RIVERSIDE: Starting June 27th the *ORANGE BLOSSOM EXPRESS* trolley system *(WT 7/98, 5/98)* was reduced to only the Friday evening and all day Saturday operation of the UCR ROUTE (2 vehicles).

The weekday only DOWNTOWN ROUTE and Sunday thru Thursday hours on UCR ROUTE were dropped. The on-again, off-again MAGNOLIA ROUTE had already been discontinued.

AIRPORT BUS (AB) (Ground Systems, Inc. dba)

ANAHEIM: **AB** made changes to the LAX-DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES-PASADENA and DOWNTOWN LA SHUTTLE routes in April.

The span of service on PASADENA was reduced to 430AM-730PM from Pasadena and to 800AM-900PM from LAX, on hourly headways.

The DOWNTOWN LA route was changed from an hourly shuttle serving ten hotels to a one way morning service serving eight hotels and running directly to LAX arriving at 730AM, 930AM and 1130AM (one bus operating the 3 trips and off routing in between them).

AMTRAK CALIFORNIA (AC)

SACRAMENTO: May 17th brought many minor train and bus schedule changes, but also saw extension of all four Route 6-STOCKTON-SAN JOSE round trips to Santa Cruz over Route 22 (both operated by SERENDIPITY LAND YACHTS). Selected Route 22 trips were extended from the Santa Cruz Metro Center to the Santa Cruz Beach and Boardwalk.

As well, a new branch (HEMET) was added on 19-INLAND EMPIRE-COACHELLA VALLEY. The one daily schedule to and from Indio now operates non-stop between Bakersfield and San Bernardino and a second bus was added serving Pasadena, Claremont, Ontario, Riverside, Moreno Valley, Perris and Hemet.

CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

TRES ESTRELLAS DE ORO has moved into a new (to them) Los Angeles garage on Mateo St at Violet, just south of 7th downtown. The fleet is growing with several used MCI 102C3 and 102D3 parlor coaches.

The City of Downey will build a transit center at Downey Avenue and Nance (just south of Firestone) using a $1.9 million federal grant.

The Golden Gate Bridge District board has voted to seek bids on a second, high-speed ferry for the LARKSPUR-SAN FRANCISCO route. The vessel would likely accommodate 400 passengers.

The **SCRRA** Board has authorized negotiations with Bombardier to exercise options in a **CENTRAL PUGET SOUND RTA (WA)** contract to buy 28 more bi-level passenger rail cars for METROLINK.

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A new COUNTY/USC MEDICAL CENTER SHUTTLE has started on weekdays during peak hours between Dock 7 of Gateway Transit Plaza, stops at the Women's and Children's Hospital and the Out Patient Clinic.

The LAIDLAW TRANSIT SERVICES (formerly DAVE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES) Long Beach yard at Spring and Orange has not closed (*as reported in WT 4/98*), but rather now houses CERRITOS ON WHEELS, PARAMOUNT SHUTTLE, REDONDO BEACH WAVE, the MAX five bus Green Line Connection contract and part of ACCESS SERVICES, INC.

More Welfare-To-Work contracts – **YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT** received $48,000 to operate along Highway 65 between Yuba City-Marysville and the South Placer County employment area and $52,000 to add evening "call-in" bus service in Yuba City-Marysville.

ROSEVILLE will add Saturday service with the help of a $63,000 grant.

In Calaveras County, the **CALAVERAS STAGECOACH** would expand to operate past 230 PM. Plans call for two trips in the morning, one morning trip for work trips plus trips in the afternoon and evening.

The City of Redding, on behalf of the **REDDING AREA BUS AUTHORITY,** seeks proposals for architectural and engineering service for a new Transit Maintenance facility for **RABA.**

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS recently adopted a $117 million budget for this fiscal year which includes a study of extending METROLINK from San Bernardino to Redlands, development of a transit center in Redlands and an analysis of transit in Victor Valley **(VVTA).**

On a 5-4 vote, the **PENINSULA CORRIDOR JOINT POWERS BOARD** voted to adopt a policy that CALTRAIN should be electrified in conjunction with the rail rehabilitation program over the next ten years.

New routes (GREEN LINE Station to Galleria instead of the two community locals) and new fares (20 to 50 cents with seniors/disabled still free) are planned for **LAWNDALE TRANSIT** this month.

SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL BUS LINES (SMMBL)

SANTA MONICA: **SMMBL** is planning to purchase ten 22/28 foot, low floor, LNG buses for delivery Fall 2000 and has requested manufacturers to submit information on their experience and qualifications. **SMMBL** will then conduct an evaluation of submittals and finalize specs and solicit formal bids.

Phase Two of the Metrocard test program to learn whether the computer software for the GFI Odyssey fareboxes accurately tracks usage of the prepaid fare instruments, began July 11th. The first phase only involved **SMMBL** buses on Lines 3, 4 and 14. The next phase will test operation of the card on other systems that already have Metrocard equipment, such as **CULVER CITYBUS.**

SMMBL buses with the Odyssey equipment include New Flyer D40LFs 3805, 3809, 3837, 3840-3847 and 3860-3866 along with TMC/MCI Classics 4810-4811, 4813-4816, 4952-4953, 4956, and 5186-5188.

VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (VTA)

SAN JOSE: The TASMAN LIGHT RAIL BUS BRIDGE *(WT 5/99)* was expanded May 4th to cover the segment of the line between Tasman and Old Ironsides Stations as the stations were closed for platform retrofitting and track upgrades. Buses parallel the rail line operating 24 hours each day serving bus stops adjacent to all affected rail stations.

The Tasman West Light Line, scheduled to open December 20th, will extend 7.6 miles running east to west across the northern part of Santa Clara County ending at the Mountain View Transportation Center.

CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (CCCTA)

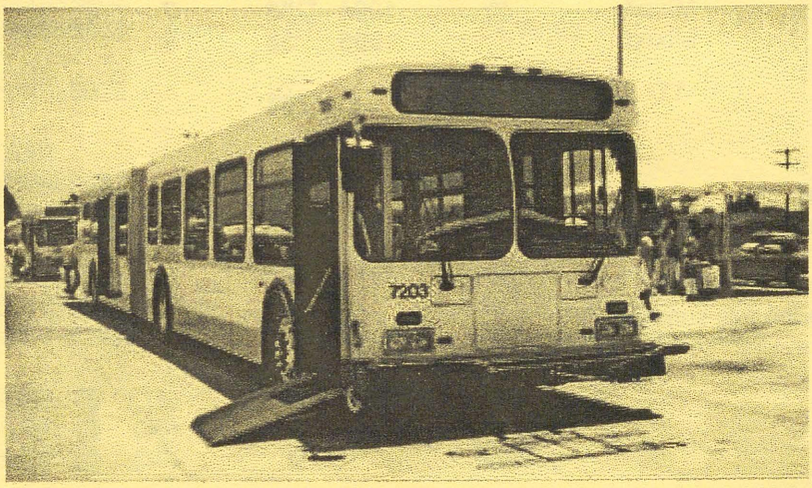
CONCORD: **CCCTA** now operates an **ACE** connecting service – Line 920-WALNUT CREEK-DANVILLE-SAN RAMON-ACE which offers two round trips between Mitchell Drive Park & Ride (Walnut Creek) and the **ACE** Pleasanton Station, southbound in the AM, northbound in the PM and two round trips between ACE Pleasanton and the San Ramon Bishop Ranch business parks, north in the morning and south at night.

110-DIABLO VALLEY COLLEGE-BART/CONCORD-CLAYTON serves Waterworld Monday-Saturday with Sunday only 308-BART/MARTINEZ-BART/CONCORD adjusted to serve the park by using the stop at Willow Pass Road and Diamond.

Line 104-WALNUT CREEK SHUTTLE (aka THE FREE RIDE) began offering Sunday service every 20 minutes

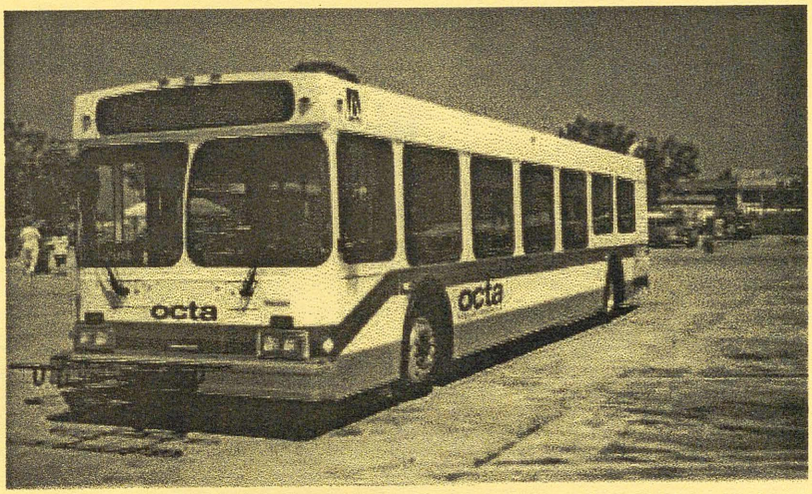
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1999 OCTA ANNUAL SURVEY



7203 is one of 10 New Flyer D60LF's that OCTA is currently taking delivery of. It is on display here at the 1999 Roadeo at the Garden Grove Base.

Russ Jones photo



5208 shows off the new paint scheme adopted by OCTA for the new millennium. The magenta is missing from the center with a new logo, otherwise it is very similar to the current scheme.

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1999 OCTA ROSTER

FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL	SERIAL #'S	YEAR	QTY	NOTES
3001-3175	GMC	T8H203	A1196-A1370	1980	128	1
4101-4122	Gillig	4096TBL10	J1082148-169	1988	22	
4123-4152	Gillig	4096TBL10	J1082118-147	1988	30	
4153-4167	Gillig	4096TB6V92T	J1082178-192	1988	15	
4201-4263	Gillig	4096TBL10	K1082796-858	1989	63	
4264-4269	Gillig	4096TBL10	L1082859-864	1990	6	
5001-5039	New Flyer	D40	LU013891-929	1990	39	
5101-5114	New Flyer	D40	LU013930-943	1990	14	2
5201-5250	New Flyer	D40LF	SU015866-915	1995	50	3
5301-5397	New Flyer	D40LF	VU017939-035	1997/98	97	
5401	New Flyer	D40LF	VU017537	1997	1	
5402-5418	New Flyer	D40LF	VU018046-062	1998	17	
6001	ElDo/National	EZ Rider	VC084252	1997	1	
6002-6025	ElDo/National	EZ Rider	WC084001-007,009-025	1997/8/9	24	3
7001	Volvo/White	1WUDBGMD2	HN123484	1987	1	4
7104-7107	Volvo/GMC	Series 7	Mixed	1993	4	4
7501	Capre	Super Bus	HC003001	1987	1	2
7604-7607	Magna Bus	Trailer 46'	PT001108-111	1993	4	2
7201-7210	New Flyer	D60LF	XU019458-467	1999	10	5
8101-8191	Ford/El Dorado	Econoline 350/Aerotech	Mixed	1997	91	
8201-8245	Ford/El Dorado	Econoline 350/Aerotech	Mixed	1998	45	
8701-8730	Ford/El Dorado	Econoline 350/Falcon	Mixed	1993	14	6
8750-8795	Ford/Goshen	Econoline 350/GC II	Mixed	1994	36	7
8801-8838	Ford/El Dorado	Econoline 350/ELF	Mixed	1995	38	8
				TOTAL -	783	

NOTES

1. 47 (mixed numbers) off roster, 44 more are inactive.
2. Mostly forward facing seats and overhead parcel racks.
3. Serial numbers are mixed.
4. 7001& 7104-7107 are tractors and 7501 & 7604-7607 are trailers.
5. Arriving, awaiting acceptance, to be placed into service this summer.
6. 16 units are inactive.
7. 10 units are inactive.
8. 5 units leased to Brea and Huntington Beach.

FLEET SUMMARY

Gillig	136
GMC RTS	128
New Flyer	228
El Do National	25
Super Buses	5
Ford Cutaways	219
Total —	783

1999 OCTA DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS

FLEET #'S	DIVISION	LINES ASSIGNED TO
3000 @ (39)	04	39,43,57,60,70
3000 @ (45)	07	57,61,65,74,91,95,488
4101-4148	06	30,43,50,53,59
4149-4167	04	57,74,205,462
4201-4215	04	56,64,65,66,72
4216-4243	06	26,38,69
4244-4269	04	56,64,65,66,72
5001-5018	06	37,43
5019-5039	04	43,60,75
5101-5107	04	211,701
5108-5114	06	721
5201-5233	06	25,29,42
5234-5250	04	29,54
5301-5348	06	33,41,46,47,49,53,757
5349-5372	04	29,35,45,55
5373-5397	07	71,85,89,205
5401	06	33
5402-5403	04	39
5404-5418	07	54,76,93
6001-6025	C	20,67,99,175,177
7001	06	721
7104-7107	06	721
7201-7210	06	57
8101-8191	C	Access
8201-8210	C	162,164,203,673
8211-8245	C	300 and 400 series lines
8701 @ (14)	C	Access
8750 @ (36)	C	Access
8800 @ (33)	C	Access

NOTES

04 Garden Grove
06 Anaheim
07 Irvine
C Contractors — Laidlaw Transit Services (DAVE) at 07 & Coast Yellow Cab at 04

1999 OCTA SERVICE TABLE

LINE	LINE NAME	DIV	PEAK	AM	PM	BASE	RQMT	SAT	RQMT	SUN	RQMT
20	Imperial Hwy-Brea	C	60	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Knott Ave/Golden West St	6	30/60	8	8	30/60	8	65	8	-	-
26	Fullerton-Yorba Linda	6	30/60	4	4	60	2	60	2	-	-
29	Beach Boulevard	4/6	15/30	15	15	20/40	11	20/60	12	20/60	12
30	Orangethorpe Avenue	6	30/60	6	6	30/60	6	60	3	60	3
33	Magnolia Avenue	6	35	4	4	35	4	45	3	60	2
35	Brookhurst Street	4	30	6	6	30	6	35	5	60	3
37	Euclid Street	6	30	8	8	30	7	35	6	60	4
38	La Palma Avenue	6	15/30/60	13	14	30/60	7	45	5	60	3
39	Newhope St-Segerstrom	4	30	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
41	Brea-La Habra	6	40	4	4	60	3	75	2	75	2
42	Lincoln Avenue	6	20/60	11	12	30/60	8	30/60	6	30/60	6
43	Harbor Boulevard	4/6	7	27	29	14	16	15	16	15	15
45	Fairview Street	4	35	5	5	35	5	60	3	60	3
46	Ball Road	6	30	6	6	60	3	60	3	60	3
47	Anaheim Boulevard	6	20-30	6	9	30	6	30	6	30	6
49	State College Boulevard	6	30/60	6	6	30/60	6	30	5	30	5
50	Katella Avenue	6	30/60	9	10	30/60	7	30	7	50	4
53	Mall of Orange-Balboa	6/7	10/20/40	14	14	20/40	10	15/30	11	20/40	8
54	Chapman Avenue	4/7	20	9	11	30	6	40	4	40	4
55	Raitt-Greenville-North Main St	4	30	5	5	45	3	45	2	45	2
56	Garden Grove Boulevard	4	30/60	6	7	30/60	7	60	3	60	3
57	Santa Ana-Newport Center	46/7	8	22	23	12/24	15	9/18	17	11/22	14
59	Grand/Glassell Crosstown	6	30	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
60	Westminster Avenue	4	10/20	17	19	15/30	14	15/30/60	12	20/40/60	9
61	Red Hill-Jamboree	7	45	6	4	60	3	-	-	-	-
64	Bolsa Avenue/West First St	4	15/30	7	7	15/30	7	12/24	11	12/24	11
65	Santa Ana-Irvine-Balboa	4/7	30/60	11	9	30/60	8	60	5	60	5
66	McFadden Avenue	4	15/30	8	8	20/40	6	20/40	6	25/50	5
67	Brea-Tustin	C	45	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
69	Cal State Fullerton-Glassell-Santa Ana	6	30/60	4	5	30/60	5	30/60	4	40	4
70	Edinger Avenue	4	15/30	10	10	15/30	9	10/30	12	15/30	9
71	Tustin Ave-Irvine-Orange County Airport	7	60	3	3	60	2	60	2	-	-
72	Warner Avenue	4	30	6	7	30	6	45	4	60	3
74	Talbert Avenue-Culver Drive-UC Irvine	4/7	30	5	5	60	3	60	2	70	2
75	Laguna Hills-Santa Ana	4/7	30	6	6	60	3	60	3	60	3
76	Adams Avenue-Irvine	7	30	5	5	60	3	60	2	-	-
85	Capistrano Beach-Laguna Hills	4/7	15/30	11	12	60	3	60	3	60	3
89	Newport Center-Laguna Hills	7	30	4	4	60	2	45	3	45	3
91	Laguna Hills-San Clemente	7	30	8	9	30	9	60	4	60	4
93	Alicia Pkwy-Rancho Santa Margarita	7	30	5	5	60	2	60	2	-	-
95	Long Beach-Capistrano Beach via PCH	7	30/60	7	7	30/60	7	65	5	65	5
99	Moulton Pkwy-Golden Lantern	C	30	4	4	60	2	60	2	-	-
162	Hazard Avenue-Westminster Mall	C	-	-	-	-	-	30	5	30	5
164	Leisure World-Westminster Mall	C	60	1	1	60	1	60	1	-	-
175	UC Irvine-Northwood	C	60	2	2	60	2	-	-	-	-
177	Laguna Hills-Foothill Ranch	C	45	2	2	45	2	45	2	-	-
203	San Juan Capistrano-Raytheon	C	1 R.T.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
205	Disneyland-Laguna Hills	4/7	30	6	6	30/60	5	30	6	30/60	5
211	Los Alamitos-Irvine Spectrum	4	30	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
306	San Juan Capistrano-Orange County Airport	C	30	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
316	San Juan Capistrano-Costa Mesa	C	30	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
333	Brea-Main Place via Raymond Ave/East St	C	45	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
373	Brea-Orange-Irvine	C	30	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
377	Laguna Hills-Dana Point	C	30/60	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
382	South Coast Metro-Irvine	C	40	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
388	Laguna Hills-Irvine Spectrum-Irvine Transp Ctr	C	45	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
397	Mission Viejo-San Clemente	C	60	3	3	60	3	-	-	-	-
424	Fullerton Amtrak-Ratheyon	C	1 R.T.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
452	Anaheim Amtrak Station-Disneyland	C	45-60	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
453	Orange Transp Center-Main Place	4/C	45-60	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
454	Orange Transp Center-The City	6/C	45-60	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
461	Santa Ana Amtrak-Newport Beach	C	45-60	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
462	Santa Ana Amtrak-Civic Center	4	30	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
463	Santa Ana Amtrak-Irvine	C	45-60	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
479	Santa Ana Amtrak-South Coast Metro	C	45	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
488	Irvine Transp Center-Irvine	7	60	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
673	El Toro Marine Base-Irvine Valley College	C	60	1	1	60	1	60	1	-	-
701	Huntington Beach-Los Angeles	4	30	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
721	Fullerton Park & Ride-Los Angeles	6	20	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
757	Diamond Bar-Santa Ana	6	30	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL NUMBER OF BUSES			**417**	**434**		**256**		**225**		**176**

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900AM-610PM on July 11 following Walnut Creek City Council action to fund one year ($18,000) of service.

VALLEJO BAYLINK (VB)

VALLEJO: On May 17th, Baylink Bus Service (**VTL** Line 100-VALLEJO FERRY-DAVIS-SACRAMENTO) was routed to the Sacramento AMTRAK Station at 5th and I with service to/from the 8th & N/Capitol light rail station discontinued.

FARE CHANGES AROUND THE STATE

The month of July, the beginning of the fiscal year for most agencies, is often accompanied by fare changes. 1999 was no exception.

VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT, OMNITRANS, INLAND EMPIRE CONNECTION, ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, LAWNDALE TRANSIT and THOUSAND OAKS TRANSIT either changed pricing or announced rate changes.

VTA increased prices on July 1. Adult single rides are now $1.25, the Adult Day Pass is $3, Adult Monthly Pass is $39 and a NEW Annual Pass is $429. Express Single Ride is $2, Express Day Pass is $5, and Express Monthly Pass is $63. Youth Single Ride is 70 cents and Senior/Disabled Single Ride is 40 cents. The other fare categories also have day, monthly and annual Passes.

GGT intercounty bus and ferry fares were raised 3 per cent on July 1st, the second scheduled hike in the Five Year Transit Fare Increase Program started last year.

OT increased cash and pass prices July 5th on local lines, ACCESS and Dial-A-Cab. Cash fares were raised from 85 cents to $1 (Regular), 35 to 45 cents (senior/ disabled) while Day passes rose $2 to $2.50 and $1 to $1.25. Monthly Passes also were increased.

While **IEC** still offers transfers for 10 cents, they now issue Day Passes with the same prices as **OT** and also increased their cash fares. One zone is now $1 and two zones (the maximum) is $1.85 for Regular riders and 45 cents/90 cents for seniors and the disabled.

TOT is planning to increase their fares August 2 as they lengthen the operating day to 600AM-730PM. Adult fares will rise from 75c to $1, seniors from 35 to 50 cents and reduced-income fares from 15 to 25 cents. Also under development is institution of a Smart Shuttle using smaller buses in the Westlake and Newbury Park sections of the city.

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT (ACT)

OAKLAND: **AC** reinstated weekend service on Line 14-35TH AVE-BROOKDALE-ADELINE and the portion of Line 56-SEMINARY AVE-90TH AVE between BART/ Coliseum and the Golf Links Road entrance to Knowland Park, home of the Oakland Zoo, June 13.

Line 14 runs full length trips every half hour between 900AM and 600PM while Line 56 will run every half hour on the shortened segment.

These changes are the first in plans to restore much of the weekend service curtailed in 1996 for budgetary reasons. Beginning in September, more lines will be returned to full coverage replacing today's "gap closure" service and Owl service may also be restored.

WEST CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (WEST CAT)

PINOLE: **WEST CAT's** HILLTOP EXPRESS SHUTTLE changed its route and schedule on May 21st.

Started in April 1998 *(WT 7/98),* the now weekday-only HTX now begins at BART/Richmond and travels to the Hilltop area via Richmond Parkway also serving downtown Richmond, Richmond Pkwy Transit Center, Hilltop Mall and several new stops in the Hilltop area.

YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY (YARTS)

MERCED: The **YARTS** two year pilot project *(WT 12/98, 3/99)* intended to reduce traffic in Yosemite Valley by having motorists park outside Yosemite National Park and take buses along CA Highways 120 and 140 is now planned to begin next summer.

The California Transportation Commission voted 7-0 to shuffle the $2.3 million for the program while **YARTS** finalizes its plans. By next June the program needs to be ready to operate including securing a contract operator and developing future funding plans.

Merced, Mariposa and Mono Counties and the National Park Service remain active **YARTS** members and that partnership plans a modest program sending about 20 buses each day into Yosemite. Most will travel from Merced along Hwy 140 and a few will come from the east side of the Sierras via Hwy 120 from Lee Vining.

Planning for service along Hwy 41 and on Hwy 120 through Tuolumne County has presently stopped.

TRANSPORTATION ZONES

LOS ANGELES: The **MTA** Board has approved revised guidelines for future transportation zones *(See Page 7)* with two pre-applications "waiting in the wings".

The first is an expansion of the current **FOOTHILL TRANSIT** to the west San Gabriel Valley by adding Alhambra, Montebello, Monterey Park, Pasadena, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, South Pasadena and the Altadena portion of the County. As amended, this includes transfer of 28 full lines and that portion of 177 east of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Currently these lines require 209 peak buses and transport 91,600 weekday passengers.

The lines – 70, 76, 78/79/378/379, 170, 176, 177, 188, 256, 258/259, 262, 264, 266, 267, 268, 270, 401/402, 471, 483/485, 484, 487/491, 489, 490 and 497.

The second is the new Greater San Fernando Valley Transportation Zone including Agoura Hills, Burbank, Calabasas, Glendale, Hidden Hills, La Canada/ Flintridge, Los Angeles, San Fernando, Westlake Village and portions of the County. This would cover 34 full lines plus the western half of Line 177 which need 336 peak buses and carry 160,000 weekday riders.

Lines involved are 90/91, 92/93, 94/394, 96, 152, 154, 158, 161, 163, 164/165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 177, 183/234, 230/239, 233/561, 236, 243, 245, 418, 420, 424/425, 426, 427 and 522

LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (LADOT)

LOS ANGELES: Alignments and frequencies of both 437-MARINA DEL REY-LOS ANGELES and 438-REDONDO-HERMOSA-LOS ANGELES changed on July 12th.

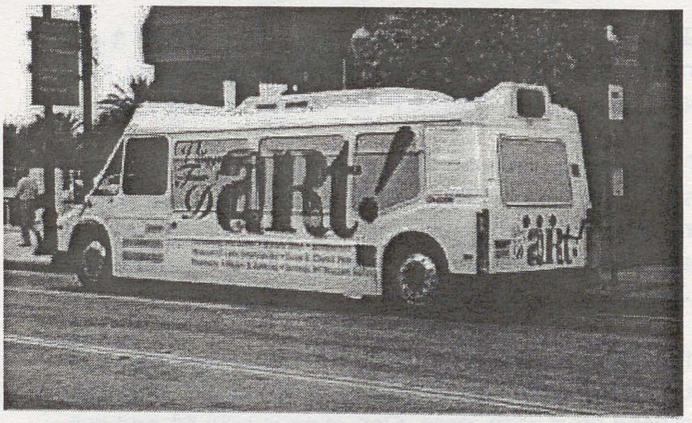
Line 437 continues from Pacific & Washington (Venice) thru Marina Del Rey to Culver Blvd & Marina Fwy, then via Culver, Washington, Fairfax, Apple, Santa Monica Fwy and regular downtown alignment. The revised alignment replaces most of the former Culver Blvd segment of the 438.

Line 438 was extended southward from Hermosa Beach to F St & Catalina in Redondo Beach via Hermosa/ Harbor, Beryl and Catalina. It was also rerouted north of Highland & Rosecrans via Vista Del Mar, Imperial, Aviation (GREEN LINE Aviation Station), Century Fwy and Harbor Fwy HOV Lanes, Adams, Olive NB/Grand SB, to 8th and regular route downtown *(Ed. Note – the segment between Aviation Station and downtown duplicates the former Northridge Earthquake special 646-CENTURY/HARBOR FREEWAY, WT 2/94, 4/94, 5/94).*

The section of former 438 between Vista Del Mar/ Imperial and Culver/Marina Fwy thru Playa Del Rey lost its direct downtown service.



MTA Division 7 bus 2139, a TMC RTS 06, is all decked out and waiting to motor down Santa Monica Boulevard in West Hollywood during the Christopher Street West Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade held last month.



LONG BEACH TRANSIT 129, a newly arrived (from MADISON COUNTY (IL) TRANSIT DISTRICT) Orion II, stopping at First & Pine in downtown Long Beach as it travels on the new "TOUR D'ART".

Both photos by Russ Jones.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA)

LOS ANGELES: AB 1246 of 1976 (Ingalls, D-Riverside) which created transportation commissions including the LACTC, now **MTA,** in several Southern California counties, requires the Authority to maximize the effectiveness of existing resources by giving priority to low cost improvements. The bill also states that local communities should be given more responsibility in designing and providing local transit and empowers the CTC (**MTA)** to create Local Transportation Zones under certain conditions. A zone is defined as a geographically contiguous area with at least one economic center in which there is a large percent of short and medium length transit trips.

Transportation Zone Guidelines were developed by LACTC in 1986 and these were used to establish the Foothill Transit Zone d/b/a FOOTHILL TRANSIT the next year.

A zone is expected to offer a more efficient and effective governing and management structure for transit operations. There are four guiding principles used in zone creation: Improve cost effectiveness of providing transportation services; Increase local control of transportation services: Increase the amount of service in the county; and In implementing a zone, other transit services within the county must be preserved.

Significant changes have taken place since 1986 including not only creation of **MTA** and a single Board responsible for planning and operations, but also the requirement that zone applicants must assume existing labor agreements for the duration of those pacts. The cost differential between **MTA** and Zone operation has significantly decreased which places much more importance on cost and funding issues.

Last February, the Board approved the concept and directed staff to draft proposed Guidelines and meet with potential zone applicants and other interested parties. In April the Board approved revised Guidelines which included changes in costs and funding, local contribution, consent decree issues and creation of Lines of Regional Significance.

Major changes included a position that **MTA,** as funding agency for the entire county, cannot afford to give an applicant more money to operate the zone than would be saved as a result of zone implementation. This approach avoids negative financial impacts to county wide service related to zone implementation. It was also determined that assumptions regarding the ability of **MTA** Operations to eliminate ancillary costs associated with a reduction in transit were aggressive and require much more coordinated action to achieve.

As the Consent Decree affects all existing **MTA** lines, those proposed for transfer to any Zone would be subject to the terms and conditions of the Decree and **MTA** would provide necessary funding for those to operate in a manner consistent with others for the duration of the Decree.

Lines Of Regional Significance – the rationale for identifying a network of lines as regionally significant is to advance the primary mission of **MTA** of improving regional mobility. This network of 36 bus lines plus the Metro Rail system represent a service network **MTA** would either operate or manage in order to coordinate fares, frequency of service and other service related facets. To reduce potential mobility barriers as transit becomes more an element of subregional governance and local trips given greater prominence, the concept of Regional Bus lines was developed.

Six criteria were developed to select service as Regionally Significant — the line must travel between two or more subregions; have a high percent of riders making longer trips; have a high percentage of interaction with other routes; have relatively high ridership; have the ability to offer relatively faster bus speeds; have potential for limited-stop service.

The first group of LORS include: 2/3/302, 4/304, 18/318, 20/21/22/320/322, 27/28/328, 30/31, 33/333, 40/42/442, 45/46/345, 60, 66, 68, 70, 78/79/378/379, 81, 83/84/85, 92/93, 94/394, 105, 108, 111/112/311, 115/315, 163, 180/181, 204/354, 207/357, 210/310, 212, 232, 251/252, 260, 266, 420, 424/425/522, 446/447, 550 and 561.

In May the **MTA** Board approved the designation of LORS, the pre-applications of both FOOTHILL TRANSIT and the Greater San Fernando Valley Transit Zone and directed staff to proceed with the zone application process with timelines that envision public hearings next February and, if approved, implementation beginning about July 2000.



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	1173	Dina	Viaggio 1000/TS001173	1997	
	51164,51181	MCI	102DL3/XP051164, 181	1998	
Kerrville Bus Co (TX)	55901-55902	MCI	102DL3/VP049508-509	1997	
Nava-Hopi Tours, Inc (AZ)	119-120	MCI	102D3/WP050701,50913	1998	
	118	ElDo/Natl	RE-32/WC084174	1998	
Dallas Area Rapid Transit	4301-4339	Nova Bus	RTWFD82L/WR833061-109	9-10/98	
(TX)	4400-4454	Nova Bus	RTWFD82/WR833170-224	7-8/98	
	4500	Nova Bus	RTWFD82L/WR833465	—	
	4501-4589	Nova Bus	RTWFD82L/WR833518-606	—	
Laredo (TX) Muni Transit	9801	Nova Bus	T706N/WR833376	11/98	
	9802-9808	Nova Bus	T706N/WR833506-512	11/98	
Central Oklahoma PTA	unnumbered	Nova Bus	T706NCNG/WR833611	1/99	
CITIFARE (NV)	464-471	Nova Bus	RTNFD86/XR833881-888	3/99	
AC Transit	4001	NABI	040.07/XA140190	4/99	
-USED-					
Nava-Hopi Tours, Inc (AZ)	370	TMC	102A3/FR005329	1985	1
	378-379	TMC	102A3/HR006302-303	1987	1
	380	MCI	102A3/JP042390	1988	1
Tres Estrellas De Oro	210	MCI	102C3/LP043525	9/90	2
	270	MCI	102C3/KP042629	3/89	3
Antelope Valley Bus, Inc	3107	MCI	102D3/SP047032	12/94	4
	3111	MCI	102D3/SP047118	1/95	4
Hollywood Sightseers	unnumbered	Neoplan	N-122/3/807019	1981	5
Long Beach Transit	129-130	Orion	02.501/L6005485,487	5/90	6
-DISPOSITIONS-					
Orange County TD	1205	Flxible	111-DD-D05-1/56795	12/72	7
South Coast Area Transit	5000	GMC	T80204/CV821440	1982	8
Santa Monica MBL	5353	GMC	TDH-5303/4761	1/67	

-NOTES-

1. Ex Citizens Auto Stages, Inc. (AZ), same numbers.
2. Ex Shangri La 618 via Double BC Tours 108 – additional information.
3. Ex Black Velvet Coach Lines (BC) 911.
4. Ex California Charters, Inc., same numbers.
5. Ex SCRTD 9920.
6. Ex Madison County Transit District (IL) 105, 107.
7. To private party in Gardena via Hudson General Coach Lines 50162.
8. To Rochester City Lines (MN).

ITEMS AVAILABLE

Complete copies of the "Local Transportation Zone Guidelines" and the Staff Report on "Lines Of Regional Significance and Proposed Zone Applications" are available from the WT Editorial Office for the cost of printing and postage ($3.50).

Checks and money orders should be made payable to Edmund Buckley.

TRANSIT GUIDE AVAILABLE

The 1999 edition of the Southern California Transit Advocates' Transit Guide ($5.00) now available from SOCATA, 3010 Wilshire Blvd, PMB 362, Los Angeles, CA, 90010.

Excellent reference on all Southern California (Santa Barbara/Bakersfield/Los Angeles/Palm Springs/San Diego) area transit operators.