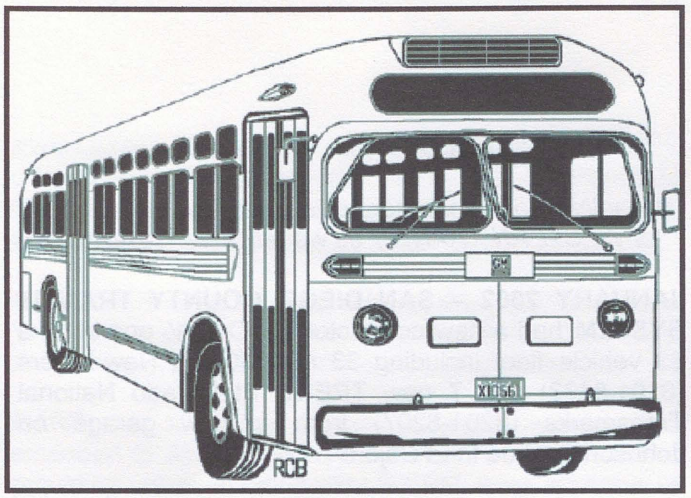


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2006 HOLIDAY SERVICES AND BUSES

Special Christmas holiday services, including decorated buses and several Free Rides on New Year's Eve, highlighted the most recent holiday season.

The traditional and jointly sponsored by **RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY,** Corona, Norco and, this year, County District 2, the "Holiday Shopping Trolley" ran December 9/10 and 16/17 on a fixed route using two Chance replica trolleys.

Contractor *TRANSITWAYS* operated the service.

For the past four years, **RTA** has offered special service for the Festival of Lights celebration and Riverside Downtown Aglow each Saturday between Thanksgiving and Christmas. This year, service was offered from San Jacinto, Hemet, Banning, Beaumont, Calimesa, Temecula, Mead Valley, Corona and Country Village. Buses left the respective cities about 500PM returning about 900PM and tickets were pre-sold.



Culver City 7082 (Russ Jones photo)

Buses decorated in various holiday garb – **SANTA MONICA** 3816 (New Flyer L40LF), **CULVER CITY** 7082 (New Flyer C40LF), **NORWALK** 7070 (Low Floor Gillig), **AC TRANSIT** 3130 (NABI 416) and **REGIONAL TRANSIT** 2002 (Orion V). **GLENDALE BEELINE** decorated several C35LF New Flyers.

RT offered Free Rides as their bus traveled throughout the service area in December and January. Passengers were encouraged to make a donation to the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services.

DOWNEYLINK and **THOUSAND OAKS TRANSIT** again each operated special weekend service. **TOT** ran all four routes between 1000AM and 600PM Saturdays and 1200PM to 600PM Sundays between December 9 and 24. **DL** operated modified weekday schedules each Saturday between November 25 and December 23.

The **BREA TROLLEY** offered FREE weekend service between Brea Mall and downtown Brea at The Promenade between 1200PM and 540PM between Thanksgiving weekend and December 23.

VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY operated its Holiday Light Tour in the Victor Valley area (3rd year) on two nights, December 15 and 16. Tickets for the trips were given to people who donated toys to the local "Spark of Love Toy Drive" or who called KFRG 103.1.

METROLINK's HOLIDAY TOY EXPRESS visited all stations offering a short performance of holiday music and collected toys for the Spark of Love Toy Drive.

MTA offered Free Rides on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve between 900PM and 200AM while **OCTA**

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

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

APPLICATIONS

MEGABUS, USA dba *MEGABUS.COM* for PSC as scheduled Passenger Stage Corporation between San Diego, Los Angeles and San Francisco and establish a Zone Of Rate Freedom.

EXPOSITION METRO LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY for an order authorizing construction of two-track grade separated crossings at ten different locations along Exposition Boulevard.

BLUE & GOLD FLEET, L. P. for authorization to increase passenger fares on its Vessel Common Carrier service between Tiburon and points in San Francisco.

FIVE STAR AIRPORT LIMO AND SHUTTLE, LLC to sell and *ADVANCED SHUTTLE SERVICES, LLC* to buy PSC-12972.

AJU GROUP, INC. for Class B Charter Party Certificate 21260-B with home terminal in Cudahy.

MAGIC CARPET WINERY TOURS, INC. for Class B Charter Party Certificate 21268-B with home terminal in Corona.

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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 2002 – SAN DIEGO COUNTY TRANSIT SYSTEM had a new contractor, *LAIDLAW,* operating a 63 vehicle fleet including 33 new 40-foot New Flyers (8101-8133) and 7 new TRE-32 El Dorado National Transmarks (8201-8207) from a new garage on Johnson Avenue in El Cajon.

JANUARY 1997 – AUTOBUSES CRUCERO began to serve 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 about to take place.

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

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offered Free Rides on New Year's Eve beginning at 600PM until 400AM. **WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY LINE** was Free between 800PM Sunday and 300AM Monday.

SAMTRANS offered Free Rides after 1100PM New Year's Eve on all fixed routes while **MUNI** had Free Rides between 800PM Sunday and 600AM Monday.

BART ran a regular Sunday schedule with service extended to 300AM. $6 New Year's Eve Flash Passes, providing unlimited riding after 600PM, were available at selected **BART** stations and Safeway Stores.

VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY offered Free Rides between 700PM on Sunday and 400AM on Monday. They also offered extended hours on 180-SAN JOSE-FREMONT and on light rail lines ALUM ROCK-SANTA TERESA and MTN VIEW-WINCHESTER.

TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM offered a Free Ride SHOPPERS SPECIAL BUS each Saturday and Sunday between November 25 and December 24. SSB ran on Hawthorne Blvd between Carson and Artesia using a bus decorated in a festive holiday theme.

VISALIA CITY COACH again operated the HOLLY TROLLEY, a complementary service along Mooney Boulevard connecting downtown Visalia, Sequoia Mall, Visalia Mall and Packwood Creek. HT operated each Friday, Saturday and Sunday between November 24 and December 24.

In San Diego, all-night half-hourly Owl Service was offered New Year's Eve on three lines — 7-UNIVERSITY AVENUE between 69th/University and Broadway/Union, 11-SDSU-ADAMS-LOGAN HEIGHTS between SDSU and Deep Dell/Paradise Valley and 901-SAN DIEGO-CORONADO-IMPERIAL BEACH between Iris Avenue Station and B St/State St downtown.

During the week between Christmas and New Year's, the SORRENTO VALLEY CONNECTION routes were reduced — 971/972-SORRENTO MESA (combined), 973/974/975– CARROLL CANYON/NANCY RIDGE/ CARROLL MESA, 976-CAMPUS POINT and 977/978– TORREY PINES (combined).

SANTA MONICA offered a three route shuttle system for the holidays, part of the system's new "Mini Blue", a program designed with smaller vehicles running on neighborhood streets. Roll out is set for mid 2007.

Five of the Dennis Thomas (2606-2615) SLF232 buses were decorated in special colors and graphics for SHOPPERS' SHUTTLE, DOWNTOWN FARMERS' MARKET SHUTTLE and PICO FARMERS' MARKET SHUTTLE.

SHOPPERS' operated Sunday thru Thursday 1200PM-800PM and Friday and Saturday 1200PM-1000PM on an alignment quite similar to THE TIDE – 4th & Broadway via 4th, Wilshire, 7th, Broadway, Ocean, Seaside Terrace, Appian Way, Bay, Ocean, Barnard Way, Marine, Main, Bicknell and 4th to Broadway.

DOWNTOWN operated on a one-way loop Wednesday and Saturday between 830AM and 130PM – 4th & Arizona via 4th, Montana, Ocean, San Vicente, 7th, Montana, 5th and Arizona to 4th.

PICO also operated on a one-way loop via Cloverfield, Ocean Park, 14th and Colorado each Saturday between 800AM and 130PM.

SHUTTLE fares were sold as round trip tickets – $1.00 for regular riders, 50 cents for seniors and the disabled.

PRESIDENT FORD'S FUNERAL AND PUBLIC TRANSIT AGENCIES

PALM DESERT: 38th President of the United States, Gerald R. Ford, passed away on Tuesday, December 26th in Palm Desert.

On Friday, a public visitation in Palm Desert began that lasted thru the night into early Saturday morning, the first of several events marking Ford's passing.

For security reasons, attendees were shuttled between the Indian Wells Tennis Garden near Hwy 111 and Washington and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church on Hwy 74, about two miles apart, using buses provided by four public transit agencies — **SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY, OMNITRANS, MTA** and **ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY.**

OT provided 16 CNG powered low floor New Flyers, 18 Operators, two Supervisors and two Maintenance staff.

OCTA supplied 15 diesel buses, 16 Operators, two Supervisors and two Maintenance staff.

In order to participate, **OT** reduced service levels from 15 or 20 minutes to half hourly on seven lines – 1, 2, 3, 4, 14, 22, 61 and 66 — on Friday December 29 only.

Although there was no service impact, **OCTA** sent buses at a time when all the diesels had been in service related to an LNG fuel shortage *(Ed. Note – which seems to take place every year about this time).*

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ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT (ACT)

OAKLAND: The **AC** Board recently authorized their General Manager to invite two Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) representatives to visit the Van Hool bus manufacturing plant in Belgium as an effort to dispel misunderstandings and educate MTC staff about the products Van Hool is providing **AC.**

AC has had discussions with MTC and community members about the decision to purchase Van Hools in addition to concerns expressed by U.S. based vendors. The issue surfaced again and discussion of **AC's** funding requests through MTC for bus purchases.

Acting on behalf of the East Bay Paratransit Consortium **AC** recently awarded *VEOLIA TRANSPORTATION* a 6 1/2 year contract for broker and provider services.

Since the inception of ADA paratransit in 1996, **AC** and **BART** have offered paratransit in their overlapping service area as EBPC with service operated by contract with a broker subcontracted with multiple private sector service providers.

Last July, an RFP that included the following elements was issued — broker will have three or more subcontractors, broker agrees to be compensated on a cost reimbursement basis, service providers will charge a fixed hourly rate, direct reimbursement for fuel, **AC** Division 8 (paratransit) will perform about 1/5 of direct service and be compensated at the highest comparable lift van provider rate and an option for phasing in of 100% in-person eligibility assessments.

In September, only a single proposal was received, from *VEOLIA* in partnership with *FIRST TRANSIT, A-PARATRANSIT* and *M.V. TRANSPORTATION.*

AC will be responsible for 69% of the $217.6 million contract while **BART** will fund the remaining 31%.

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY (MUNI)

SAN FRANCISCO: The NEW Line T-THIRD STREET light rail line started weekend-only operations January 7th, every 20 minutes between 1000AM and 700PM. Full operation is set to begin on April 7th. Service will be FREE at any station south of 4th & King.

Line T begins at Castro Station and travels on Market Street, Embarcadero and Third to Sunnydale Avenue.

Other April 7 changes — J-CHURCH will be extended from Embarcadero Station to 4th & King during rush hours on weekdays and N-JUDAH will terminate at Embarcadero Station. 9X-SAN BRUNO EXPRESS will be extended north to Fisherman's Wharf and south to City College replacing the soon-to-be-discontinued 15-THIRD. 54-FELTON will be rerouted off Third and along Newhall Street.

MUNI/MTA, through San Francisco Municipal Railway Improvement Corporation (non-profit funding body for **MUNI**) is working on several projects including the new Islais Creek Motor Coach Division that will replace the present Kirkland Division.

The real estate upon which Kirkland sits (at Stockton and North Point near Fisherman's Wharf) will become low/moderate housing and commercial development.

Islais Creek will be built on an eight acre site under the I -280 Freeway, Indiana Street, Islais Creek and Cesar Chavez (Potrero). The garage will house and maintain 165 40-foot buses. Construction is scheduled to begin in August 2008 with completion in August 2010.

As a condition of development, the site will include a MUNI public park, open to the public and **MUNI** staff.

Two streetcar rehabilitation projects are also underway. Of the 93 streetcars **MUNI** has, one-third operate and the others need work before being placed into service. These cars are needed for both the F-MARKET and the future E-EMBARCADERO lines. 3 to 4 double ended cars will be needed when both lines are operational as there will be no turnaround facility on the E line.

MTA purchased Historic Streetcar #913 from the Orange Empire Railway Museum for $200,000 in 2005 to replace car #952, Streetcar Named Desire, which is to be returned to New Orleans.

SAN LUIS OBISPO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (RTA)

SAN LUIS OBISPO: Sunday service hours between 700AM and 700PM were added on all twelve **RTA** lines on a six-month trial basis last September 3rd. FREE rides were offered during the first month.

Sunday service needs were identified by the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments last April during the Unmet Needs hearings. Addition of fixed route service requires addition of *RUNABOUT* paratransit during the same hours and in the same service area.

Next February, the SLOCOG Board will evaluate the service and make recommendations for service based on ridership levels.

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NIPOMO TRANSIT (NT)

NIPOMO: The MESA SHUTTLE began operating in the community of Nipomo (located between Arroyo Grande and Santa Maria on Highway 101) on January 2nd.

Service operates 800AM-500PM Monday thru Saturday. The fare is $4.00. Seniors pay half-price on Tuesday and Thursday and children five and under ride free.

MS serves numerous locations on the Nipomo Mesa and connects with **SLORTA** in Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach and with **SCAT** in Grover Beach.

ANAHEIM RESORT TRANSIT SYSTEM (ARTS)

ANAHEIM: **ARTS** recently made some changes to its 13 -route system including exchanging stops on Routes A-HARBOR VIA BALL ROAD and B-NORTH ANAHEIM BLVD VIA CLEMENTINE ST.

L-HARBOR VIA CHAPMAN & GARDEN GROVE added two Garden Grove hotels – Marriott Suites and Embassy Suites *(Ed. Note – **GARDEN GROVE RESORT DISTRICT SHUTTLE** continues, but serves fewer hotels).* Route L and N-MANCHESTER AVENUE & ANAHEIM TRAIN STATION are now shown as serving *METROLINK* Stations on weekends only.

An $8 Three Day Pass is now available (in addition to One Day, Two Day and Five Day) and the **ARTS** system map now shows transfer points to **OCTA** buses.

OMNITRANS (OT)

SAN BERNARDINO: **OT** celebrated its 30th anniversary during the month of October 2006. Part of the celebration was the introduction of their new mascot, *BUSTER THE BUS* — tall, square jawed with puppy dog eyes — a square **OT** bus puppet *(WT 10/06). BUSTER* makes appearances throughout the service area as part of various promotions — and often gives away prizes. During October, *BUSTER* gave away 630 prizes.

January 2nd brought the winter service changes including conversion of the REDLANDS TROLLEY-BLUE LINE using an SVMC replica trolley into 31-SOUTH REDLANDS using a standard bus *(Ed. Note – the REDLANDS RED LINE was discontinued last May – WT 5/06).* The routing and hourly frequency of new 31 remained the same as BLUE LINE.

The REDLANDS TROLLEY program was launched as a three-year demonstration program in September 2003 replacing former Lines 30 and 31 with the all-red replica trolleys. The program recently ended and the vehicles were returned to **OT** by the city. Plans have been developed between **OT** and **RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY**, subject to Federal Transit Administration approval, to transfer ownership and federal interest in the SVMC vehicles to **RTA** *(who is considering another Downtown Riverside Trolley system).*

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA)

LOS ANGELES: The **MTA** Board recently approved a contract amendment to the 96-bus NABI articulated bus procurement to extend one bus in that order by five feet (to 65 feet) to test even higher capacity buses.

The extension would add nine seats to the bus which would be tested on Line 901-NORTH HOLLYWOOD-WARNER CENTER (ORANGE LINE).

The California Vehicle Code presently restricts transit buses to 60 feet in length, but **MTA** could obtain an annual exemption from CALTRANS to permit operation of on the ORANGE LINE. In the long term, **MTA** would work to have the CVC amended to permit use of longer vehicles on dedicated rights-of-way, like the ORANGE LINE. As part of the modification, it is proposed to install "frameless" windows on the bus to determine the viability of use of these windows for future orders.

During February, each of the Service Sectors will hold a public hearing to receive testimony on June 2007 service change ideas. The focus will be on continued implementation of the Metro Connections program and a system-wide service reduction of about 88,000 annual service hours or about 1.4% of the 6,216,000 in-service hours. The reductions are intended to begin addressing the agency's structural deficit, defined as "… the result when available revenues designated for transit operating and capital are less than the forecasted expenditures".

Bus lines involved in the hearings include 4/304/704, 10/11/48, 16/316, 20/21, 60/360, 65, 90/91, 92, 115, 119/126, 120, 121, 124, 154, 155, 168, 170, 176, 183, 202, 214, 239, 254, 260/361, 265, 275, 287, 290, 292, 305, 442, 445, 455X, 577X, 622, 625, 656, 684, 686, 687, 710, 720, 751 and 760.

ANTELOPE EXPRESS AIRPORT SHUTTLE AND CHARTER (AEAS)

LANCASTER: The former **ANTELOPE VALLEY AIRPORT EXPRESS, INC.,** recently renamed **AEAS,** has expanded from being strictly an airport limousine with a fleet of four vans into the charter business with a fleet including four mini buses and three 58-passenger charter coaches.

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Airport operations will soon expand with the opening of a new terminal facility at 332 West Avenue S, near the 14 Freeway. This terminal will include a long-term park and ride lot and the garage for **AEAS** vehicles. When travel customers park their cars at the location, they will also be offered vehicle services such as car washes and oil changes.

The LANCASTER-PALMDALE-LAX airport route will now serve the **AEAS** terminal in addition to the Comfort Inn in Lancaster and the Ramada Inn in Palmdale.

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (METRO)

SANTA CRUZ: **METRO** awarded a $6.8 million contract to Valley Power Systems, Inc. of City of Industry to convert 40 current diesel powered buses and fuel systems to CNG.

These include 15 New Flyer D35LFs (2210-2224), 14 New Flyer D40LF (2225-2238) and 11 Orion V suburban style buses (2301-2311).

In 2002, **METRO** purchased these diesel buses with a stipulation from the California Air Resources Board to convert them to CNG power when **METRO** had the capacity to fuel the buses with CNG.

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS)/ NATIONAL CITY TRANSIT (NCT)

SAN DIEGO: Following intense discussions at two recent Board meetings including charges and counter charges, the **MTS** Board voted unanimously to approve the transfer of operational responsibility for **NATIONAL CITY TRANSIT** from the city to **MTS** on March 4th, to discontinue transit payments to National City and appoint a transition team to assist with the transfer and resolution of any contractual termination costs.

The estimated savings from the transfer is $565,000 annually, mostly administrative fees charged by the city to administer **NCT.**

As part of the transfer, recommendations from the Comprehensive Operational Analysis *(WT 2/06, 7/06, 10/06)* will be implemented March 4th. This includes replacing current Lines 601, 602 and 603 with changes on regional Lines 13, 929, 932, 955, 961, 962 and creation of two local lines in NC — 604-NC/24TH ST TROLLEY STA-D AVE.-4TH STREET and 605-NC/24TH ST TROLLEY STA-D AVE.-DIVISION ST.

McDONALD TRANSIT ASSOCIATES, thru California subsidiary *BAYSHORE TRANSIT MANAGEMENT dba NATIONAL CITY TRANSIT,* operates **NCT** under a contract with the city. *BTM* employees will be able to transfer to either *VEOLIA TRANSPORTATION, INC.* or **SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORP.**

National City's contract with *McDONALD* can be cancelled with a one-year notice or a 30-day notice if funding is eliminated. **MTS** staff indicated *MCDT* would be given a 30-day notice.

As part of the takeover, **MTS** will pay the rent for the **NCT** garage near the 8th Street Trolley Station, built in 1995, overhead and the management fee until the end of March for transition purposes. Group consensus is that the property should be turned into a future transportation center. **MTS** staff will continue its efforts to identify funding for that purpose.

TRANSPORTATION AND THE NOVEMBER 2006 ELECTION – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(WT-11/06 covered the results of most California ballot measures. This report features other western states news plus SONOMA-MARIN AREA RAIL TRANSIT).

Washington state had six ballot measures – In Seattle, city voters passed Proposition 1, a $544 million property tax increase for nine years to fund repair, safety, transit and bike/pedestrian projects. King County voters passed Proposition 2, a 0.1-cent sales tax increase to fund bus service of **KING COUNTY METRO.**

In Yakima County there were also two votes – Selah City voters approved a 0.3-cent increase (to 8.2%) to pay for **YAKIMA TRANSIT** service beginning next July. The service is currently funded by a grant that is set to expire on June 30. Voters in Union Gap defeated a proposal to increase the sales tax to 8.1% to cover expanded **YAKIMA** service.

Two propositions about future light rail in Spokane, one dealing with funding options and the other focusing on the design process, were defeated.

In Oregon, a proposed property tax increase to support the **SALEM-KEIZER TRANSIT DISTRICT** in Salem was defeated twice in both Marion and Polk Counties.

In Arizona, Tucson voters approved a 20-year, $2 billion plan including $534 million for public transit. The Tucson measure included two issues – the Regional Transportation Authority's multi-modal plan and a half-cent sales tax to fund it.

The Flagstaff electorate defeated Proposition 403 which, if passed, would have amended the city tax code regarding the sales tax for transit. Passage would have allowed the City Council to increase the tax from .0017

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EL CAMINO CHARTER LINES
South San Francisco, California

FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL	SERIAL #'S	YEAR	NOTES
815	TMC	MC-8	T68-757-1861	01/77	1
901	MCI	MC-9	U35400/S15371	11/80	2
1021	TMC	102A3	JR006767	1988	3
1022	TMC	102A3	JR006684	1988	4
1023	MCI	102C3	PP045466	1993	
1025	MCI	102D3	TP048737	1996	
1026	MCI	102DL3	WP050577	1998	
1027	MCI	102C3	NP044560	1992	5
1028	MCI	102DL3	YP052961	1999	6
1029	MCI	D4505	6P056784	2005	

-NOTES-
1. Ex GLI 2260.
2. Ex GLI 2188.
3. Ex Saddle River 517.
4. Ex Golden State Transportation 60101.
5. Ex GLI 1095.
6. Ex Starline Sightseeing Tours STAR 32.

ECCL is a long-time private charter bus company in South San Francisco who recently became an AMTRAK California contractor now operating Route 34-SAN FRANCISCO-STOCKTON.

cents to .0033 cents and make it permanent. This vote means that the city must retain its current tax, which is now set to expire in 2010.

In Sonoma and Marin Counties, the SONOMA-MARIN AREA RAIL TRANSIT project (commuter rail between Larkspur and Cloverdale on former Northwestern Pacific trackage paralleling Highway 101) did not get a 2/3 vote. Sonoma County voters passed the measure while Marin County did not and, in the two county district, the separate votes must be averaged to reach the total. SMART plans to place another measure on the November 2008 ballot.

GREYHOUND LINES, INC. (GLI)

*DALLAS, TX: (Ed. Note – **GLI** now advertises, on their website, the sale (for $11) of its System Timetable. Comparing a copy of the 1/9/07 edition with the most current Russell's Guide in the **WT** files (3/03), it is surprising how much leaner the system has become. To the extent information has been received, **WT** has previously covered **GLI** changes in our pages).*

The following routes constitute the current system in the West – VANCOUVER, BC-SEATTLE, WA; SEATTLE, WA-BILLINGS, MT VIA I-90; SEATTLE, WA-PORTLAND, OR including trips extended across Oregon to Salt Lake City; PORTLAND, OR-SPOKANE, WA; PORTLAND-SACRAMENTO; SACRAMENTO-LOS ANGELES-HWY 99 (including three San Francisco trips joining in Modesto); SAN FRANCISCO-ARCATA; SAN FRANCISCO-LOS ANGELES-HWY 101 (some trips routed thru Santa Cruz); SAN FRANCISCO-SAN JOSE-FRESNO; SAN FRANCISCO-LOS ANGELES VIA I-5; LOS ANGELES-SAN DIEGO-TIJUANA; SAN BERNARDINO-SAN DIEGO; SAN DIEGO-EL CENTRO -PHOENIX, AZ including one **CRUCERO** operated San Diego-Calexico round trip; LOS ANGELES-EL CENTRO -MEXICALI, LOS ANGELES-PHOENIX-EL PASO; LAS VEGAS-FLAGSTAFF-PHOENIX; PHOENIX-I-40-ST. LOUIS; LOS ANGELES-LAS VEGAS, NV (including one trip via Lancaster and Mojave); LAS VEGAS-SALT LAKE CITY; LAS VEGAS-GRAND JUNCTION-DENVER-I-70; SAN FRANCISCO-SALT LAKE CITY-I-80; SALT LAKE CITY-I-80-DENVER (some Pacific Northwest-Denver trips).

There are some Thru Buses such as two Seattle-Sacramento round trips, three Denver-I-70-Las Vegas-Los Angeles round trips and three Los Angeles-Phoenix – St. Louis I-40 trips.

CRUCERO USA is presently operating 18 of the 21 LOS ANGELES-SAN YSIDRO-TIJUANA round trips, all five LOS ANGELES-EL CENTRO-MEXICALI round trips and the two Fresno-Mexicali round trips that operate over portions of the HIGHWAY 99 route and the LOS ANGELES-EL CENTRO route.

In downtown Los Angeles, three of the **CRUCERO** LA-SAN YSIDRO route trips serve the 649 South Wall terminal **(AUTOBUSES AMERICANOS)** and there is presently no service to the 605 South Maple station. All trips serve the main Los Angeles Terminal on East 7th near Alameda.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

(All properties are located in California unless otherwise noted)

PROPERTY	FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL #'S	DATE	NOTES
-NEW-					
Omnitrans	9001-9025	Ford/El Dorado	Econ/Aerotech/—	2006	1
Norwalk Transit System	7011-7013	Chevy/El Dorado	GMT560/Aero Elite/—	2006	
Santa Monica Big Blue Bus	4090-4099	New Flyer	L40LF/5C029405-414	2006	
Orange County TA	5501	New Flyer	C40LF/6C030546	2006	
-USED-					
Goodall's Chtr Bus Serv	67152	MCI	102DL3/WP050738	02/98	2
Transit Systems, Inc.	1183	TMC	T80608/PR829322	1993	3
-DISPOSITIONS-					
Omnitrans	various	Ford/Goshen	Econ/GCII/—	2000	4

-NOTES-
1. 9020 is VIN 1FDXE45S16HB37648.
2, Ex CUSA/Salt Lake Coaches 67152.
3. Ex Long Beach Transit 9314
4. Buses are 632, 811, 816, 821, 823-824, 826-827, 830, 838-841, 843, 845-847, 851-852, 854, 857, 917, 949, 955, 959.

FOOTHILL TRANSIT has started placing members of the 1500-series NABI 40-LFW buses into service on Irwindale based lines.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY 5501, a New Flyer C40LF with the new style front end, was tested in revenue service, assigned on weekdays to Bus Run 5716 from Santa Ana Division 1. The bus will stay in California for about a month and then return to Minnesota with information on all of the changes **OCTA** wants for the rest of the order.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY MTA has only eight 4400s (1982 model GMC T7J604 — 35 foot RTS) in active service, assigned to Division 3 for Lines 176-EL MONTE-HIGHLAND PARK and 620-BOYLE HEIGHTS SHUTTLE. These buses were rehabilitated, but at 25 years of age, they likely will not remain in service too much longer.

January Bus Photos





LEFT: *OCTA 5501 being delivered.* ***RIGHT:*** *Santa Monica 3816 all wrapped-up for the 2006 Christmas season. Russ Jones photo.*