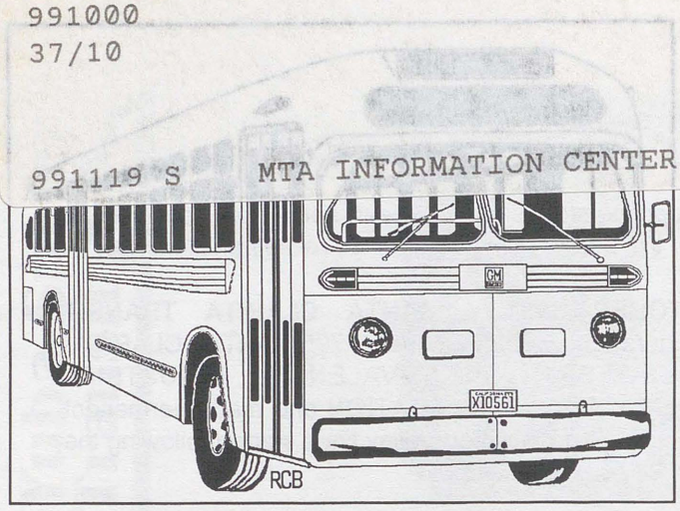
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YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT (YST)

MARYSVILLE: At their July meeting the **YST** Board adopted a number of policy and service recommendations including discontinuation of the BEALE and SUTTER AIR FORCE BASE routes and expansion of the FOOTHILL route. The changes were implemented on August 23rd.

Due to low patronage, service on the experimental BEALE and SUTTER routes was dropped. FOOTHILL, last modified in 1998 to offer two round trips on Tuesday and Thursday only, has now been expanded to include Wednesday service.

Several changes were made on the SACRAMENTO routes. The U. C. Davis Medical Center stop moved from the front door X Street parking lot to the **REGIONAL TRANSIT** stop on Stockton Blvd. Also, reservations are no longer needed on the Midday Express or for reverse direction service on the Commuter Express. With the loss of their downtown Sacramento layover zone, reverse direction service is now offered on the **YST** Commuter buses as all four trips return to Marysville.

The Board also approved a plan for service funded by the Federal Job Access (Welfare To Work) grant *(WT 7/99)* to fund a one-year commuter service to the fast growing, job rich industrial area along the Highway 65 corridor in Placer County and extend local service into the evening hours on weekdays.

The HIGHWAY 65 EMPLOYMENT SHUTTLE, started September 1, offers schedules coordinated with the predominant shift times in the Lincoln Industrial Center. Two buses are dedicated to the route which costs $2.00 each way with a $75 monthly pass. For the first four months, the pass will be priced at $50. The line is considered experimental and will be changed as needed to increase patronage.

The grant funded commute service is being operated in cooperation with the Health and Human Services Departments of both Yuba and Sutter Counties who provided the local match for this project.

Starting August 23rd weekday evening general public Dial-A-Ride service began to be offered between 600PM and 1030PM with no eligibility restrictions. The cash fare is the same as on fixed routes and all **YST** monthly passes are honored.

Returning on August 23rd was a limited stop express bus on Route 1-YUBA CITY-YUBA COLLEGE operated in addition to regular service when ridership is expected to exceed the reasonable capacity of regular service with two morning trips and three afternoon return trips.

The Express has only five stops – Alturas & Shasta Transfer Center in Yuba City, Montgomery Wards and Mervyn's in Marysville, Feather River Center in Linda and Yuba College.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

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

APPLICATIONS

BLACK TIE AIRPORT EXPRESS to establish a Zone Of Rate Freedom for its Contra Costa County to Oakland and San Francisco Airports service area

Abdul Rahim Popul dba BAY TRANSIT SHUTTLE for PSC between points in San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and San Francisco and Oakland Airports and to establish a ZORF

David Smith dba SAN FRANCISCO YELLOW SHUTTLE for PSC between points in Alameda, San Francisco and San Mateo Counties and area airports

Mohinder Johal dba BAY AREA LIMO & SHUTTLE for PSC between points in San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and Bay Area airports and for a ZORF

Presidential Limousine LLC for authority to operate as a passenger service throughout San Diego, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties

XE DO HOANG TRANSPORTATION, LLC to operate an on-call, intercity passenger stage between points in Orange and Los Angeles Counties and Santa Clara County and to establish a ZORF

HARBOR BAY MARITIME, INC., a California Corporation (VCC-69) to modify certain fares on vessel common carrier service between Alameda (Harbor Bay Ferry Terminal) and several points in San Francisco

DECISIONS

ANTELOPE VALLEY AIRPORT EXPRESS granted authority to establish a ZORF between its service points of Antelope Valley communities, Santa Clarita and Los Angeles International Airport

DIVERSIFIED PARATRANSIT, INC. dba INLAND EXPRESS granted a ZORF for its airport shuttle passenger stage operations

AC TRANSIT reinstated Owl Service on several lines and created two NEW Owls and also improved night and weekend services effective October 10th. Read about these changes in next month's issue of *WESTERN TRANSIT.*

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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)

OCTOBER 1994 – SANTA CLARITA TRANSIT inaugurated two new lines, 795-SANTA CLARITA-LANCASTER and 55-VALENCIA INDUSTRIAL CENTER-METROLINK STATION and made permanent the three San Fernando Valley lines started following the Northridge earthquake.

OCTOBER 1989 – The Loma Prieta Earthquake hit the Bay Area with major impacts on transit. **BART** continued to operate, **RED AND WHITE FLEET** inaugurated ferries between Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco and many bus route changes were made.

OCTOBER 1984 – SAN PEDRO TRANSPORT began operating between San Pedro and Long Beach Naval Base replacing the short-lived **SCRTD** Line 148-SAN PEDRO-TERMINAL ISLAND-WILMINGTON.

OCTOBER 1979 – SCRTD mechanics returned to work following a walkout with a second work stoppage possible. Service changes were made on several lines including 7, 95, 353, 800, 802, 836, 846 and 860.

OCTOBER 1974 – SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORP. started several new or extended lines — 21-MIRA MESA, 24-SCRIPPS RANCH, 41-GENESEE AVE, 49-RANCHO BERNARDO SHUTTLE, 55-CORONADO LOCAL, 80-PACIFIC BEACH-GROSSMONT CENTER EXPRESS and 90-HEARTLAND EXPRESS.

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OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE

In addition to the Highway 65 Commuter Express to Lincoln, Yuba-Sutter Transit also operates these other services.

- Four local fixed routes on the Yuba-Sutter Connection provide hourly weekday and Saturday service to most of the Marysville/Yuba City urban area.
- Weekday and Saturday Dial-A-Ride service for seniors and the disabled provides demand response service in the Yuba-Sutter urbanized area.
- Weekday commute-hour round trips to downtown Sacramento and midday trips to downtown Sacramento and most East Sacramento medical facilities.

If you are interested in any of these services, call 742-BUSS for more information or to request a free brochure.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- All of Yuba-Sutter Transit's buses are wheelchair accessible.
- Bike racks are available on Yuba-Sutter Transit buses on a first-come, first-served basis.

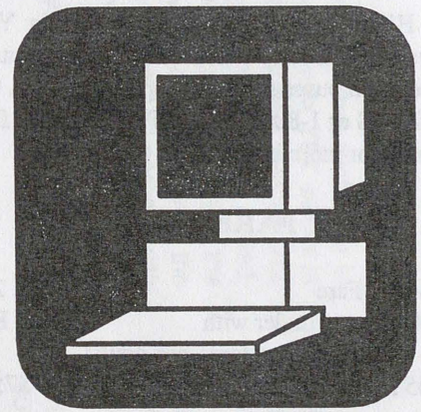
Yuba-Sutter Transit does not operate service on the following holidays:

- New Year's Day
- Martin Luther King's Birthday
- President's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

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LINCOLN COMMUTER EXPRESS

Effective September 1, 1999

Service Information

742-BUSS

(TTY) 634-6889

NEED A RIDE TO LINCOLN?

The new Highway 65 Commuter Express to Lincoln offers direct service between Marysville/Yuba City and the high-technology industrial park near the Lincoln Airport west of Highway 65 in Placer County.

Designed to serve the unique multi-shift work schedules that are common in this major employment center, the Lincoln service offers early morning, afternoon and late evening schedules to provide transportation for two shifts each weekday.

Catch the Highway 65 Commuter Express in Yuba City, Marysville, Linda or Wheatland. No reservations are required as all buses serve all stops on all runs. Call (530) 742-BUSS or 1-800-COMMUTE toll free from Placer County for more information.

FARES

Basic One-Way Fare	$ 2.00
Children (Age 4 and under with adult - limit two free fares per adult)	Free
Highway 65 Monthly Pass	$75.00

Exact change required for cash fare. Limit of two free fares per adult. There are no daily discount fares on the Highway 65 Commuter Express. Discount tickets are not valid on this service. Highway 65 Monthly Passes are valid on all Yuba-Sutter Transit services that accept passes except the Sacramento Commuter and Midday routes.

DEPOSIT EXACT FARE
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PASS SALES OUTLETS

Highway 65 Monthly Passes are available at the Main Register at Walgreen's in Marysville; the Bel Air Service Counter in Yuba City; and, at the Appeal Democrat Kiosk in the Mall at Yuba City from the 24th of the month to the 7th of the following month. Passes are also available at the Yuba-Sutter Transit office at 2100 B Street in Marysville or by mail. Call (530) 634-6880 for more information.

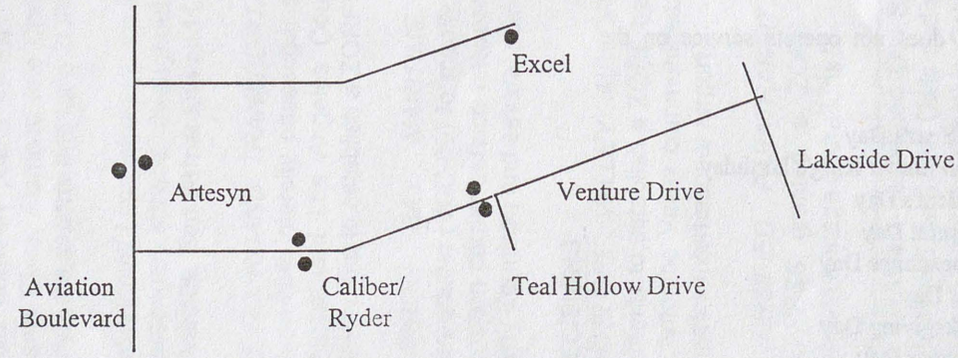
LINCOLN COMMUTER EXPRESS SCHEDULES

Monday - Friday

	First AM	Second AM	First PM	Second PM	Third PM
Yuba City/Marysville to Lincoln:					
Walton Terminal (Sunsweet)	4:45 AM	5:15 AM	1:15 PM	----	----
Ward's Terminal (I & Ninth Streets)	4:50 AM	5:20 AM	1:20 PM	----	----
Feather River Center (Main Entrance)	5:00 AM	5:30 AM	1:30 PM	----	----
Wheatland (Highway 65 and Third)	5:15 AM	5:45 AM	1:45 PM	----	----
Lincoln:					
Venture Drive & Teal Hollow	5:40 AM	6:10 AM	2:10 PM	----	----
3071 Venture Dr. (Caliber/Ryder Gate)	5:41 AM	6:11 AM	2:11 PM	----	----
1601 Aviation Blvd. (Artesyn)	5:42 AM	6:12 AM	2:12 PM	----	----
Excel Logistics Entrance	5:45 AM	6:15 AM	2:15 PM	----	----
Lincoln to Marysville/Yuba City:					
Lincoln:					
Excel Logistics Entrance	5:45 AM	6:15 AM	2:45 PM	3:15 PM	11:15 PM
1601 Aviation Blvd. (Artesyn)	----	----	2:46 PM	3:16 PM	11:16 PM
3071 Venture Dr. (Caliber/Ryder Gate)	----	----	2:47 PM	3:17 PM	11:17 PM
Venture Drive & Teal Hollow	----	----	2:50 PM	3:20 PM	11:20 PM
Wheatland (Highway 65 and Second)	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	11:30 PM
Feather River Center (Main Entrance)	----	----	3:25 PM	3:55 PM	11:55 PM
Ward's Terminal (I & Ninth Streets)	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	3:35 PM	4:05 PM	12:05 AM
Walton Terminal (Sam's Club)	----	----	3:45 PM	4:15 PM	12:15 AM

Buses stop only at the time points shown on the schedule.

Lincoln Regional Airport Industrial Park



Buses stop only at the locations marked by a dot on the map.

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Historical ridership records were set for the sixth year in a row as nearly 478,000 passengers rode **YST** buses in the last fiscal year. Last year, bi-directional service was added in Marysville, Saturday service was added, experimental rural routes were started and the demonstration Downtown Trolley discontinued. Over the last several years, ridership has grown 159 percent with just a 36 percent increase in service hours.

AMTRAK CALIFORNIA (AC)

SACRAMENTO: The once-per-day extension of the CAPITOL CORRIDOR trains east of Roseville to Rocklin, Auburn and Colfax, most recently expected to be discontinued in October because of low ridership, has been extended until at least December 1st.

Maria Contreras-Sweet, Secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency announced the time extension. Replacement AMBUS service would have been available for passengers.

SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT (RT)

SACRAMENTO: **RT** recently held public hearings on the three phase extension of the LIGHT RAIL LINE from the current Mather Field/Mills Station to the City of Folsom, to be completed in September 2003.

The first changes would include an extension from Mills to Sunrise Blvd plus three miles of track to a storage yard near Hazel, double tracking between 19th and 23rd and between Watt and Power Inn set for January 2002.

The second round includes an extension from Hazel to Iron Point Road in Folsom, express service between Sunrise and downtown and a new light rail maintenance facility near Hazel to be completed by December 2002. Planned, but not yet funded, is an extension from Iron Point Road to Historic Downtown Folsom.

The third phase includes a double track extension to the AMTRAK Station via 7th/8th and H Streets.

RICHMOND FERRY - RED AND WHITE FLEET (RAWF)

SAN FRANCISCO: **RAWF** inaugurated daily ferry service between Richmond (Ferry Terminal located near Harbour Way South and I-580) and the Ferry Building on weekdays with extended service to Pier 43 1/2 at Fisherman's Wharf on weekends.

Two 400-passenger vessels, the *ROYAL PRINCE* and the *HARBOR QUEEN,* are used. The privately operated, non subsidized service charges $5 one way. All trips require 45 minutes to travel and on board amenities include snacks, soft drinks, beer and wine.

Morning trips depart Richmond at 600AM, 630AM, 740AM and 815AM and leave the Ferry Building at 650AM and 720AM.

Afternoon trips leave the Ferry Bldg at 420PM, 515PM, 600PM and 655PM and return from Richmond at 510PM, 605PM, 650PM and 745PM.

On weekends, there are three round trips – Northbound To Richmond – 1000AM from Fisherman's Wharf direct, 1140AM from Ferry Bldg and 320PM from Fisherman's Wharf via the Ferry Bldg at 345PM. Southbound to San Francisco – 1050AM to Ferry Bldg and 1230PM and 435PM to Fisherman's Wharf.

EASTERN CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (TRI DELTA TRANSIT – TDT)

ANTIOCH: On September 5th **TDT** inaugurated two NEW lines — 70-PITTSBURG LOCAL and 300-BART/ PITTSBURG/BAY POINT-BRENTWOOD.

Line 70 is a one-way loop type community circulator operating every 40 minutes between 715AM and 415PM on weekdays (1 bus).

Line 300 operates between the BART Station at Pittsburg/Bay Point and Brentwood via Hillcrest Park & Ride and Oakley traveling primarily along Highway 4.

Morning westbound trips leave Brentwood at 428AM and every half hour until 728AM while eastbound trips leave BART at 558AM and 756AM (4 buses).

Afternoon eastbound trips depart BART at 443PM and half hourly until 813PM with westbound trips leaving Brentwood at 543PM, 643PM and 743PM (4 buses).

CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

MODESTO AREA EXPRESS has purchased an accessible MCI 102D3 for the commuter service it runs between Modesto and the **ACE** Station in Lathrop and between Modesto and BART/Pleasanton-Dublin. Fares are $5 one way, $7 round trip with a $88 monthly pass.

During the recent "Route 66 Rendezvous Days" in San Bernardino, **OMNITRANS** operated a free ROUTE 66 SHUTTLE on a one way loop in downtown San Bernardino – 4th, G, Rialto, Sierra, 5th and F to 4th.

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SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT may soon take over, from **VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY,** operation of the HIGHWAY 17 EXPRESS service.

VTA recently placed 3 low-floor Gilligs into service on Route 62. Future plans include only low floor buses.

MONTEBELLO MUNICIPAL BUS LINES discontinued Saturday service on Line 70 beginning on July 17th.

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY offered Free Rides on September 15th to celebrate "Try Transit Week", September 12-16.

LIVERMORE AMADOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY gave a Free $4.50 **BART** ticket to anyone who rode **LAVTA** before noon on September 16th to celebrate both the 25th anniversary of the TransBay Tube and to promote "Try Transit Week".

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY Directors have authorized purchase of land for a fourth operating division in southwest Santa Ana near Harbor and MacArthur Boulevards, expected opening in 2003.

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS)

SAN DIEGO: **MTS** began a new service (905-OTAY MESA-IRIS AVENUE TROLLEY STA) September 7th connecting Imperial Beach with the Otay Mesa Border Crossing, the first known local transit service at the facility. **TRES ESTRELLAS DE ORO** buses not serving San Ysidro also stop at Otay Mesa.

Four round trips in each peak period are offered on weekdays. The line is considered an express and charges a $1.75 basic fare. It is operated as part of the ATC/VANCOM contract using 2000 series New Flyers.

Line 904-CORONADO SHUTTLE was reduced (September 7th) to operate hourly on all days and to institute a $1 fare following the loss of subsidy money which had been funding the service.

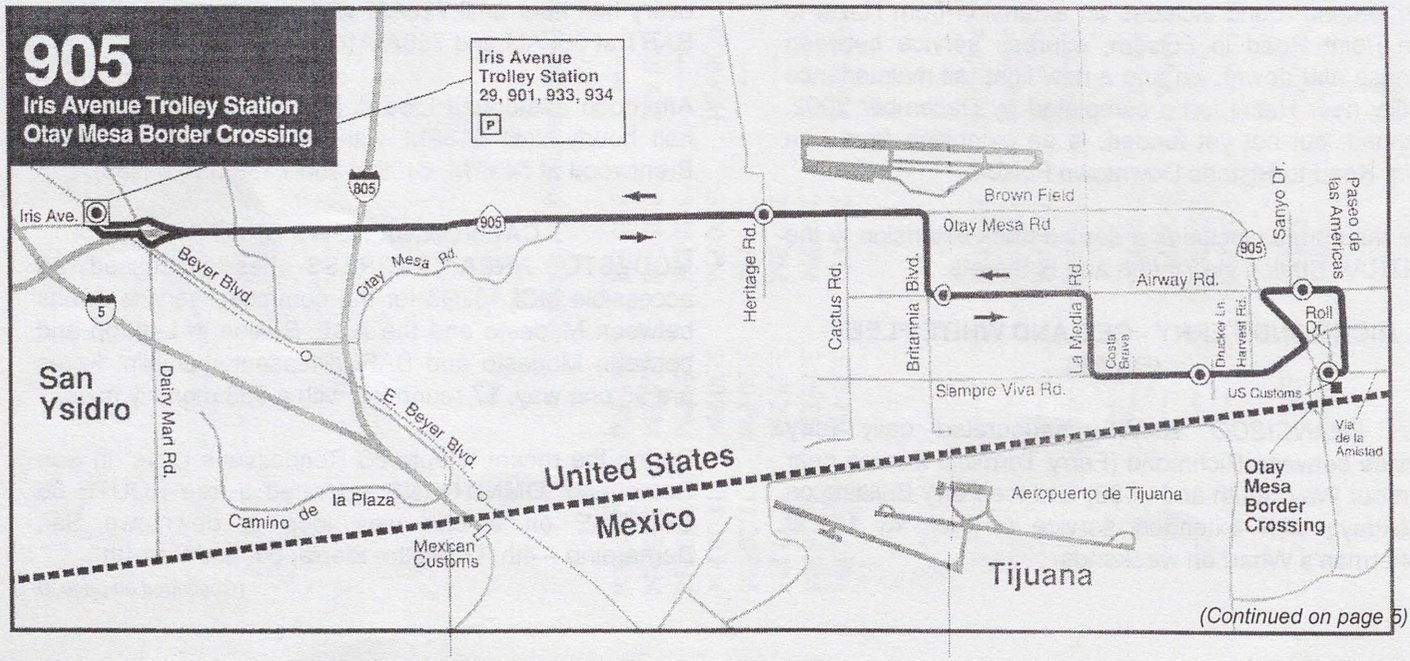
UPDATE ON SPANISH LANGUAGE BUS COMPANIES

Several new firms have begun operating and more service is now being offered from San Ysidro north along the Interstate Highway 15/215 corridor.

EXECUTIVE LINES, INC. (PSC 11128) operates between San Ysidro and several Inland Empire points using a fleet of all white with blue lettering Chevy Vans and providing four daily and one weekday only round trips. Vans depart the San Ysidro terminal at Mercado International 88 – 747 E. San Ysidro Blvd at 1030AM, 1230PM, 230PM, 435PM (weekdays) and 630PM.

Cities served include Temecula, Corona, Chino, Ontario, Baldwin Park and El Monte.

EL CORRE CAMINOS has graduated from its van and cutaway fleet and now has an all white Setra S215HDH numbered 502. They also have an MC-9 and a 96/102A3. **CC** is now using the **TRANSPORTES INTERCALIFORNIAS** terminal (751 E. San Ysidro Blvd) for its border station.



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The **BLUE BIRD COMPANY** terminal is now inside the Prendas Apparel And Accessories at 795 E. San Ysidro. **BBC** runs between Los Angeles, Huntington Park and San Ysidro with a fleet of blue Dodge and Ford vans.

AUTOBUSES CRUCERO has rerouted its LOS ANGELES-SAN YSIDRO-TIJUANA route to serve Huntington Park in addition to Santa Ana and now also operates a SAN YSIDRO-SANTA ANA-PHOENIX route. The **AC** fleet now includes several former **GREYHOUND LINES, INC.** MC-9s.

AC departures from San Ysidro now include — to Los Angeles 545AM, 830AM, 1030AM, 1130AM, 1230PM, 130PM, 630PM, 1230AM; to Phoenix 330PM and 200AM; to Tijuana Airport 645AM, 745AM, 945AM and every hour until 145PM.

BUS SERVICE BETWEEN SAN YSIDRO AND TIJUANA UPDATE

SAN YSIDRO: Additional carriers have joined the SAN YSIDRO-TIJUANA shuttle route "cooperative" — **PASSPORT SHUTTLE,** related to **TRANSPORTES CALITUR –** MC-347155; **INTERNATIONAL EXPRESS,** related to **INTERNATIONAL COACH SERVICE -** MC-306104 and **TIJUANA EXPRESS,** likely related to **PEREZ EXPRESS** with buses from both firms lettered Owned and Operated by **MEXI SHUTTLE** (San Diego) - MC-320126.

Other members include **MEXICOACH, BORDER SHUTTLE, TRANSPORTES EL VOLANTE,** and **TRANSPORTES DIAMENTE-INTER.**

PASSPORT SHUTTLE has two buses, a GMC RTS 04 (former **CALITUR** 06) and a 40 foot Flyer, likely ex **SEATTLE.** The buses are painted white with an overall light green front and blue in the back with a decal map of Baja California showing cities and points of interest.

In San Ysidro, all buses board at the International Border adjacent to the SAN DIEGO TROLLEY station, but in Tijuana the companies use many terminals. **MEX** and **BS** serve the Tijuana Turistica Terminal near Revolucion and 7th while **CALITUR** and **PASSPORT** stop at the Jai Lai Palace and **VOLANTE** uses on-street stops near 3rd and Revolucion.

TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM (TTS)

TORRANCE: Beginning October 10th **TTS** reduced service to Los Angeles on Line 1-TORRANCE-HARBOR HOSPITAL-LOS ANGELES *(WT 6/99)* while rerouting the line into the Artesia Transit Center.

On weekdays between 545AM/930AM and 345PM until the close of service at 1000PM, most trips continue to and from downtown Los Angeles (Macy and Alameda). During midday hours on weekdays, selected evening trips and all day on weekends, buses operate as far north as the GREEN LINE Harbor Station with transfers required to **MTA, GARDENA** or **LADOT.**

Midday frequency on weekdays was improved from 60 to 30 minutely, still using 3 buses.

North of Harbor Station, buses on Lines 1 and 2 now operate along Imperial Hwy, Harbor Freeway including Transitway, 39th Street, Hill (Olive northbound beyond 23rd), 1st, Los Angeles and Alameda to/from Macy.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA)

LOS ANGELES: Related to the Consent Decree, the **MTA** Directors recently voted 9-3 for three issues. First, to direct CEO Julian Burke to initiate procurement and funding actions to acquire an additional 297 buses, 195 for delivery as soon as possible and 102 for delivery no later than June 2002, without taking any current or future funding from the county's Municipal operators.

Second, he was directed to develop a financial plan to operate the additional buses ($97 million over 5 years to place 88 more buses on the street).

Lastly, as there is no reasonable way to lease or buy 248 temporary buses in 30 days, the Board instructed the staff to file a motion to stay that portion of the court order and to appeal the extent of the exercise of authority over compliance with the Consent Decree.

Earlier this year, two groups of non represented employees, both supervisors and non-supervisors, voted overwhelmingly to join the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Financial difficulties that led to layoffs of employees last year and continuing morale problems helped to spur the organizing campaign. Negotiations will soon begin.

TRANSPORTATION AND LEGISLATION

SB 372, which would have required **LACMTA** labor agreements be retained for four years by any new Los Angeles County transit agency *(WT 9/99),* was vetoed by Governor Gray Davis. While he agreed to look into

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allegations that creation of transportation zones could change the benefits workers receive, he felt "it is not appropriate for the state to mandate how local public agencies conduct collective bargaining".

In the Bay Area, debate continues on the merits of the State Legislature passed SB 428 (Perata, D-Oakland) which would establish the San Francisco Bay Area Water Transit Authority and give it three years to develop a ferry plan, to be approved by the legislature.

Although the yet unsigned bill is not likely to be implemented soon, it is at the center of a power struggle between the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, which has say over Bay Area transportation planning, and the Bay Area Council, which supports the creation of a separate ferry agency.

The legislation caused a rare split among Bay Area Democrats. South Bay and East Bay members opposed the legislation concerned that the authority would siphon off needed highway and transit improvement funds for their areas for water based transit (perhaps as many as 70 boats serving 28 different ferry landings) on San Francisco Bay.

SAN BERNARDINO ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS (SANBAG)

SAN BERNARDINO: **SANBAG** is the County Transportation Commission and it requires transit operators in the county to prepare Transit Operating and Capital Plans biennially. Recently it approved three such plans, for **NEEDLES AREA TRANSIT, VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY** and **MORONGO BASIN TRANSIT AUTHORITY.**

The plans provide a description of service currently offered along with an evaluation, any unmet needs that can be reasonably met, a projection of plans and performance for the next five years and a description and justification for capital improvements.

NAT provides a one-bus fixed route deviation service between 700AM and 700PM weekdays and, beginning this year, on Saturdays between 1000AM and 200PM. Deviations are offered on a same day basis when there is sufficient time to do so. Current fares are 75 cents and $1.25 for deviation. LAIDLAW is the contractor.

Also offered is a senior and disabled Dial-A-Ride within a fifty mile radius of the city, operated by the Needles Senior Citizens Club since the late 1970s. DAR runs on a daily basis with $1 donations requested as fare.

Fixed route performance is good for a very small system, but DAR needs a formal fare structure and a means to retain a qualified pool of drivers.

VVTA provides fixed route and demand response service in Apple Valley, Hesperia, Victorville, Helendale, Tri Communities and also includes **ADELANTO LOCAL TRANSIT** operations.

While all modes have experienced sizeable ridership increases, the cost of providing the demand response (10% of riders) is almost equal to that of the fixed route (79% of riders) and this is now under review.

Implementation of commuter bus service "down-the-hill" to San Bernardino Valley is planned for the next fiscal year, to be funded with CMAQ money.

On the capital side, there are plans for 4 expansion buses including 3 rehabilitated ones, 5 expansion commuter buses, 8 replacement buses, 35 replacement and 3 expansion paratransit vehicles. Also included are design and construction of a permanent administrative and operations facility and a transfer station at Victor Valley College.

MBTA operates fixed route service in 29 Palms and Yucca Valley, regional service to Palm Springs and Dial A Rides in all of the local communities with a fleet of buses, cutaways and vans. Interim management services are now provided by Mobility Advancement Group.

Service levels will remain constant, but the capital plan includes purchase of 14 replacement vehicles, a CNG fueling station and a new maintenance facility.

WASHINGTON STATE FERRIES (WSF)

SEATTLE, WA: During 1998, the high-speed passenger only ferry, CHINOOK, went into service on the SEATTLE-BREMERTON route (with a similar vessel, SNOHOMISH, to join the fleet soon replacing the TYEE).

The boats, capable of a top speed of 39 MPH, shaved a half hour off what was a ninety minute round trip.

Last spring, five Kitsap County shoreline residents filed a class action suit against **WSF** complaining the boat's wake was tearing up the exquisite shoreline at Rich Passage, a channel that at its narrowest point separates Bainbridge Island from the Kitsap Peninsula by only 3/4 mile. Homes on the Bainbridge side start at a half-million dollars.

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CLEAN AIR EXPRESS

Santa Barbara, California

FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL	SERIAL #'S	YEAR	NOTES
A1	TMC	MC-9	CR003588	12/82	Ex Greyhound Lines 4037
A2	TMC	MC-9	DR003631	02/83	Ex Greyhound Lines 8912
A3	TMC	MC-9	DR003614	02/83	Ex Greyhound Lines 8905
A4	TMC	MC-9	ER004553	10/84	Ex Greyhound Lines 9017
A5	MCI	MC-9	U35391/S15375	07/79	Ex GLOLA/Flyaway 86
A6	MCI	MC-9	U34332/S13915	06/79	Ex Carolina Coach (NC) 85941
A7	MCI	MC-9	BP036347	09/81	Ex LTR (NV) 256
A8	MCI	MC-9	U34468/S14161	09/79	Ex Valley Transit (TX) 604
A9	MCI	MC-9	U35650/S15659	02/81	Ex Hudson Transit (NJ) H883
A10	MCI	MC-9	U35654/S15663	02/81	Ex Hudson Transit (NJ) H887
A11-A14	MCI	102DL3	WP050429-432	11/97	New. CNG powered.

CLEAN AIR EXPRESS is sponsored by Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District, Exxon Company, USA and Southern California Gas Company and offers weekday peak hour commute service (four routes each with one trip) from Lompoc, Santa Maria, Bulleton and Ventura to Goleta and Santa Barbara.

SANTA BARBARA AIRBUS, who operates between Santa Barbara County cities and Los Angeles International Airport, is the contract operator.

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In August, Superior Court Judge Glenna Hall ruled in the homeowner's favor, marking the first time that a vessel has been made subject to Washington state's Environmental Policy Act. Hall ordered the CHINOOK to slow from 39 to 14 MPH through Rich Passage, a six mile segment of the 16-mile route, until an environmental review is conducted. This has lengthened trip times by 15 minutes and reduced the number of one-way trips the ferry can make from 17 to 11.

WSF filed an emergency request with the State Supreme Court for a stay of Hall's ruling, but they were turned down.

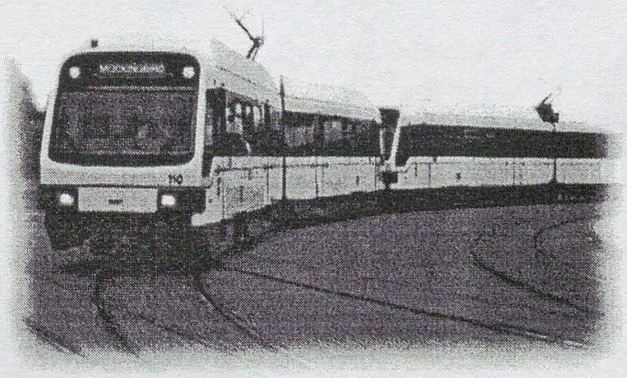
Engineers hired by **WSF** previously concluded the erosion was likely due to natural phenomena. The ferry system is hoping that new technology, such as foils that lift the vessel higher in the water and produce less of a wake, will provide a solution which will allow the vessels to return to their faster speeds.

DALLAS AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT (DART)

DALLAS, TX: The Addison Transit Center, at Addison and Arapaho, opened for business on June 7th replacing the Prestonwood Transfer Point and Loos Stadium Park and Ride. Serving 16 bus lines and the Light Rail Line, ATC has a 205 car parking lot, a climate controlled customer service area, restrooms, telephones and vending machines.

A new, experimental van service, DART ON-CALL, is now operating in a designated seven square mile area of Plano. Upon request, vans are dispatched to residents in an area bounded by Legacy Drive, Custer Road, Parker Road and Avenue K, on weekdays between 500AM and 800PM. The vans operate to and from the East Plano Transit Center.

The first of 55 new light rail vehicles are now arriving which will allow extension of the BLUE LINE between Pearl Station and Mockingbird Station later this fall. When all cars are delivered, the fleet will more than double to 95.



EQUIPMENT REPORT

(All properties are located in California unless otherwise noted)

PROPERTY	FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL/VIN #'S	DATE	NOTES
-NEW-					
Autobuses Crucero	60124	Dina	Viaggio 1000/VS001316	1996	
	60204	Dina	Viaggio 1000/WS001705	10/97	
Intercity Transit (WA)	901-912	Gillig	G18D102N4/W1070170-181	1998	
Ben Franklin Transit (WA)	242-244	Gillig	G22D102N4/W1070365-367	1/99	
Oahu Transit Service (HI)	366-368	Gillig	G18D102N4/W1070604-606	1999	
Lawndale Transit	563-565	Ford/Collins	Econ/Diplomat/MHA41271, 279-280	1991	
Los Angeles County MTA	5007	New Flyer	C40/XU020056	7/99	
-USED-					
Victor Valley Transit Auth	both unnumb	GMC	T8H203/A1301, A1308	1980	1
Autobuses Azul Y Blanco	62	Flxible	35096-6-0/60396	1975	2
(Tijuana)	172	Flxible	111CC-D06-1/57311	1973	3
	1-27	Flxible	45096-6-1/57481	1973	4
	1-194	Flxible	45102-6-1/61675	1976	5
	1-285	Flxible	45102-8-1/59893	1975	6
Santa Rosa Airporter	5003	MCI	MC-9/U35482/S15419	1979	7
-DISPOSITIONS-					
Orange Blossom Lines	808	MCI	MC-9/U34383/S14214	1979	8
	902	TMC	MC-9/—	—	8
	904	TMC	MC-9/DR003729	3/83	8
	907	TMC	102A3/KR007060	3/89	8

-NOTES-

1. Ex OCTA 3106, 3113.
2. Ex Sheboygan Transit System (WI) 119.
3. Ex Sacramento RT 4916.
4. Ex Citran (Fort Worth TX) 123.
5. Ex New Jersey Transit (NJ) 7323.
6. Ex PATransit (PA) 1230.
7. Originally Westway Lines 4708.
8. To ABC Bus Sales in Garden Grove.

OCTA has retired the remaining six Super Buses with three (7001, 7105, 7106) destined to SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY and the others (7103, 7104, 7107) to be offered for bid at an upcoming vehicle auction.

SOUTH COAST AREA TRANSIT now has a diesel fleet of only 8, all Flxible Metros including 3000-3001, 30 foot units, and 4528, 4531, 4532, 4539 (7539), 4541 (7541) and 4542. The buses are fueled off property as the SCAT yard has been retrofitted for CNG.

Four of the ten known ORANGE BLOSSOM LINES fleet are now at ABC Bus Sales and there is no sign of the company at its former Placentia location, also home to several other firms. OBL may be out of business.

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) is 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.