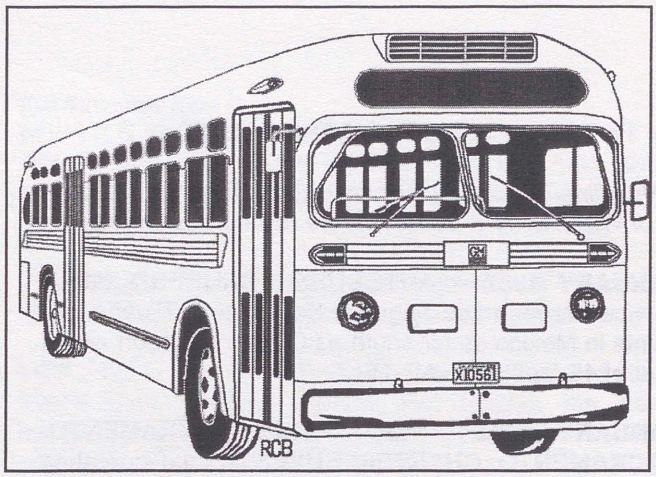


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2001 HOLIDAY BUSES AND SERVICES



Special holiday shuttle services, specially decorated buses and Free Rides highlighted the holiday season.

RTA operated three different "Holiday Trolleys" under sponsorship of the cities of Corona and Norco, Lake Elsinore and Temecula. Chance Trolleys (No. 10-No. 15), operated by TRANSIT WAYS, were used and the operators wore uniforms including white shirt, black vest and red Santa stocking caps.

The CORONA/NORCO HOLIDAY TROLLEY operated a one-way loop the weekends of December 15-16 and 22-23. The Free Ride bus ran every 70 minutes 1000AM-600PM from the Corona Senior Center (10th/Belle) via Main/Hamner, 14th, Hamner, Hidden Valley Pkwy/ McKinley St (diverting into both Costco Plaza and Wal Mart Plaza), Magnolia, Ontario, Main, 10th to Belle.

LAKE ELSINORE "TOOTSIE" THE TROLLEY operated on Saturdays December 8, 15 and 22 between 1000AM and 600PM on a two direction line from Brookstone Center past the Outlet Center and downtown to the new Wal Mart Center. A ride was 25¢ and TOOTSIE ran every 1 hour, 40 minutes.

The TEMECULA TROLLEY ran weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas every 35 minutes 1000AM-500PM on a two directional line connecting shopping centers, downtown and residential areas.

Four buses were known to be decorated in "Happy Holidays" paint jobs. **SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL BUS LINES** 5174 was again painted an overall bright red with gold stars and white lettering "Happy Holiday Bus". **CULVER CITY BUS** 7089, a new CNG powered New Flyer, appeared in a holiday motif with Holiday Greetings below the roof line and above the windows with candy canes all over. **GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT** 1308, a TMC RTS 08, was painted with different scenes depicting "Holidays Around The Bay" while **REGIONAL TRANSIT's** Orion V 9369 was painted in a special design entitled "Peace On Earth" with candles in red, white and blue and the letters in diverse colors. The bus was rotated around the system and offered Free Rides.

DOWNEY LINK and **THOUSAND OAKS TRANSIT** both operated their systems on abbreviated service spans on the Saturdays preceding Christmas.

SMMBL's TIDE SHUTTLE was renamed SANTA MONICA SHOPPING SHUTTLE, offered Free Rides and was extended via 4th Street and Montana to 17th serving the Montana Shopping area on Friday, Saturday and Sunday between 400PM and 1000PM.

City of Carson's Transportation Services Division ran two free-ride Midday Shoppers Shuttles. Route 1 ran from Main and Sepulveda along Figueroa to Torrance Blvd with a northern loop on Francisco, Main, Broadway and Victoria, similar to the former NORTH-SOUTH

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

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

APPLICATIONS

Maria Leiva and Ramigio Pulido dba BAMBY'S TOURS has applied for TCP-14867-B with home terminal at 5860 S. Los Angeles Street in Los Angeles.

DECISIONS

ECONOMY EXPRESS AIRPORTER/LIMO granted PSC between points in Contra Costa, Alameda, San Francisco, San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties, Bay Area airports and to establish a ZORF.

Koushan Ashia dba MONTEREY BAY SUPER SHUTTLE granted authority to expand PSC to include Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano, Contra Costa and Alameda Counties and the three Bay Area Airports (San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose).

A number of Charter Party Certificates were recently issued: *LA EXPRESS MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION CO – 13801-B, TAHOE MOTORS, INC. dba TAHOE TOURS – 13891-B, PACINO ENTERPRISES, INC dba ANDIAMO TRANSPORTATION – 14242-B, TBE INTER NATIONAL, INC – 14303-B, TALAVERA AND VEGA dba V AND T EXPRESS – 14309-A, MICHAEL KAJIK dba UP AND AWAY BALLOONING – 14328-C, MSF TOURS, INC –14357-B, MARIO JIMENEZ dba MARIO'S TOURS – 14379-B, PATRICK LOPES dba SHUTTLE WORKS – 14452-A, JONES AND BERNSTEIN dba DREAM LIMOUSINE – 14467-B and EMPIRE INTERNATIONAL LTD – 14502-A.*

SPECIAL ROSE BOWL SERVICE

Special bus service was operated for the 2002 Bowl Championship Series football game between Miami and Nebraska played at the historic Rose Bowl January 3rd.

MTA operated Line 600 (401)-PASADENA SPECIAL between downtown Los Angeles (Venice & Hill) and downtown Pasadena (Fair Oaks & Holly) over an alignment very close to that of Line 401.

PASADENA ARTS sponsored special service between Fair Oaks & Holly and the Rose Bowl.

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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)

JANUARY 1997 – AUTOBUSES CRUCERO began service between Los Angeles, San Ysidro, Tijuana and points in Mexico as far south as Ciudad Obregon with a fleet of 45-foot Eagle AE-15s.

JANUARY 1992 – GRAY LINE SACRAMENTO/ SACRAMENTO CHARTER BUSES started operating between Folsom, Sacramento, Downtown San Francisco and San Francisco International Airport with six daily round trips.

JANUARY 1987 – The largest expansion in the history of the **CALAVERAS TRANSIT COMPANY,** to take over the Stockton-Pleasant Hill segment of **GREYHOUND LINES, INC.** SAN FRANCISCO-ANTIOCH-STOCKTON route, was scheduled to take place.

JANUARY 1982 – YOLO TRANSIT SYSTEM, a new Joint Powers Agency including the cities of Davis and Woodland and the County, took over transit operations in Yolo County and to and from Sacramento from **REGIONAL TRANSIT** with **YTS** service contracted to Douglas Bus Lines dba COMMUTER BUS LINES.

JANUARY 1977 – Voting to discontinue subsidy funds, the County Board of Supervisors and City of Victorville agreed to the abandonment of the original **VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT SERVICE AUTHORITY** as of December 31, 1976. **VVTSA** began operations in January 1975 with a fleet of Mercedes Benz 0309Ds.

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SHUTTLE *(WT 6/98).* Route 2 ran from Laurel Park & Victoria via Laurel Park, Rancho Way, Del Amo (thru Carson Mall), Avalon, 213th, Wilmington, Dominguez and Alameda.

TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM operated a Shoppers Shuttle, expected to travel along Hawthorne Blvd.

MTA offered free rides on both Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve between 900PM and 500AM the next morning on the bus system and from 900PM until service closing on the Metro Rail lines.

The **MUNICIPAL AREA EXPRESS** operated a reduced schedule on its commuter routes, 2-PALOS VERDES, 3-TORRANCE-SAN PEDRO AND 3X-SAN PEDRO EXPRESS as many businesses in El Segundo operate on reduced schedules during the holidays.

METROLINK's HOLIDAY TOY EXPRESS visited all 44 stations during December collecting toys for the annual Spark Of Love Toy Drive. The train set included an engine, a cab car, a flat car with a stage and animated displays, a second flat car with an old fire truck and a caboose complete with lights. A 20-minute performance of holiday music was given at each stop.

Although originally planned, **METROLINK** did not operate its premium fare ROSE PARADE EXPRESS trains as advance reservations were very low.

San Diego's **METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM** offered FREE RIDES on New Year's Eve from 600PM until the close of service and some lines ran all night – 7-UNIVERSITY AVE, 11–IMPERIAL AVE-KENSINGTON, 34-LA JOLLA, 901-SAN DIEGO-CORONADO-IMPERIAL BEACH and all three **SAN DIEGO TROLLEY** lines.

CITY OF LOMPOC TRANSIT introduced its first-ever HOLIDAY SHUTTLE which ran along H Street between Central and Cypress offering Free Rides. Service operated Friday and Saturday 300PM-900PM and on Sunday from noon until 900PM. **COLT's** four fixed routes and the Dial-A-Ride system also offered the same extended hours and Free Rides.

BART offered its $5 New Years Eve Flash Pass and ran trains until 300AM. **MUNI** extended Subway service until 400AM and offered Free Rides on all lines from 800PM New Years Eve until 600AM on New Years Day.

MTA had an in-house "Decorate A Christmas Bus" contest. Nine divisions competed - D1 with NABI 7514, D2 with Truck 15-2065, D3 with New Flyer C-40 5010, D7 with NABI Rapid 7113, D8 with CNG Neoplan 4570, D9 with New Flyer 5160, D10 with New Flyer 5432, D15 with Neoplan 4633 and D18, also with Neoplan 4755, which bus was declared the winner.

UPDATE ON SPANISH LANGUAGE BUS COMPANIES

EL PASO-LOS ANGELES LIMOUSINE EXPRESS, INC. is now operating a LOS ANGELES-SAN YSIDRO route with a fleet of TMC/MCI 102A3s and 102C3s in the 900 series. They have opened an East Los Angeles station on Olympic Blvd near Atlantic. The downtown Los Angeles station is located at 6th and Wall.

GOLDEN STATE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY also started new routes — SAN LUIS, AZ –YUMA, AZ-SAN YSIDRO-LOS ANGELES and SAN LUIS-PHOENIX, each with two daily round trips.

AUTOBUSES AMERICANOS is advertising a NEW LOS ANGELES-DALLAS-KANSAS CITY-CHICAGO route. They have also opened an East Los Angeles depot on Olympic Blvd near Ferris, which is also served by their LA-PHOENIX-EL PASO-JUAREZ, MEX route.

GOLDEN STATE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY AND IMMIGRATION ISSUES

LOS ANGELES: Following a two year investigation, dubbed Operation Great Basin, the United States government in an indictment unsealed in federal court in Tucson, AZ, charged 32 people including **GSTC** Vice President Francisco Gonzalez with illegally transporting migrants within the United States. They were not charged with smuggling people across the border.

The government alleges **GSTC** officials worked with migrant smugglers who bought large blocks of bus tickets for immigrants to travel from staging areas, primarily El Paso, Tucson and Phoenix, inside the United States to cities in the southwest, that buses would arrive and depart after midnight to avoid detection and routes changed to bypass checkpoints *(Ed. Note – it is unclear how so many people were moved without law enforcement attention as most **GSTC** routes use major freeways with active Border Patrol checkpoints such as San Onofre on Interstate 5. Interviewed passengers said that INS agents regularly examined papers of **GSTC** clients, both at bus stations and checkpoints).*

Federal agents arrested most of those indicted and also raided **GSTC** offices and terminals on December 11th (some of which were closed for about one day). Operations have since returned to normal, although the government wants to seize **GSTC** assets which include 160 buses, corporate bank accounts and terminals in East Los Angeles, Tucson, El Paso and Las Vegas.

INS said it is not targeting any other bus companies.

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM (CTS)

SAN DIEGO: LAIDLAW TRANSIT SERVICES, INC. became the new **CTS** contractor on October 1st (FIRST TRANSIT, INC. was the previous contractor) and began operations from the new East County Maintenance Facility (ECMF) at 1213 Johnson in El Cajon with a fleet of 63 buses including 40 new ones.

New buses include 8101-8133, forty foot CNG powered New Flyers *(WT 10/01)* and 8201-8207, El Dorado National TRE-32s. The 26 seat REs have two doors. The 8100s are used on Lines 831-864 while the 8200s are assigned to Lines 871, 872 and 873. These buses are painted in the **MTS** red, white and blue design and do not have any **CTS** markings.

Orion 1s 001-009 and Gilligs 010-026 will be retired. Remaining buses will be renumbered into the 8000 series. Gilligs 8030-8041 (30-41) are used on the 831-864 and the 8050-8060 (50-60) 1996 model RE-29s are used on 875 and 877 with LTS owned buses on 851, 853 and 874. These buses will remain in the **CTS** livery (red, white and blue, but in a totally different design).

A Rural Transportation Needs Study is underway to determine a service delivery model for types of services to better meet the needs of the rural county areas. The four current Rural Routes (878/879-NORTHEAST RURAL and 888/894-SOUTHEAST RURAL) would be replaced by seven fixed routes and one Dial-A-Ride.

CHULA VISTA TRANSIT (CVT)

CHULA VISTA: **CVT** has issued an RFP for a five year operations contract of **CVT** starting this July from a new city owned yard, the Maxwell Maintenance Facility at 1800 Maxwell Road, near Otay Valley Road and I-805. The new contract should be awarded in March.

The **CVT** fleet to be operated will include Chance trolleys 017-020, Orion 1s 024-029, Gillig Phantoms 032-033 and New Flyer C40LF 7001-7015 and, due to arrive early this year, New Flyers 7016-7025. Six more buses will be ordered later this year for 2003 delivery.

The contractor will need to provide an employee shuttle to/from the new yard for those who will not have other means of access to this remote, transitless location.

SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORP presently operates **CVT** using operators from its Community Based Drivers group from a Chula Vista yard adjacent to the **SAN DIEGO TROLLEY** Bayfront/E Street Station.

EL SEGUNDO DOWNTOWN LUNCHTIME SHUTTLE (ESS)

EL SEGUNDO: Last June the city inaugurated **ESS** to promote interest in the downtown area by offering a FREE bus between the high rise offices on the eastside (Sepulveda) and the many restaurants downtown. The experimental program is considered successful, but a decision to continue it has yet to be made.

Using two buses from the EL SEGUNDO DIAL-A-RIDE (6471-6472, 16 seat, accessible Econoline/Aerotechs painted white with two tone blue trim), **ESS** operates on weekdays every 9 minutes between 1130AM and 215PM on a route from Continental Grand Plaza II on Continental along Grand, Main, Pine, Richmond, El Segundo, Main and Grand to Continental.

Merchant discount coupons are given to shuttle riders and, with 24 hours notice, **ESS** will pick up and return groups at any time of day requested.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MTA/ MONTEBELLO BUS LINES (MTA/MBL)

LOS ANGELES: December 30th saw discontinuation of **MTA** Line 262-GARFIELD AVENUE and establishment of **MBL** Line 30-GARFIELD AVENUE, which is actually the same line. Line 30 is offering an identical route and schedule to that of the 262.

Last day buses on **MTA** 262 – RTS 1476 on BR 1 and 1346 on BR 2 and Flxible 2931 on BR 3. First day **MBL** buses were new low floor Gilligs 2106, 2108 and 2109.



As part of this transition, **MBL** is now honoring all **MTA** weekly and monthly passes on all of its lines. Although **LADOT** honors some **MTA** passes and **MBL** Line 50 had been honoring them also *(WT 4/00),* this action is being touted as the first step in the development of a Los Angeles County seamless bus and rail fare system.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA)

LOS ANGELES: Roger Snoble became the new Chief Executive Officer October 1st and John Catoe, formerly Director of Transportation in Santa Monica, was then appointed the Assistant CEO.

Charged by the **MTA** Board with making the agency

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Measure I boosts San Bernardino County bus services

Public transit serves millions of residents countywide

"The wheels on the bus go 'round and round, all through the town." This catchy tune -- a hit among the preschool set -- helps parents teach their little ones the basics of bus transportation. From the wheels to the bus driver to the passengers, children learn from this song that riding the bus is a viable means of getting around town. A look at bus ridership figures in San Bernardino County shows that millions here also are aware of the benefits of taking the bus to work, school, shopping, medical appointments or wherever they need to go.

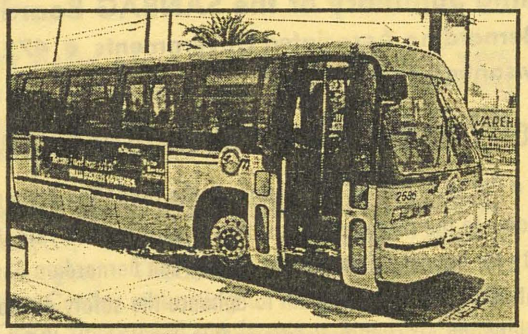
San Bernardino Associated Governments helps keep those bus wheels turning with support from Measure I, San Bernardino County's half-cent transportation sales tax. Since its adoption by county voters in 1989, Measure I has provided financial support to six public transit operators. Measure I funds enable transit operators to offer reduced fares to elderly and disabled passengers in all reaches of this vast county.

In recognition of San Bernardino County's Rideshare Week, October 1-5, SANBAG will spotlight bus transportation in this month's issue of ***"Measuring Success."***

At the wheel

Six transit operators serve San Bernardino County residents and are supported by Measure I funds. Operators and ridership as of June 2001 include:

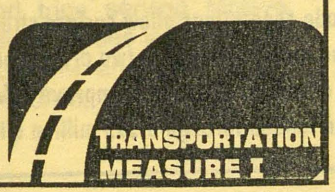
- **Barstow Area Transit** -- The City of Barstow operates this bus system, as well as two specialized services for seniors and persons with disabilities in the Big River and Trona communities. More than 144,000 riders are served yearly.
- **Morongo Basin Transit Authority** -- Nearly 143,000 passengers catch a ride annually on MBTA buses in the City of Twentynine Palms, Town of Yucca Valley and unincorporated areas of Joshua Tree, Landers, Flamingo Heights and Yucca Mesa. Weekday service also is provided to Palm Desert and Palm Springs.
- **Mountain Area Regional Transit Authority** -- Serving the communities of Crestline, Lake Arrowhead, Running Springs and Big Bear Lake, MARTA provides a lift to more than 163,000 riders per year.
- **Needles Area Transit** -- Administered by the City of Needles, this system provides standard bus service, as well as a dial-a-ride program for seniors and those with disabilities. NAT annually transports approximately 34,000 riders.
- **Omnitrans** -- Close to 16 million passengers ride Omnitrans each year, which serves residents in the San Bernardino Valley region. In addition to regular bus operations, Omnitrans offers its Access service for individuals with disabilities and its dial-a-ride service for residents of Yucaipa.
- **Victor Valley Transit Authority** -- More than a million riders use Victor Valley Transit Authority in Victorville, Hesperia, Adelanto, Apple Valley and the unincorporated areas of Phelan, Wrightwood, Piñon Hills and Helendale. Service includes standard bus operations, plus curb-to-curb service for disabled persons.



Measure I contributions

During the first 10 years of the Measure I program, $34 million has been provided for bus transportation. A breakdown of this support to transit operators between 1990 and 2000 follows.

Barstow Area Transit	
City of Barstow	$391,326
North Desert Area	$284,146
Morongo Basin Transit Authority	
City of Twentynine Palms	$258,167
Town of Yucca Valley	$274,008
Morongo Basin Area	$208,868
Mountain Area Regional Transit Authority	
City of Big Bear Lake	$174,256
Mountain Area	$435,407
Needles Area Transit	
City of Needles	$77,000
Colorado River Area	$13,600
Omnitrans -- Funds from Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland, Yucaipa	$29,313,802
Victor Valley Transit Authority	
City of Adelanto	$81,824
Town of Apple Valley	$537,660
City of Hesperia	$696,873
City of Victorville	$1,472,435
Victor Valley Area	$404,576
TOTAL	**$34,623,948**



STREET SMART

October 3, 2001

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Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors

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■ Call boxes help keep county highways "SAFE"

Got a flat tire? Out of gas? Debris in the road? San Bernardino County's call boxes come to the rescue of thousands of drivers each year. As the Service Authority for Freeway Emergencies (SAFE), San Bernardino Associated Governments administers the call box program to enhance the safety of motorists countywide.

Mobility and Air Quality Programs Director Michelle Kirkhoff provided a call box update to the Board of Directors on October 3, in response to interest and questions expressed by Board members this summer. Kirkhoff noted:



- Across the county, 1,638 call boxes are in place along 1,691 miles of highway roadsides. A total of 1.2 million calls have been placed since the service began in 1990. These bright yellow solar-powered devices allow drivers to report problems to an emergency dispatcher who sends help.
- Call box use has declined from a peak of 142,242 calls in 1994 to 74,297 calls in 2000, due to the advent of cellular phone technology. Despite this decline, 85% of the respondents in the Inland Empire Annual Survey rated the importance of maintaining county call boxes a high priority.
- One challenge to the system is a shortage of funding. A $1 fee is charged as part of the annual vehicle registration process, but this fee is insufficient to cover operating expenses. Efforts are being made to reduce costs and enhance existing revenue sources. Other difficulties involve costs to replace boxes that have been knocked down by drivers, additional equipment needed for the new State Route 210 and retrofitting that is required to comply with new safety and Americans with Disabilities Act standards.

■ Work to start on two grade separation projects

Board members laid tracks for the start of grade separation projects in Colton and San Bernardino, with the hiring of two engineering firms for preliminary design and environmental clearance work.

Moffatt & Nichol Engineers was chosen for the grade separation project at Hunts Lane, located at the border of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino. LAN Engineering Corp. was hired for the project at University Parkway in San Bernardino.

Grade separations allow surface streets to be repositioned over or under railroad tracks so that the two are not on the same level. Separate streets and train tracks eliminate delays and improve safety at crossings. These projects are two of the five funded through a $95 million allocation legislated by Assembly Bill 2928.

■ Agencies adopt agreement for Upland soundwall

SANBAG, the City of Upland and the County of San Bernardino adopted a cooperative agreement for the funding of a soundwall adjacent to the new State Route 210.

Last winter, a group of residents formed a coalition called "We Want Our Wall" to muster support for a soundwall north of the freeway between Quince Way and Euclid Avenue in Upland.

Board members agreed to the construction of a wall, based on a temporary three-way split of costs among SANBAG, Upland and San Bernardino County -- approximately $110,000 per agency. Soundwall costs will be reimbursed at a later date by Caltrans, following the sale of surplus property owned by Caltrans between Quince Way and Euclid Avenue and east of Mountain Avenue.

E.L. Yeager will build the wall as a change-order to the freeway construction project. The wall is expected to be completed prior to the opening of State Route 210 next fall.

Down the Road ...

- Oct. 10: Administrative Committee, 9 a.m.; SCRRA Delegates Briefing, 11 a.m.
- Oct. 11: Major Projects Committee, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 17: Plans & Programs Committee, noon
- Oct. 19: Mountain-Desert Committee, 9 a.m.

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more responsive, Snoble has proposed dividing it into regional sectors to improve service. *(Ed. Note – sector details and specific impacts on staff have yet to be announced, but the sectors would most likely include Central and Westside, South Bay, Gateway/Southeast area, San Gabriel Valley and San Fernando Valley.)*

Press releases have said that each sector would have a general manager and a governing body to oversee the system with help from a marketing and planning staff. Each sector would have its own dispatch center, could sign contracts with other providers to operate shuttle lines and form partnerships with the municipal agencies to provide better service.

Scores of **MTA** employees who work at Gateway would be forced to shift their jobs to the sectors, although the downtown headquarters would be responsible for all rail operations, Rapid Buses, Lines of Regional Significance and all current Countywide Planning efforts.

The Winter Shake Up took place December 30th with a number of changes – NEW 52/352-AVALON BLVD-ARTESIA TRANSIT CENTER, extensions to 161 and 176 and Saturday service on the Leonis Blvd. segment of Line 105 – details next month.

CALIFORNIA NEWS BRIEFS

As part of an Anaheim based program to stimulate tourist trade, **PACIFIC COAST SIGHTSEEING TOURS** offered a $25 discount on its TIJUANA-ROSARITO BEACH SHOPPING TOUR thru the end of December.

SOUTH COAST AREA TRANSIT of Oxnard placed six new 40-foot low floor NABIs (4008-4013) in service replacing their six 1982 model diesel powered 4500 series Flxibles. The remaining two diesels, Flxibles 3001-3002, are to be retired next year.

LONG BEACH TRANSIT discontinued its GETTY MUSEUM SPECIAL service as of October 6th.

Fresh from signing a new 4-year labor contract with the Teamsters Union, **NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT** announced the Fast Forward system wide route restructuring program will begin February 17 in Escondido, Oceanside and on the Regional Routes.

TRANSPORTATION CONCEPTS, INC. is the new contract operator for the **MONTEREY PARK SPIRIT TRANSIT SYSTEM.**

The **SOUTH COAST AREA TRANSIT** of Arroyo Grande, Grover Beach, Pismo Beach and Shell Beach is now (October 1st) staffed by in-house employees. **SCAT** had been contractor run since 1979. The routes were also restructured and main transfer point moved from Grover Beach AMTRAK to Ramona Garden Park.

THOUSAND OAKS TRANSIT (TOT)

THOUSAND OAKS: With the opening of the Thousand Oaks Transportation Center on Rancho Road just south of Highway 101 on August 26, **TOT** redesigned its three route network.

1-NEWBURY PARK and 4-WESTLAKE VILLAGE were combined into one line with two numbers, 1 operating the new Newbury Park loop in a counter clockwise direction and 4 the reverse.

From Agoura Rd and Westlake, buses travel Westlake, Trifuno Canyon, Townsgate, Westlake, Agoura, Lakeview Canyon, Thousand Oaks, Rancho to Transportation Center, returning to Hillcrest, Boardwalk, Thousand Oaks, Oaks Mall roadways, Lynn Rd, Kelley, Newbury, Ventu Park Rd, Hillcrest to Rancho Conejo where the branching begins – 1 via Rancho Conejo, Lawrence, Teller, Wendy, Old Conejo, Reino Rd, Lynn, Wendy and Borchard/Rancho Conejo to Hillcrest with 4 traveling the loop in reverse.

2-CENTRAL THOUSAND OAKS continues to begin/end at Oaks Mall and serves the TC on inbound trips by traveling on Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, Rancho Rd to TC and return to Thousand Oaks, then to Oaks Mall.

1/4 each operate every two hours while 2 runs on a 75 minute headway.

KERN REGIONAL TRANSIT (KRT)

BAKERSFIELD: Last August 22 **GREYHOUND LINES, INC.** discontinued its LOS ANGELES-BISHOP-RENO route north of Mojave and on October 22nd **KRT** started a new MOJAVE-RIDGECREST EXPRESS operating three round trips Monday, Wednesday, Friday between Mojave, California City, Inyokern and Ridgecrest.

Buses leave Mojave at 645AM, 1055AM, 536PM and Ridgecrest at 830AM, 100PM, 715PM. When **INYO-MONO TRANSIT** obtains the needed funding, they will institute a BISHOP-RIDGECREST connecting line.

Another line, BORON-MOJAVE, began September 5th with four round trips on Wednesday only traveling on Hwy 58 connecting Boron, North Edwards and Mojave.

Former BAKERSFIELD-TEHACHAPI and TEHACHAPI-MOJAVE were combined into the 58 EXPRESS and now offer five weekday round trips serving Mojave, Tehachapi, Keene and Bakersfield. Buses leave Mojave at 520AM, 645AM, 955AM, 310PM and 545PM and depart Bakersfield at 440AM, 800AM, 1250PM, 315PM and 520PM.

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CITY OF RIDGECREST TRANSIT SYSTEM (RTS)

RIDGECREST: In September, the City Council voted to cancel its contract with TRANSWEST SPECIALTIES, directly operate **RTS** and convert the County/City fixed route into a general public Dial-A-Ride as of October 1.

RTS also operates a contract for reservation only DAR to Randsburg and Inyokern and, in conjunction with **KRT,** is funding the new MOJAVE-RIDGECREST route.

GREYHOUND LINES, INC. (GLI)

LOS ANGELES: **GLI** recently opened new stations in Fontana (16880 Slover Ave) and Corona (13120 Magnolia). Buses on both the ALBUQUERQUE and EL PASO routes serve Fontana while buses on the LONG BEACH-SAN BERNARDINO route service Corona.

On August 22 the Mojave-Reno segment of the LOS ANGELES-BISHOP-RENO route was discontinued. One round trip each on LA-LAS VEGAS and LA-SAN FRANCISCO VALLEY ROUTE were rerouted to serve Hollywood, San Fernando, Lancaster, Mojave, then to/ from Barstow or Bakersfield.

MONTEREY-SALINAS TRANSIT (MST)

MONTEREY: Last February **MST** purchased 28 used 1989 Gilligs from **FOOTHILL TRANSIT,** six of which were placed in service during the summer. Recently Complete Coach Works was awarded a contract to refurbish up to 26 of these buses.

Earlier in the year the **MST** Board approved a resolution declaring a Clean Diesel fuel path to comply with CARB regulations. The resolution affirmed the Board's commitment to support the current CNG bus fleet and to include CNG infrastructure as part of the new Fort Ord Operations Facility.

A Memorandum of Understanding was approved for PRO TRANSPORTATION SERVICE, INC to deploy their privately owned minibus in the South County area to transport Special Transportation passengers eligible for MediCal, re-deploy the MST RIDES vehicle back to **MST's** ADA service area, provide service for ST riders on their own and retain any MediCal revenues received from claims PRO submits.

Several service changes took place December 8 – Line 2-PACIFIC GROVE was rerouted onto Lighthouse Ave while service was suspended to the Defense Language Institute and on Franklin, Pine and High in Monterey. DART 8 added Saturday hours and was extended to Seaside City Hall. 27-WATSONVILLE was extended to Monterey Transit Plaza from Watsonville with stops in Castroville, Marina, Edgewater Transit Exchange and Monterey Peninsula College.

GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT (GGT)

SAN RAFAEL: As part of the *Five Year Transit Fare Increase Program,* adopted in 1998, **GGT** bus and ferry fares were increased 5.5% or an increase of 10¢ to 30¢, depending upon the trip, as of July 1. Passenger fares will contribute 30% of the transit budget.

The minimum fare is now $1.50. Sample fares include $3.10 between San Rafael and San Francisco and $6.00 for Santa Rosa-San Francisco.

The **GGT** transfer policy was liberalized December 9th to allow transfers to be made at any stop served by two or more buses, stopovers are permitted and a transfer is valid for up to 2 hours within one county and 3 hours if the passenger travels in more than one county.

CLALLAM TRANSIT SYSTEM (CTS)

PORT ANGELES, WA: In June and again in September **CTS** instituted several changes to its system, primarily in the Sequim area.

31-OLD OLYMPIC HIGHWAY and 44-DUNGENESS were discontinued and replaced with a general public Dial-A-Ride which makes timed connections with 30-PORT ANGELES-SEQUIM.

52-DIAMOND POINT was retained with three trips a day, one just prior to the start up of DAR, the second at 1200PM and the last after DAR ends as it uses the same vehicle as DAR. DAR is available 900AM-1200PM and 100PM-400PM Monday-Saturday.

40-SEQUIM SHUTTLE was streamlined into a 30-minute trip with three daily route deviation trips into the Dominion Terrace.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND VOTER INITIATIVES IN WASHINGTON STATE

Mukilteo watch salesman Tim Eyman, co-author of the infamous Initiative 695 which dramatically reduced public transit funding *(WT 3/00),* has announced his intent to repeal some mass transit taxes in the Puget Sound region and roll back vehicle and boat taxes by means of another initiative.

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MARIN AIRPORTER
San Rafael, California

FLEET #S	BUILDER	MODEL	VIN #S	YEAR	NOTES
38	MCI	102A3	JP042143	1988	
40	TMC	102A3	KR007264	1989	
46	MCI	102A3	HP041235	1987	1
48	MCI	102D3	RP046373	1994	
49	Ford	Aerostar	PZB26050	1993	
50-51	El Dorado National	RE-A	RC084033-034	1994	
53	Ford/El Dorado	Econ/Aerotech	NHB41835	1994	
54	Ford/El Dorado	Econ/Aerotech	SHA28996	1995	
55-56	MCI	102D3	SP047598-599	1995	
57	Ford/El Dorado	Econ/Aerotech	NHA82606	1992	
58-59	MCI	102D3	TP048785-786	1996	
62	Ford/El Dorado	Econ/Aerotech	SHB83833	1995	
63-65	MCI	102D3	VP049832-834	1997	
66-67	MCI	102D3	WP050895-896	1998	
68-69	MCI	102EL3	XP060736-737	1999	
70	MCI	102D3	NP044561	1992	2
71	Ford/El Dorado	Econ/Aerotech	SHB91464	1995	
72-73	Prevost	H3-40	P1001318-319	1993	3
74-75	Prevost	H3-40	R1001018-019	1994	4

NOTES:
1. Ex SCR Coaches — (ND).
2. Ex New Castle Coach — (NJ).
3. Ex Preferred Charters 9323-9324.
4. Ex Preferred Charters 9421-9422.

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Highlights of the initiative proposed by Eyman's Permanent Offense organization include repeal of a $3 filing fee, $3.50 subagent fee, 50 cent license service fee, a $15 local option transportation tax levied in King, Snohomish, Pierce and Douglas Counties and an excise tax for **SOUND TRANSIT** in its three counties.

Also proposed for repeal would be the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (0.3% of the vehicle's value), the annual 1% tax on the value of boats and its replacement with a $10.50 flat tax, license fees for travel trailers and campers would be set at $15 annually and gross-weight fees for trucks would be frozen at current rates.

TRI COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (TRI MET)

PORTLAND, OR: **TRI MET** implemented a number of changes December 2nd including start up of NEW Line 83-OMSI which operates every 20 minutes between 5th & Salmon downtown and the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry.

As part of the change, 63-WASHINGTON PARK now runs half hourly in peak hours, but operates only as far as downtown, its OMSI segment replaced by Line 83.

Weekend service was improved on 1-GREELEY-VERMONT, 8-NE 15TH AVE-JACKSON PARK, 10-NE 33RD AVE and 58-CANYON.



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EQUIPMENT REPORT

(All properties are located in California unless otherwise noted)

PROPERTY	FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL/VIN #'S	DATE	NOTES
-NEW-					
LACMTA (MV Transp)	9970-9972	Bluebird	CSRE3904/2F202401,400,404	2001	
	9973-9975	Bluebird	CSRE3904/2F202403,405,402	2001	
County Transit System	8201-8207	ElDo Natl	TRE-32/—	2001	
Zion National Park (UT)	10-36	ElDo Natl	Transmark/—	04/00	1
	37-39	ElDo Natl	Transmark/—	08/01	1
	51-64	ElDo Natl	Trailer/—	04/00	1
	65-69	ElDo Natl	Trailer/—	04/01	1
	70-71	ElDo Natl	Trailer/—	08/01	1
San Diego Transit Corp	1901-1913	New Flyer	D60LF/1U022998-3011	2001	2
-USED-					
Coach USA/AVBI	61116-61117	MCI	102DL3/—	1996	3
Coach USA/Pac Coast	63110,112, 113	MCI	102D3/SP047117, 119, 120	1995	4
Coach USA/Pac Coast	63116	MCI	102D3/SP047134	1995	4
Frontier Tours, Inc (NV)	15621	MCI	102EL3/WP060332	1998	5
Airport Bus	913	TMC	MC-9/CR003468	1982	6
-DISPOSITIONS-					
Monterey-Salinas Transit	1214	Flxible	45096-8-0/61240	1976	7
Santa Monica Bus Lines	5129	GMD	T8H-5307A/G3500022	10/85	8

-NOTES-

1. Coaches are modified RE-29 with more windows, LPG fueled, 31 seats. Trailers are modified RE-29 with more windows, seat 37.
2. Verifying VINs.
3. Ex Grosvenor Bus Lines, same numbers.
4. Ex AVBI (63110, 112, 113) and California Charters, Inc (63116), same numbers.
5. Ex —, lettered for Tahoe Casino Express.
6. Originally GLI 6678. One of a group of five (912-916) AB obtained. They are all shrink wrapped for Universal Studios.
7. To Pacific Bus Museum.
8. To Brampton (ON) Transit 8590.

Although wheelchair lift equipped MC-9 63922 is still active, five other MC-9s of PACIFIC COAST SIGHTSEEING COMPANY are now at A-Z Bus Sales in Colton awaiting new owners. At least four of them have been replaced by 102D3s shifted from affiliate CALIFORNIA CHARTERS, INC. The **COACH USA** corporate office has announced they have taken 350 buses out of active service as business nationwide is down from last year.

Buses To The Olympics — **OCTA** is leasing 1989 model Gillig Phantoms (4202-4204 and 4206-4233) to the Salt Lake Olympic Organizing Committee for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games next month in and around Salt Lake City, Utah. **PIERCE TRANSIT (WA)** is also sending 13 1987 Orion 01.508's to Salt Lake City. They are 401, 403, 404, 407, 409, 410, and 413-419.



Autobuses Crucero 60175, a former Greyhound MCI MC-12.
Eddie Anthony photo



Autobuses Americanos 60611 at the Greyhound Station in Los Angeles. An ex-Greyhound MC-9.
Andrew Novak photo