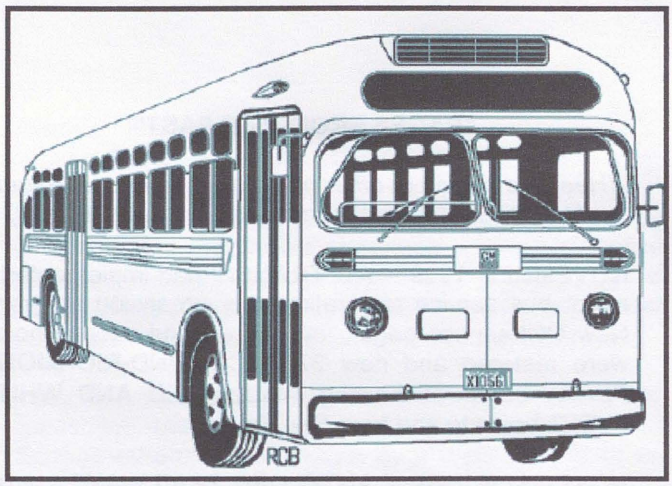
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PASS TRANSIT SYSTEM (PTS)

BANNING: Following four years of study and planning *(WT 6/02, 2/03),* October 4th saw the debut of **PTS.**

The new six route, six bus system replaces **BANNING TRANSIT SYSTEM** and **CITY OF BEAUMONT TRANSIT SYSTEM** and provides service in and between Cherry Valley, Beaumont, Banning and Cabazon.

The Cities of Beaumont and Banning coordinated their transit systems under the marketing name **PTS** instead of actually forming a new agency.

The cities began discussions in 2000 that grew to include eight interested parties – Beaumont, Banning, Cabazon, Riverside County, **RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY, SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY,** RIVERSIDE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

Meetings were held, a regional transit system feasibility study was performed and the two cities eventually approved the project in 2002. A large part of the start up delay was need to upgrade Banning's CNG fueling station to be able to service a larger fleet *(Ed. Note – the **BTS** fleet was converted to be all CNG and the two new buses **COBTS** purchased were also CNG).*

Some changes did take place. January 2003 brought senior/disabled Dial-A-Ride to all four areas and a new **COBTS** CHERRY VALLEY route. **COBTS** extended its service span to 600AM-600PM to meet **BTS.**

The **PTS** routes are — 1-BEAUMONT-CABAZON-ELM & ESPERANZA, 2-NORTH BEAUMONT-CABAZON, 3-CHERRY VALLEY, 4-BEAUMONT LOCAL, 5-BANNING NORTH and 6-BANNING SOUTH.

PTS service operates hourly 600AM-700PM Monday thru Friday and 800AM to 500PM on Saturday. Routes 1 and 2 each operate every two hours, but a major portion of the alignments they traverse (6th Street/Ramsey Street/Interstate 10) has a common trunk which allows for an hourly headway.

BTS operates Routes 1, 5 and 6 while **COBTS** has 2, 3 and 4. Each route has one bus assigned.

The **BTS** fleet includes 217-222, El Dorado National TRE-32s. The **COBTS** fleet has 2802-2803, Chevy/ Bluebird Handy Buses, 2814-2815, brand new Bluebird XCEL 102 buses, 2816-2817, Bluebird CSRE3204s and for Dial-A-Ride service, 2818-2821, Econoline/Goshens.

The fixed-route fare is 50 cents with a 25c zone to/from Cabazon and the Dial-Ride fare is $1.

Buses are white over blue in front with all white bodies with a large version of the **PTS** logo on each side.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

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

APPLICATIONS

SILVERADO STAGES, INC. for PSC authority between points in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties and Los Angeles Airport, Ports of San Pedro and Long Beach and to establish a Zone Of Rate Freedom.

SUPERSHUTTLE SFO, INC. to extend PSC-1298 to service the City of San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and San Francisco Airports and points in San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Monterey, Fresno, Marin, Napa and Solano Counties and establish a ZORF.

California Wine Tours, Inc. dba EVANS AIRPORT SERVICE for approval to extend PSC-9679 to include Oakland Airport and the Town of Sonoma.

DECISIONS

Charles Stanley dba MORONGO BASIN AIRPORT TRANSPORT granted PSC between points in Riverside, San Bernardino, Los Angeles Counties and Ontario International Airport, Union Station, Greyhound Station and Los Angeles International Airport.

Abbas Daryaei dba AMERICAN SHUTTLE granted PSC between points in Orange County and Orange County Airport and to establish a ZORF.

Bahram Shahab and Mehrdad Moradi dba LAXPRESS AIRPORT SHUTTLE and *XPRESS SHUTTLE* were authorized to transfer their PSC to *Consolidated Airport Transportation Systems, Inc.* and to extend PSC.

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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)

NOVEMBER 1999 – AC TRANSIT had implemented a major bus service restoration and expansion program. New Owl service began, many weekend service hours were restored and new 374-RICHMOND-RICHMOND FERRY began connecting with the **RED AND WHITE FLEET** boats to and from San Francisco.

NOVEMBER 1994 – ANTELOPE TRAILWAYS started its first route, FRESNO-ONTARIO-CALEXICO, with two daily round trips and a fleet of three buses, **AVBI** MC-9s 842, 843 and 854 painted red and white.

NOVEMBER 1989 – The history of airport bus service in the Ventura/Los Angeles/Orange Counties area of Southern California over a period of forty years was reviewed by ***WT*** including the then-beginning-to-grow airport shuttle van operations.

NOVEMBER 1984 – The **AMBUS** system of four bus routes (SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND, BAKERSFIELD-LOS ANGELES, HANFORD-PORTERVILLE and CHICO-STOCKTON) were joined by two new ones, LONG BEACH-TORRANCE-WEST LA-VAN NUYS-BAKERSFIELD and MODESTO-RIVERBANK.

NOVEMBER 1979 – CITIFARE of Reno, Nevada had been in business about fourteen months, daily ridership had doubled, they had just moved into larger, more permanent facilities and two more GMC TDH-4517s were being added to the fleet with plans to purchase 13 new buses.

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RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA)

RIVERSIDE: New vehicles are in **RTA's** future. The Board recently approved exercising a contract option with Thomas Bus Sales *(WT 2/03)* for three additional CNG-powered SLF 232 buses, expected to replace the cutaways on 208-TEMECULA-SUN CITY-RIVERSIDE.

They also awarded a separate contract to Creative Bus Sales for five 12-passenger, expansion paratransit Econoline/Aerotech cutaways, as a piggyback order on the State of California's most recent contract.

Both procurements will use balances remaining from previous federal grants, which funds would otherwise need to be returned to the FTA.

RTA service changes occurred September 26th, the largest the rerouting of 3-CORONA-NORCO-LA SIERRA. Except for four weekday round trips to the Vintage Terrace Senior Community on Magnolia at Fullerton, buses now operate in Corona as far south as Corona Regional Medical Center, then loop 10th, Belle, 8th, Washburn and Stan Reynolds to Main. All trips now also serve the Corona/North Main METROLINK Station. **CORONA CRUISER** continues to serve the Wal Mart Center on McKinley Street.

LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (LADOT)

LOS ANGELES: DASH/WILMINGTON received new and extended service beginning September 13th. Two weekday peak hour buses were added to offer 15-minute headways while the span of service was extended to 800PM. NEW Sunday and Holiday service was added between 800AM and 500PM.

Based on productivity, WILMINGTON is the system's second best DASH line. Only 601-DASH/PICO-UNION-ECHO PARK, at 88 passengers per hour, does better.

All three CITYRIDE contracts (*WT 3/04)* expected to be awarded to *SOUTHLAND TRANSIT, INC.* were instead rejected by the City Council. **LADOT** must readvertise the program, taking into consideration existing versus proposed wages and benefits and the service records of incumbents **CONNEX WEST, LLC** and **WLCAC.**

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA)

LOS ANGELES: On September 4th, Line 607-NORTH INGLEWOOD SHUTTLE was expanded to serve the Angeles Vista and Windsor Hills neighborhoods by operating regular route (in both directions) to Slauson and Angeles Vista, continuing via Angeles Vista, Valley Ridge, 54th, Crenshaw, Slauson, West Blvd, Hyde Park and Fairview to Wexham, rejoining the regular route.

The first of an order of 200 NABI 60-foot CNG powered articulated buses, to be called "Metroliners", arrived in September and is undergoing acceptance testing. The bus, 9200, features advanced aerodynamic styling, 58 padded, contoured passenger seats, three doors, two wheelchair stations and room for three bicycles inside.

The buses are powered by a six cylinder 320-hp, 8.9 liter Cummins CNG engine designed from scratch. The first 30 buses will be assigned to the ORANGE LINE (San Fernando Valley Busway), expected to open in the late summer or fall of next year.

The Service Sector Councils approved many of the originally proposed winter 2004 service changes, to be implemented December 19. These include — 108/358-SLAUSON will operate directly along Slauson in Huntington Park, 340-HAWTHORNE BLVD LIMITED will be replaced by a new 740-HAWTHORNE RAPID and, next June, 711-FLORENCE RAPID will be extended to LAX Transit Center. 265-PARAMOUNT BLVD will receive later service on weekdays and NEW weekend service (hourly 800AM-600PM) while 362-LA-NORWALK-HAWAIIAN GARDENS will be modified to serve Norwalk METROLINK Station and limited stop operations will be expanded. 576-SOUTH LA-PACIFIC PALISADES will be discontinued. Alternate trips on 217-FAIRFAX-HOLLYWOOD will be replaced by 317-FAIRFAX-HOLLYWOOD LIMITED. A new 378-LAS TUNAS LIMITED will replace some of the local Line 78 trips while 487-LA-SIERRA MADRE will be extended via Sierra Madre and Santa Anita to El Monte Station replacing that portion of Line 491. 687-LOS ROBLES SHUTTLE will be discontinued south of Del Mar Blvd and rerouted to Huntington Memorial Hospital. NEW 780-HOLLYWOOD-PASADENA RAPID (Hollywood & Vine to PCC at Colorado & Hill) will replace Line 380.

FOOTHILL TRANSIT (FT)

WEST COVINA: The **FT** Board recently extended the Management Services Agreement held by *ATC/VANCOM* for the two additional two-year options available under the current contract, including annual increases of four percent in the contract base amount.

Legal Counsel Darold Pieper suggested the **FT** Board might want to extend the contract to allow continuous handling of several projects including implementation of the Smart Bus program, construction of CNG fueling facilities at Irwindale, acquisition of new administrative offices and improvements at El Monte Station.

The **FT** Executive Board recently authorized the

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Executive Director to proceed with an agreement with the City of Glendora for **FT**'s new administrative office at 100 North Vista Bonita Avenue in the city and accept an offer from the city for purchase of the land.

A public meeting was held November 10th to receive comment on March 2005 plans to change Lines 497 and 699. 497-DIAMOND BAR-INDUSTRY-LA would begin at Chino Transit Center/Chino Park and Ride and continue to serve Industry Park and Ride. Line 699-MONTCLAIR-LA would no longer serve the Via Verde (Pomona) and Lakes (West Covina) Park and Rides.



FT is in the process of receiving 75 new NABI low floor CNG buses, numbered F1400-F1474.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (OCTA)

ORANGE: The **OCTA** Board voted to increase fares beginning in January, the first change since 1991.

The local cash fare would rise to $1.25, senior/disabled cash fare would become 50 cents. Intercounty fares would increase to $3.75 (s/d $3.35). Regular Day Passes would rise to $3.00 with senior/disabled Day Passes $1.00. ACCESS fares will increase in July.

The Board also voted to adopt the Paratransit Growth Management Plan, designed to ensure that fixed route and paratransit service continues to be affordable while meeting all federal regulations *(Ed. Note – paratransit ridership has increased 68 percent over the last four years, a rate far higher than fixed route, which left unchecked would eventually force reductions in fixed route services to fund paratransit which, by federal law, does not permit service denials. The OCTA experience mirrors that of many other transit agencies).*

On July 1, **OCTA** will implement same day, non-ADA taxi service with a partial agency subsidy, for ADA-eligible individuals. Non ADA mandated ACCESS services will be discontinued including trips beyond the 3/4 mile corridor around fixed routes and same day medical back up service. A broker system to book rides using two or more service providers is under discussion.

The Ten Year Fleet Plan has been updated including the following changes — acquire a test fleet of 25 CNG fueled buses in FY 05/06 and a temporary LCNG fueling station for use at Anaheim Division 6 and proceed with design of an LCNG fueling facility at the under-construction Santa Ana Division 1.

The **OCTA** fleet is aging, but vehicle replacement has been delayed related to alternate fuel technologies gaining maturity and reliability. Air quality regulations will require diesel vehicles to be retrofitted with add-on exhaust treatment devices by 2009 and new equipment to transition to alternate fuels. As of 2010, 15 percent of all bus purchases must be zero emissions vehicles (ZEV), essentially electric, hydrogen or fuel cell buses. New regulations now require purchase of alternative fueled mid-size and cutaway buses, as well.

Hybrid and LCNG technologies are available for test and may allow large scale fleet deployment. Purchase of each will allow the agency to increase its experience with each technology in a manageable manner.

AIRPORT BUS (Ground Systems, Inc. dba)

ANAHEIM: The **AB** Disneyland Resort Bus Terminal, which had been located at Manchester & Harbor, across the street from Howard Johnson's, was relocated to the Disneyland Hotel last August 15th. This is the first stop on inbound trips and the last stop going to the airport. *(Ed. Note – a recent visit to the site revealed the open-air station building had been removed. Its current location is not known. Several years ago, the same station was moved from Disneyland Hotel on West Street to its most recent location to allow construction of the Downtown Disney commercial area).*

ANTELOPE VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY (AVTA)

LANCASTER: **AVTA** will soon schedule two public hearings, the first on plans to begin commuter service from several locations in the service area to Edwards Air Force Base, using several F700 series Neoplan suburban buses, recently replaced on the 785/786/787 Los Angeles area commute routes.

The second hearing will be concerned with changes to all of the local lines and the impact of the opening of the Palmdale Transfer Center. These changes were developed as part of the recently completed Long Range Transit Plan.

TULARE COUNTY TRANSIT (TCT)

VISALIA: October 4th brought several changes at **TCT.**

The NORTH COUNTY route was extended south from College Of The Sequoias along Mooney Blvd. to the Wausau Transfer Center **(TULARE TRANSIT EXPRESS** connection), returning via Mooney, Cameron and Court Street to the Downtown Transit Center.

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A new Monday and Wednesday only route, TERRA BELLA-PORTERVILLE, leaves the Porterville Transit Center at 815AM and 1245PM, returning one hour later. From PTC, the bus travels via D Street, Olive, Main Street/Road 236 to Terra Bella, looping via Ave. 92, Road 239 and Terra Bella to Road 236.

FRESNO AREA EXPRESS (FAX)

FRESNO: **FAX** inaugurated a rubber tired trolley line connecting downtown Fresno and the Tower District on August 30th using a fleet of three Chance brand, CNG powered vehicles. Service operates weekdays between 1130AM and 130PM charging 75 cents a ride.

Some businesses in the Tower are offering 50 cents off a meal or drink to reduce the cost of a round trip to $1.

The program is considered experimental and **FAX** will review ridership halfway through the trial period. *(Ed. Note – rubber tired trolleys have been tried in downtown before. About 5 years ago, GOLDEN EAGLE PARKING AND TROLLEY CO. offered city-subsidized rides between downtown, the Tower and other parts of the city, but after only 291 passengers rode in four months, the program was dropped in January 1999).*

FAX currently has a CNG fleet including the Chances and 25 new Orion V buses *(WT 07/04)* with slow-fill fueling (30-45 minutes per bus beginning at 130 AM each evening with a crew of two temporary service workers) done at a United Parcel Service facility at McKinley and Golden State as the city yard only has an LNG fueling station (for garbage trucks). Only about one-half of the Orions were scheduled on weekdays and none have not been assigned on weekends. In August, the City Council approved a $3.3 million contract with EFS West of Van Nuys to design, build and maintain the San Joaquin Valley's largest CNG fuel station at the city's Municipal Service Center at El Dorado and G Streets. The station will fuel the buses, other city owned vehicles and clean air vehicles of private businesses.

Like most transit systems in this country, **FAX** has been experiencing declines in its ridership (13.1 million rides in FY 00/01 to 11.2 million in FY 02/03) and has started some programs aimed in reversing the trend.

Half month passes ($17.50) have been created along with a new "Metro Pass" which is good for rides on either **FAX** or **CLOVIS ROUNDUP** buses. The "Silver Sundays" program was started in July and it allows any rider, age 62 and older unlimited free rides on Sunday.

The Fresno Area Council of Governments recently gave **FAX** a $13.4 million grant to begin offering 15-minute headways on its two busiest routes – 28-SOUTHEAST FRESNO-CSU FRESNO and 30-BLACKSTONE AVE.

SANTA YNEZ VALLEY TRANSIT (SYVT)

SOLVANG: **SYVT,** transit provider linking Buellton, Solvang, Santa Ynez and Los Olivos, introduced a new schedule on October 15th including extension of service in Buellton to Sycamore Street and installation of new "InfoPost" bus stop information panels at the system's 48 bus stops. Two new 18 passenger buses (make and model unknown) are due soon replacing two older, smaller vans.

SOUTH COUNTY AREA TRANSIT (SCAT)

ARROYO GRANDE: August 1st brought a renumbering of **SCAT** routes *(Ed. Note – part of a new San Luis Obispo County wide numbering system)* as 1, 2 and 3 became 21, 22 and 23. Fares were also increased – base fare is $1.00, discount fares remained at 50 cents.

Some routing adjustments were also made *(see NEW 24)* – 21 no longer serves the Library on Branch Street and was rerouted from El Camino Real to James Way between 4th and Oak Park, 22 service to Pier Avenue in Oceano and the 23 alignment on Nelson, Mason and Branch in Arroyo Grande was discontinued.

NEW Line 24 operates a counter clockwise loop along Grand serving Ramona Gardens Park, Nelson/Mason/Branch loop, the Library, Wal Mart and K Mart, James Way, Prime Outlet Center, Dolliver Street in Pismo Beach, Highway 1 to Pier in Oceano and Grover Beach AMTRAK Station. An hourly headway is offered.

CALIFORNIA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION (CTA)

SACRAMENTO: **CTA,** California's public transit trade organization, held its 39th Annual Fall Conference & Expo on November 2-4 in Los Angeles, hosted by the **LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA)** at the Sheraton Universal Hotel.

The three day conference included a number of interesting sessions covering transit funding, security, Bus Rapid Transit, alternative fuel vehicles, universal fare systems and procurement streamlining.

Several bus manufacturers were there displaying their products, ranging from a yet-to-be-delivered 45-foot NABI Compo bus **(MTA** 8038) to a 20-foot Econoline/Goshen cutaway, offered by A-Z Bus Sales of Colton. *(Ed. Note – see Page 8 for details of the displays).*

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Special bus service, RED LINE STATION-SHERATON-UNIVERSAL HOTEL SHUTTLE, was provided every ten minutes between 700AM and 700PM during the conference. **MTA** contractor *TRANSPORTATION CONCEPTS, INC.* operated the line using recently repainted El Dorado National EZ Rider 12570.

TRANSPORTATION AND THE ELECTIONS

Ten local transportation sales tax and two property tax measures appeared on the California ballot, five of which were new and five renewals.

California law requires a 2/3 majority vote on all special purpose tax ballot measures. Nine of them passed while three others, all first time measures, failed.

The two property tax measures passed – Measure AA in San Francisco, Alameda and Contra Costa Counties will increase taxes by $7 per $100,000 of assessed valuation to raise $980 million to strengthen **BART,** in particular the Transbay Tube and the elevated tracks. Measure BB in portions of Contra Costa County and Alameda County except Fremont and Newark, served by **AC TRANSIT** will double the $24 annual parcel tax to preserve bus service and fares.

Sonoma County's Measure M passed by just 140 votes. It will raise $465 million over 20 years, half for work on SONOMA-MARIN AREA RAIL TRANSIT engineering.

On their fourth try, Marin County passed Measure A to generate $322 million including $182 million for local fixed route and paratransit bus service.

Contra Costa County voters approved a measure to pay for a fourth bore of the Caldecott Tunnel, an eastern extension of **BART** to Antioch, among other issues.

Solano County voters narrowly defeated a measure to raise $1 billion for highways, commuter rail and buses.

San Mateo County passed Measure A with 75 percent of the vote. It will raise $1.5 billion for **CALTRAIN, BART** operating funds and commuter rail across the Dumbarton Bridge.

In Santa Cruz County, only 43 percent of the electorate voted for Measure J, primarily to widen Highway 1.

Voters in Ventura County turned down a measure divided among highway, transit and bike path needs.

San Bernardino County's Measure I was continued for another 40 years, funding many highway projects but also providing funds for the county's transit systems.

In San Diego County, the fate of Proposition A (Trans Net, originally approved in 1987) was still not decided 2 weeks later. 66.70 percent of the votes supported the issue (66.67 is the minimum needed), but 65,000 absentee and provisional ballots were not yet counted.

Sacramento County voters approved continuance of a measure divided among transit (38%), streets (38%) with the rest divided among paratransit, freeways, pedestrian and bicycle needs.

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY (MUNI)

SAN FRANCISCO: **MUNI** recently requested from the Board of Supervisors $4.1 million in revenues from the Breda lease-leaseback transaction to fund a sole source purchase of 45 1993 Gillig Phantoms, model 40102TB6V92T (**AC TRANSIT** 2800s) and modify them as necessary to replace the current **MUNI** contingency fleet of 8800 and 8900 series New Flyer D40s.

The Gilligs have Cummins diesel engines certified by the California Air Resources Board to be fitted with emissions reduction devices. As well, the buses would receive new rear-end differentials to provide the gearing necessary to operate in San Francisco's hilly terrain, replacement seats and be painted in **MUNI** colors.

CITIZENS AREA TRANSIT (CAT)

LAS VEGAS, NV: **CAT** implemented its fall service changes on October 31st including establishment of four NEW lines, discontinuation of three others and schedule or routing changes on 23 others.

NEW are 219-CRAIG-CENTENNIAL in the northwest part of the service area and three Silver Star routes.

SS routes are designed as neighborhood circulators, operating two days a week and connecting with regular **CAT** lines. Service is open to all, but is designed with senior citizens in mind with stops at assisted living and senior centers and various shopping locations.

The new Silver Star routes are 710-WINCHESTER/ PARADISE, 711-PARADISE CAMBRIDGE and 712-SUNRISE MANOR/WHITNEY.

Line 219 begins at Centennial Center, circulates thru the area onto Ann Road, Rancho Road, Craig, North 5th, Meisenhamer and Losee to Aerojet. Like most **CAT** lines, service runs hourly between 500AM and 100PM.



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FLEET #	BUILDER	MODEL	SERIAL	DATE	EX
100	GMC	T7W603	348	05/79	Janesville (WI) 415
111	GMC	TDH-4519	1363	12/66	Jackson Transit (MS) 1649, OCTD 112, Tucson 1649, RTA 111.
351	GMC	TDH-5303	3040	05/65	Dallas 120, OCTD 1010
364	GMC	TDH-4517	1522	05/62	Overlake Transit (WA) 40, Seattle Metro 475, Peerless Stages 364
626	GMC	T6H-4523A	1379	04/75	NCTD
708	GMC	TDH-4517	1163	07/61	AC Transit
850	AMG	9635B-6	0463	00/77	Santa Cruz 850, United Airlines 324
942	GMC	T6H-5307N	068	06/72	AC Transit
1056	GMC	S8M-5302	1004	06/67	GLOLA 4913, FunBus 5309, Gray Line Alaska 107. OCTD colors.
1322	GMC	T6H-5308A	032	12/72	NY Bus Service
1415	GMD	T8H-5307A	M063	0480	Built for Queens Transit (NY), refused. Double A (CT) 1415
1728	GMC	T6H-4523A	425	08/73	Stockton
2102	GMC	TDH-4801	529	04/58	AC Transit
2308	GMC	T8J204	BV820811	06/82	RTA
2363	GM	TDH-4801	129	04/54	SCRTD
2363	TMC	T8O206	KR826700	10/89	SCRTD
2397	GMC	TDH-4801	163	04/54	SCRTD
2558	Flxible	Metro 40102-6C	JD099731	08/88	SCRTD
2700	GMC	T6H-4523A	1835	03/76	Modesto B130. Painted as SCRTD
2847	Flxible	40102-6L	LD101656	11/90	SCRTD
3011	GMC	T8J204	BV820821	06/82	RTA
3907	GMC	TDH-5304	222	11/63	DC Transit 6342 RTA 162. Painted as NYCTA 3907. Clear windows
5034	GMD	TA66102A	C5200022	09/82	Mississauga (ON). Originally OC Transpo 8208.
5285	GMC	T6H-5307A	127	04/73	originally PANYNJ 20, then LAX 20, then Everett (WA) 2455
6090	MAN	SG310-18-3A	EC720800	11/84	San Francisco MUNI 6090
7020	GMC	T6H-4523A	1192	12/74	Culver City 4521
7728	Grumman	87053102-8V-1	91785	06/80	SCRTD 7728
7730	Grumman	Metro 35096-6	CD094203	03/82	Port Hueneme Military Police 45. Originally SCAT 4529. Painted as SCRTD.
8589	GMC	T8J204	BV811320	05/81	SCRTD



2847 out working on the set of Fox's "24" at Paramount Studios. Craig Barnes photo.



3011 out in the snow on Highway 138 in the Cajon Pass area on a cold snowy November day. Scott Richards photo.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

(All properties are located in California unless otherwise noted)

PROPERTY	FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL/VIN #'S	DATE	NOTES
-NEW-					
Pass Transit System	2813-2814	Bluebird	XCEL102-2910/—	2004	
Visalia City Coach	6254-6256	Gillig	G20D102N4/41073090-092	2004	
	6257-6259	Gillig	G20B102N4/41073181-183	2004	
Greyhound Lines, Inc.	7295	MCI	J4500/4W062549	2004	
South Coast Area Transit	4014-4015	NABI	040.19/2A140560-561	2002	
	4016-4018	NABI	040.19/4A140029-031	2004	
RPTA-Phoenix (AZ)	7101	NABI	45C.01/2A140728	2002	
RPTA-Tempe (AZ)	7157-7164	NABI	45CLFW.02/3A140748-755	2003	
-USED-					
Greyhound Lines, Inc.	1102	MCI	102D3/VP049382	1997	1
Rac Tours	279	TMC	102A3/KR006977	1989	2
Experience Oregon, Inc.	100	Prevost	LM XL-45/W1026418	1998	3
-DISPOSITIONS-					
Bravo	6109	Van Hool	T2145/X2043692	1999	4
First Class Charter	17	Van Hool	T2145/W2043121	1998	4
	26	Van Hool	T2145/W2043025	1997	4
	79	Van Hool	T2145/X2040575	1999	4
	unknown	Van Hool	T2145/W2043615	1998	4
AC Transit	1092, 1097	Van Hool	AG300/42061593, 598	2004	5
	1103, 1107	Van Hool	AG300/42061604, 608	2004	5
Foothill Transit	F728, F732	Gillig	4096TB6V92/K1083099, 3103	10/89	6
	F734	Gillig	4096TB6V92/K1083105	10/89	
	F804	Gillig	4096TB6V92TAC/M1084245	1991	6
Antelope Valley TA	209	Gillig	40TB966V92/K1082520	1989	6

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1. Ex Michigan DOT.
2. Ex CUSA/AVBI 6913.
3. Ex Cypress Coast Charter 1843.
4. For sale by GE Capital – some at ABC Bus, others at Hausman's.
5. Sold to WMATA with 25 others sent directly to D.C.
6. To Dreamliner Bus Leasing.

Several bus manufacturers displayed their products at the California Transit Association's recent Annual Fall Conference held at the Sheraton Universal Hotel and hosted by **MTA.** They included Neoplan with AN440LF (**MBTA** 0473 – 1N91A1HA44L013187 (10/04); El Dorado/National with two – 40-foot center door AXcess (1N9APAC815C084018 (10/04) for Fort Lauderdale (FL) Airport, a 35-foot EZ Rider II for Charlotte (NC) Airport – 1N9FMAC665C084075 (10/04); a 45-foot composite NABI – **MTA** 8038; Gillig low-floor hybrid for **INDY GO** (IN) 2402H; a low-floor Gillig of unknown lineage demonstrating the GM/Allison hybrid technology; Complete Coach Works offered a remanufactured Gillig Phantom hybrid for the new **ELK GROVE (CA) TRANSIT**, a former **SAN DIEGO TRANSIT** 300 series coach. A-Z Bus Sales brought two — a Bluebird Ultra LMB and an Econoline/Goshen Coach cutaway.



Bravo 6109 waiting for a new owner at ABC in Garden Grove. (ABC Bus web site photo)



Foothill F728 after being cleaned up in Riverside. (Danny E. photo)