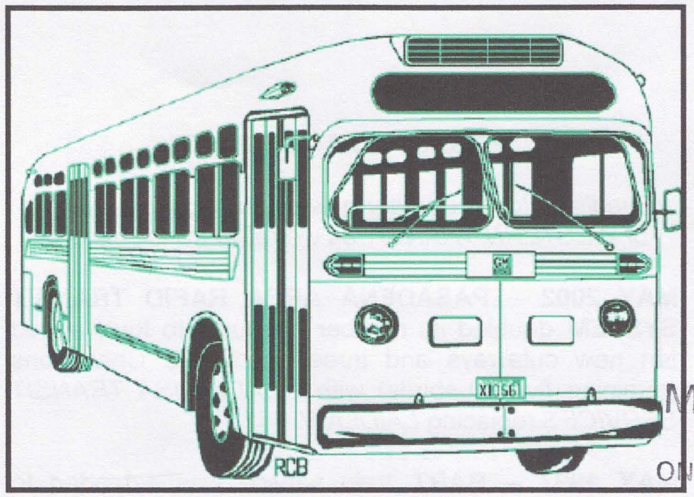


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OMNITRANS (OT)

SAN BERNARDINO: May 7th brought service changes and July 1st will bring fare adjustments to **OT.** They are consistent with the FY 2007 Annual Strategic Plan, adopted in July 2006, and follow a Comprehensive Operations Assessment.

The COA involved conducting a thorough review and evaluation of existing fixed route, *OMNILINK* and *ACCESS* services, operating policies, fare policy and an in-depth analysis of travel demands and demographic characteristics.

Outcomes included service restructuring plans, service policy changes, establishment of amended and additional service performance and design standards, a financial and capital plan, a fare policy and a process for ongoing service evaluation.

The recommendations are essential to meeting the Transportation Development Act's 20% fare recovery ratio mandate and meeting **OT's** mission in a financially responsible manner.

The service changes will result in a 42,000 hour annual reduction in service (an operating cost reduction of $2.5 million) and the peak fleet requirement will be reduced from 146 to 138 buses *(WT 4/07)*.

The savings from the service changes and the additional revenue from the fare increase is projected to increase the farebox recovery ratio to 20.8%.

The May 7th program included three discontinuations (the weekday morning 14L-LIMITED, 31-REDLANDS BLUE LINE and the Montclair-San Bernardino segment of 90-MONTCLAIR-SAN BERNARDINO-RIVERSIDE) and six frequency reductions (widening the Saturday headway on 1-ARMC-SAN BERNARDINO-DEL ROSA from 15/30 to 30/60, reducing Sunday headway on 15-FONTANA-HIGHLAND-REDLANDS from 30 to 60, reducing the Saturday headway on 19-FONTANA-REDLANDS from 30 to 60, reducing Sunday headway on 20-FONTANA LOCAL from 30 to 60, reducing weekday headway on 22-NORTH RIALTO-ARMC from 20 to 30, operating 28-SOUTHRIDGE-SLOVER-KAISER only during weekday peak hours and discontinuing Sunday hours on 68-CHINO-MONTCLAIR -CHAFFEY COLLEGE.

The NEW Line 90-RIVERSIDE-SAN BERNARDINO will offer half hour headways all days of the week, also serving Cooley Ranch area of Colton, but no longer stopping at the *METROLINK* Stations.

*(Ed. Note – the Montclair-San Bernardino segment of Line 90 began its **INLAND EMPIRE CONNECTION** career in August 1990 as part of Line 110 and was the second time that **OT** offered an express bus service on the San Bernardino Freeway, the original was Line 75-MONTCLAIR-SAN BERNARDINO in the 1980s (WT 9/81). The stops have changed several times in the intervening years).*

There will be increases to all cash fares and all prepaid passes, beginning July 1st.

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TRANSPORTATION AND LEGISLATION

SB 684 (Cox, R-Sacramento) would amend existing law related to *CALTRANS* funding *AMTRAK* to contract for feeder bus services in conjunction with intercity trains, subject to the restriction that such service be used only by passengers connecting to or from a train.

This bill would authorize a feeder bus service to serve passengers traveling solely by bus between South Lake Tahoe and Sacramento and intermediate points via Highway 50, if no other bus service is provided by a private intercity company *(Ed. Note – **AMBUS** Route 23 -SACRAMENTO-LAKE TAHOE and **GREYHOUND LINES, INC.** no longer operates along Highway 50).*

CALTRANS shall conduct a two-year study of ridership on this route and identify riders who transferred to or from **AMTRAK** and those traveling solely on the bus.

SB 717 (Perata, D-Oakland) would enact new statutory provisions to extend legislative deadline on Prop. 42 fund transfers to the Transportation Improvement Fund. Article XIX B of the State Constitution requires certain gasoline sales tax revenues be allocated to various broad transportation purposes with 20 percent set aside for transit. These provisions expire this year.

AB 1221 (Ma, D-San Francisco) would allow an entity that prepares a transit village plan, with the agreement with each government agency that operates every transit station in the transit village district, to engage in tax increment financing.

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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)

MAY 2002 – PASADENA AREA RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM doubled its number of routes to four, added ten new cutaways and three used CTS Champions (retaining five Bluebirds) with *COACH USA TRANSIT SERVICES* replacing *LAIDLAW.*

MAY 1997 – BART train service was extended to Castro Valley and Dublin/Pleasanton as operation of BART Express Bus Line U was discontinued. Express Bus D was replaced by **CCCTA** Line 121-DUBLIN-WALNUT CREEK.

MAY 1992 – MONTEBELLO BUS LINES started their first Limited Stop buses – 342-WHITTIER-MONTEBELLO-LA and 343-GREENWOOD AVE-MONTEBELLO-LA charging local fares.

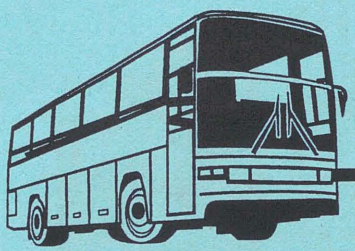
MAY 1987 – Following three years of competition for the Disneyland-LAX market, **ATC** owned **AIRPORT SERVICE, INC** (all service routes and 23 MC-8 and MC-9 buses) was purchased by Anaheim based **FUN BUS SYSTEMS, INC.**

MAY 1982 – The California Supreme Court, in a 5-1 decision, determined that the November 1980 Proposition A sales tax measure was not a special tax requiring a 2/3 vote. It received a 54% Yes vote. The measure designated the **LACTC** as the agency to administer the tax money making that body, almost overnight, the county's most powerful transportation agency.

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RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY



RIDER ALERT

Alerta al Pasajero

Effective Date: May 1, 2007

Downtown Trolley Service to Expand

Beginning May 1, RTA will launch expanded trolley service in downtown Riverside. The trolleys will serve area restaurants, the courthouse, the Mission Inn and other places of interest. While on board, riders can pick up special coupons to area restaurants.

At just 25 cents, getting around downtown has never been easier. Best of all, the ride is FREE if you're a county or city employee, juror or have a valid parking receipt.

A partir del 1ro de Mayo, RTA incrementara servicio de Trolley en el centro de Riverside. Con servicio a los restaurantes del centro de Riverside, el Mission Inn, y otros lugares de interés. A bordo del trolley, los pasajeros pueden obtener cupones para los restaurantes en el área.

Por solo 25 centavos viajando por el centro nunca ha sido tan fácil. Y como si fuera poco, el viaje es GRATIS si usted en un empleado del condado, la ciudad, si esta prestando servicios como jurado, o si tiene un recibo valido de estacionamiento.

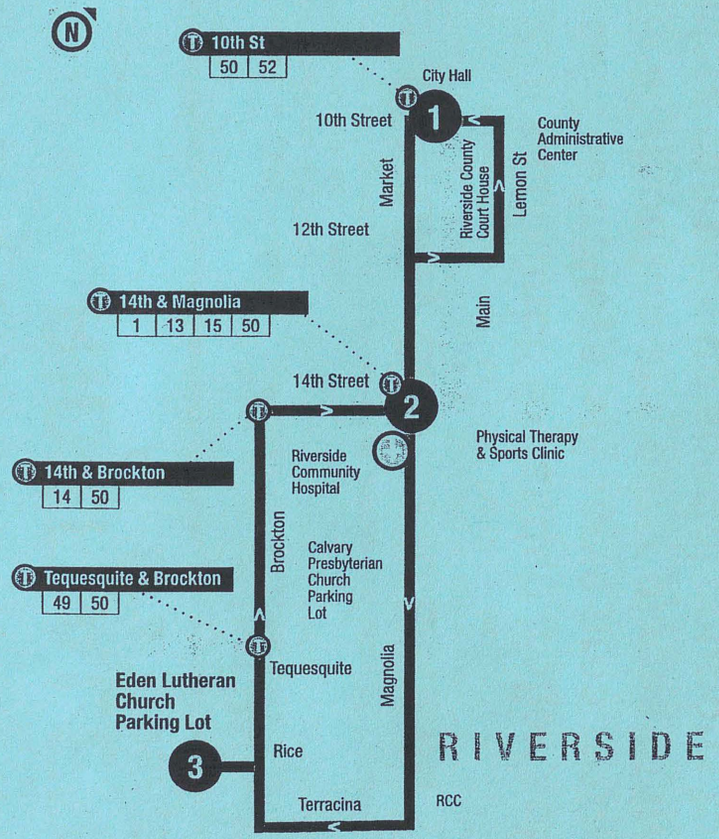
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THE TROLLEY
RED LINE

Service and timetables subject to change.

Also serving: Jury Remote Parking to 12th & Main, Riverside County Courthouse. **Runs Monday – Thursday Only. No service on the following holidays:** New Year's Day, M.L. King Day, Lincoln Day, President's Day, Cesar Chavez Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.



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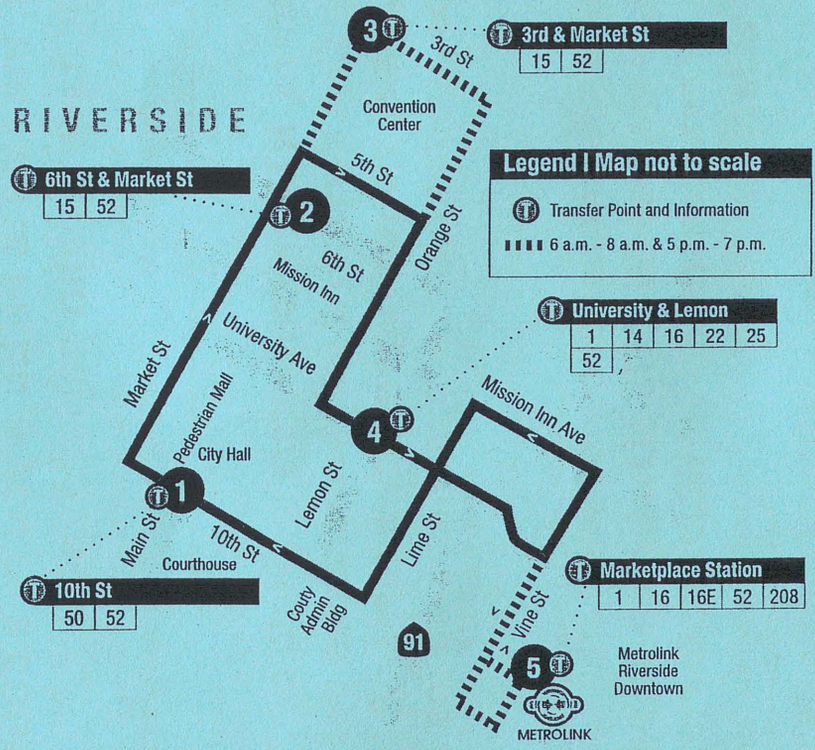
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The Red Lines runs every 20 minutes from 7:30am to 5:50 pm. Round trip is approximately 18 minutes.

THE TROLLEY
GREEN LINE

Service and timetables subject to change.

Runs Monday – Friday only. No service on the following holidays: New Year's Day, M.L. King Day, Lincoln Day, President's Day, Cesar Chavez Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.



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Weekdays | The Trolley | Green Line

Hours of Operation	Service Frequency
6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.	Every 8 to 12 minutes
8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Every 14 to 18 minutes
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Every 7 to 11 minutes
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Every 14 to 18 minutes
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Every 8 to 12 minutes

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Regular cash fares will be increased from $1.25 to $1.35 while senior and disabled cash fares will increase a nickel to 55 cents.

Full fare Day Passes will cost $3.50 and Senior/ Disabled Day Passes will be $1.60.

Weekend *OMNILINK* service in Yucaipa and Chino Hills will be discontinued and fares will be increased. Regular fares will rise from $2.50 to $3.00, senior and disabled will increase from $1.25 to $1.50 and students will rise from $1.25 to $2.00. Ten-Ride Ticket books will now be available. Fixed Route passes will no longer be valid.

On *ACCESS,* cash fares will be increased while the cost of subscription passes will be reduced by 25% to encourage their usage.

OT and **RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY** developed, with Federal Transit Administration approval, a transfer of ownership and federal interest in three 2003 model Specialty Vehicle Manufacturing trolley style vehicles, previously used on **OT's** now discontinued *REDLANDS TROLLEY (WT 9/06). The* **OT** Board approved the transfer. These CNG powered vehicles will join a fleet of six 1994 and 1996 model Chance brand trolleys.

9704 and 9706 are the remaining two (of seven) Neoplan suburban configured AN440A buses and they continue to be assigned runs on Line 90.

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA)

RIVERSIDE: May 1st brought the replacement of the former Line 50-JURY TROLLEY SERVICE by the new, enhanced *DOWNTOWN TROLLEY SYSTEM* that includes Line 50-TROLLEY RED LINE (JURY TROLLEY) and Line 52-TROLLEY GREEN LINE.

Line 50 continues its Monday thru Thursday operation (courts closed on Friday) while Line 52 will run Monday thru Friday. Charging 25 cents, except for jurors and city and county staff, each line uses two trolleys with 50 operating every 20 minutes and 52 varying between 10 and 15 minutes, depending upon the time of day. These lines are operated as part of the *MC DONALD TRANSIT ASSOCIATES dba TRANSITWAYS* contract.

RED begins at City Hall (10th & Main) and runs via 10th, Market/Magnolia, Terracina, Brockton (diverting to serve Eden Lutheran Church PNR), 14th, Market, 12th, Lemon and 10th.

GREEN also starts at City Hall and operates via 10th, Market, 5th, Orange, University, Vine, Mission Inn, Lime and 10th to Main. During commute hours, GREEN operates two special routings (5th & Market via Market, 3rd and Orange to 5th) and an extension from Vine and University via Vine to/from the *METROLINK* Station).

The **RTA** Board also approved the transfer of the three SVMC brand trolley style vehicles from **OMNITRANS**, which increases the fleet to nine units. Two each are used on Lines 50 and 52 and two more will be needed this summer with the opening of the new HARVESTON SHUTTLE route in Temecula.

In January, Line 51-CREST CRUISER was enlarged to serve additional housing areas and now travels north of Spruce via Canyon Crest, Watkins, Spruce and Iowa to Spruce, rejoining the original routing.

RTA plans to purchase 7 ADA compliant, 12 passenger paratransit vehicles by using the State of California contract. The expansion buses, from Bus West of Carson, will be Econoline/Starcraft Type II cutaways seating 12 and accommodating 3 wheelchairs.

April 2007 was the 30th anniversary of **RTA** operations and all the buses and most of the printed materials have been decaled with "30 Years Of Service" signage.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (OCTA)

ORANGE: **OCTA** and Teamsters Local 952, representing the bus operators, three-year agreement was set to expire on April 30 and the parties had been negotiating since the first of the year. Excluding the amount of increase in hourly wages, the various issues had generally been resolved.

OCTA offered a 13 percent increase in wages and benefits over 3 years, but Teamsters said they needed a larger increase or would walk off the job on May 1.

OCTA then requested Governor Schwarzenegger appoint a fact finding panel (he did) to investigate the negotiations and report back within 7 days (they did).

The governor then requested the California Attorney General to petition the court for an injunction against a strike for 60 days. At press time, negotiations had resumed.

The **OCTA** Board has approved another one year extension of the cooperative agreement with **RTA** to fund operations of **INLAND EMPIRE CONNECTION** Line 149-VILLAGE AT ORANGE-RIVERSIDE.



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CA/PACIFIC COAST SIGHTSEEING TOURS (PCST)

ANAHEIM: New Tour 1-LA BY NIGHT *(WT 2/07)* has been suspended until further notice. The tour is scheduled to stop at the Griffith Observatory, long a popular tourist attraction, but at this time, only the *OBSERVATORY SHUTTLE (WT 11/06)* is allowed.

Presently, Tour 14-THE O.C. EXPERIENCE and Tours 15/16-MOVIE STARS HOMES & 1/2 DAY SHOPPING and LA SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA are running only on selected days. O.C. operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays while STARS/SHOPPING runs on Wednesdays and Fridays.

2-UNIVERSAL STUDIOS continues as the most popular tour. By contract, **PCST** can sell up to 300 seats per day for Tour 2 (equivalent to six buses).

Tour 7-SAN DIEGO/TIJUANA is now operating daily except Sunday to avoid the intense Sunday afternoon congestion at the San Ysidro Border crossing, when returning in the late afternoon.

Tour 8-LOS ANGELES-HOLLYWOOD EXPERIENCE now stops for lunch at Farmer's Market, instead of Beverly Center, while Tour 16-SHOPPING, assigned a small vehicle, continues to serve Beverly Center.

LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS (LAWA)

LOS ANGELES: A long standing plan to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution at Los Angeles International Airport moved ahead recently as the Board of Airport Commissioners voted 6-0 to add a $10 surcharge on every car rental at LAX, perhaps next month.

The money collected, estimated at $25 million annually, will help pay for the initial design, reviewing and constructing of a sprawling new building to house the larger car rental companies.

This would eliminate the need for each firm to operate its own shuttle buses. LAX officials estimate the current 800,000 annual shuttle trips would be reduced.

The new building would replace the current facility north and east of 96th and Vicksburg. It would consolidate 26,000 spaces and include offices for the rental firms.

The rental companies have argued the surcharge will cover only a portion of the total project cost and urged airport managers to finish the designs and funding plans prior to imposing the surcharge.

GLENDALE BEELINE (GB)

GLENDALE: The Glendale City Council recently approved a 15-month contract extension (June 2008) for current contractor *M.V. TRANSPORTATION, INC.*

The city has proposed a system restructuring for **GB** to be implemented later this year. The current system would be revised to include three unnumbered school service lines, intended to replace Routes 5 and 7 service to Hoover High and Route 6 to Glendale High. These would be HOOVER HIGH "A", HOOVER HIGH "B" and GLENDALE HIGH SCHOOL.

The current 1/2-BRAND BLVD-CENTRAL AVENUE loop would be replaced by three lines — 'THE BUZZ" would operate from Stocker and Brand via Brand, Colorado, Central and Gardena to the Glendale *AMTRAK/METROLINK* Station.

Service on Brand Blvd south of Colorado would be offered by a revised Route 3 that would also be shortened at Glendale College and Central would be served by new 10-CENTRAL-GLENOAKS-ALAMEDA. New 8-GLENDALE AVE-LA CANADA/FLINTRIDGE would replace current 3. NEW 13-COLORADO-CHEVY CHASE-EAST GLENOAKS would include a "Small Bus Deviated Zone" east of Chevy Chase and Glenoaks in which the bus would deviate up to 3/4 mile of the regular route to pick up and discharge riders with advance reservations.

Fares will also be increased — basic fare from 25 to 50 cents, (monthly pass $12 to $20); senior/disabled from 15 to 25 cents (monthly pass $4.50 to $10.00).

BURBANK BUS (BB)

BURBANK: **BB** recently placed five new CNG powered Bluebird Ultra Low Floor buses into service. The 35-foot vehicles seat 30 passengers when no wheelchairs are on board and 24 riders with 2 wheelchairs on board.

New schedules have recently been implemented on the NOHO-MEDIA DISTRICT and NOHO-EMPIRE routes and new stops added on Olive at Parish and Verdugo for the METROLINK-MEDIA DISTRICT route.

SANTA MONICA'S BIG BLUE BUS (BBB)

SANTA MONICA: The Santa Monica City Council recently approved a $57,700,000 contract for the construction of a new 65,000 square foot maintenance building (21 bus bays) and other site improvements including repaving and restriping of the yard area to accommodate an increased number of buses.

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The City issued an Invitation For Bid to purchase up to five small, alternative fueled vehicles with options for up to 25 additional vehicles, over the next three years.

The less-than-thirty-foot transit vehicles may be in either a trolley or bus design with the following fuel options — dedicated natural gas, electric/natural gas hybrid or electric/gasoline hybrid.

CITY OF LYNWOOD TRANSIT SYSTEM (COLTS)

LYNWOOD: Beginning April 1st, **COLTS** replaced the former **LYNWOOD TROLLEY COMPANY** *(WT 3/07),* although the four route system continued with the same service and schedules.

M.V. TRANSPORTATION is the new contract operator, having replaced *COMMUTER BUS LINES,* previously **LTC's** only contractor. The contractor owned fleet includes all white cutaways 1183-1186, Chevy GMT560/ Aero Elite and 1187, Econoline/Startrans.

YOSEMITE AREA REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM (YARTS)

MERCED: **YARTS** recently issued an RFP for a five-year contract to operate its Yosemite area bus system, with an expected start up date of June 1, 2007.

YARTS is a joint powers authority formed by the Counties of Mariposa, Merced and Mono to provide bus service in the greater Yosemite Region. The JPA is governed by the **YARTS** Board of Commissioners and is managed by the Merced County Association of Governments through a management agreement.

YARTS operates all year long, on Highway 140 from Merced and Mariposa counties to Yosemite Valley and, in the summer only, along the Highway 395 and 120 East corridors from Mammoth Lakes, June Lee, Lee Vining, in Mono County, through the Tioga Pass to Tuolumne Meadows and Yosemite Valley. As a regional system, **YARTS** may add additional routes in the future.

Service is currently provided by **VIA ADVENTURES** and **CRUISERS OF CALIFORNIA,** under contracts.

VISALIA CITY COACH (VCC)

VISALIA: April 12th saw the dedication of the new City of Visalia Operation and Maintenance Facility and CNG Fuel Facility, located at 525 North Cain Street, off Goshen and Ben Maddox.

The $7.7 million project includes plans to expand from the present 4.7 acres to the full 7.1 acres.

In addition to **VCC,** the facility also houses the fleets of **TULARE COUNTY AREA TRANSIT, TULARE TRANSIT EXPRESS** and **SEQUOIA SHUTTLE.** These systems are all operated by *M. V. TRANSPORTATION.*

During December, **VCC** unveiled its fleet of seven new 35-foot, CNG powered, Orion VII buses *(WT 10/05).*

BAY AREA TRANSIT AFTER APRIL 30TH

(Ed. Note – on Sunday, April 29 a gasoline tanker truck failed to negotiate the turn from I-80 East (Bay Bridge) to I-580 East (MacArthur Freeway) in Oakland, tipping over. The burning fuel melted the steel in the freeway ramp and the I-80 West to I-880 South connector was closed pending inspection.

As part of the emergency clean up effort, FREE public transportation on all Bay Area transit systems, courtesy of the Governor's office, was offered on April 30th).

BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT ran longer trains all day long on Monday and added six morning inbound and afternoon outbound trips on PITTSBURG/ BAY POINT line between the Pleasant Hill and Montgomery Street stations.

BART also suggested passengers walk, bicycle, carpool or ride the bus to their stations as parking is limited and patronage would be higher than usual.

AC TRANSIT provided added service on various local and TransBay lines. Morning buses stopped at regular bus stops but were rerouted to get to the Bay Bridge. Afternoon buses were significantly affected.

The **ALAMEDA-OAKLAND FERRY** offered additional trips to its regular single boat service providing direct service between both Oakland and Alameda Main Street and San Francisco.

ALAMEDA HARBOR BAY FERRY and the **CAPITOL CORRIDOR** operated their usual service.

Beginning May 1st, **BART** and **AC** continued to offer extra service, to be paid for by the State of California, but regular fares returned.

AC altered the route of weekday peak hour Trans Bay Line W-ALAMEDA-OTIS DRIVE-SAN FRANCISCO to serve the West Oakland Park and Ride.

GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT (GGT)

SAN RAFAEL: Weekend and Holidays only 66-MUIR WOODS SHUTTLE *(WT 5/05, 3/06)* was reinstated on May 5, three weeks earlier than last year, and it will continue until September 30.

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Financed by the County of Marin Department of Public Works, Line 66 stops in Marin City (Donahue & Terners), Manzanita Park & Ride in Mill Valley, Pohono & Shoreline in Mill Valley and Muir Woods. Select trips meet **GGT's** SAUSALITO FERRY and do not serve Marin City. Fares are collected westbound (to Muir Woods) and there is no charge eastbound. The adult fare is $2.00 with seniors, disabled and youth $1.00.

Beginning June 10, the Reciprocal Transfer Agreement between **GGT, PETALUMA TRANSIT** and **SONOMA COUNTY TRANSIT** within the City of Petaluma will be amended allowing **PT** and **SCT** transfers to be honored as $1.00 credit toward the regional fare on **GGT** Line 80 -SANTA ROSA-SAN FRANCISCO.

GGT fares will all increase on July 1st, the second of five planned fare increases, each year for five years.

VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (VTA)

SAN JOSE: With the opening of the VASONA LIGHT RAIL line in August 2005, **VTA** replaced portions of Line 60 and 62 with Community Shuttles 48-LOS GATOS CIVIC CENTER-WINCHESTER TRANSIT CENTER and 49–BASCOM-CAMDEN-WINCHESTER TC using Econoline/Aerotech cutaways 5001-5005 operated by contract *(WT 11/05).*

In July 2006, **VTA** took over those operations using 35-foot Gilligs 2101-2123 in addition to the vans. The service is currently free of charge to passengers as it is funded by the Transportation Fund for Clean Air, the Bay Area Quality Management District and **VTA.**

Twenty new Community Bus (CB) vehicles (*Ed. Note – make and model unknown)* are on order with delivery timed for the expansion of the CB program this July, primarily in South County communities of Gilroy, San Martin and Morgan Hill.

At that time, selected contract operated lines will be brought in house.

The CB Program will include Lines 13-ALMADEN/ MCKEAN-OHLONE/CHYNOWETH LRT, 15-JACKSON OAKS-PEAK & MAIN, 16-BURNETT AVE-PEAK & MAIN, 17-GILROY-ST. LOUISE HOSPITAL, 18-GILROY-GAVILAN COLLEGE, 19-GILROY-1ST & SANTA TERESA, 48, 49, DOWNTOWN AREA SHORT HOP, GREAT AMERICA SHUTTLE and OLD IRONSIDES SHUTTLE.

The Comprehensive Operations Analysis *(WT 4/07)* continues. The **VTA** Board will receive a draft proposal this month, community, stakeholders and advisory committees meeting will then be held, final Board action will take place in August and Phase I Service Implementation next January.

The proposal is divided into five focus areas — Core Network, Non Core Services, Express Bus, Community Bus Program and Deletion and Consolidation Candidates.

Core will include pre-cursors to future Bus Rapid Transit corridors. Non-Core are those while isolated from the Core whose demands are too high for a community bus vehicle. The Deletion and Consolidation Routes include efficiency improvement ideas or to eliminate duplication which can allow a reuse of service hours and buses to more productive areas. The COA premise is budget neutral, which means utilizing resources more efficiently.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF SOUTHERN NEVADA/ CITIZENS AREA TRANSIT (RTC/CAT)

LAS VEGAS, NV: **RTC** recently announced the award of a three-year contract to *LAIDLAW TRANSIT SERVICES, INC.* to continue providing paratransit service (ACCESS) in the Las Vegas area and to add operation of the SILVERSTAR and CATSTAR services (deviated fixed routes for elderly and disabled), previously operated by *VEOLIA TRANSPORTATION.*

PUGET SOUND REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY SOUND TRANSIT (ST)

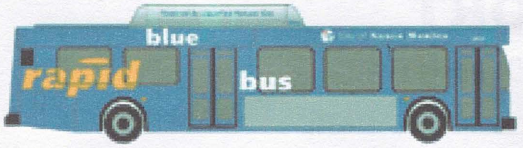
SEATTLE, WA: In January, the **ST** Board adopted the Sound Transit 2 Draft Package that would expand light rail service by over 40 miles to points north, south and east, building on the first 19 miles.

The expansions would extend north from the University of Washington to Lynnwood, south from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport to the Port of Tacoma and east as far as Redmond's Overlake Transit Center via downtown Bellevue.

ST has been seeking public input over the last few months, before adopting a final package to go to the electorate this November as part of a regional Roads & Transit package.

The program would be funded with a sales tax increase of 0.5 percent (five cents on a $10 purchase).

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SANTA MONICA'S BIG BLUE BUS

Santa Monica, California

FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL	SERIAL #'S	YEAR	NOTES
2606-2615	Dennis Thomas	SLF200	1JA99310-319	2001	
3801-3867	New Flyer	D40LF	VU017680-746	1997	
4001-4037	NABI	040.23	2A140006-042	2002	
4038	New Flyer	L40LF	4C027355	2004	
4039-4089	New Flyer	L40LF	4C027476-526	2004	1
4090-4099	New Flyer	L40LF	5C029405-414	2006	
4801	Nova	TC40102A	S3000019	1995	
4802-4821	Nova	TC40102A	S3000026-045	1995	
5180	GMD	T8H-5307A	G3500179	1986	2
5501-5504	MCI	102DL3	1P053595, 597-599	2001	

—NOTES—

1. 4078-4089 (originally 4080-4089) painted in the special "Rapid 3" design.
2. Active, but preserved as historic vehicle.

SMBBB is a department of the city and operates fixed route transit service serving Santa Monica, Westwood, UCLA, Pacific Palisades, Venice, Palms, Cheviot Hills, Westchester, LAX and downtown Los Angeles.

In addition to the light rail extensions, the package also includes funding for future service enhancements to existing **ST** Express bus routes, adding parking and other enhancements at *SOUNDER* commuter rail and **ST** Express bus stations, builds new streetcar line in Seattle connecting the International District, First Hill and Capitol Hill areas and prepares for light rail extension to Everett by funding planning, engineering and property acquisition.

Additional programs include further light rail extensions to downtown Redmond and downtown Tacoma, subject to securing funding or cost savings for construction. Also funds corridor planning studies between Redmond and University of Washington on State Route 520 corridor and between South Bellevue and Issaquah on the Interstate 90 corridor.

LINK light rail construction is currently on schedule toward an opening in 2009 for the segment between Sea-Tac Airport and Westlake Station in downtown Seattle. The segment from downtown to the University District is to begin construction next year.

The first Kinkisharyo light rail vehicle arrived last November, the second came in December and the remaining 33 cars should begin to arrive this month. The cars will be serviced and stored at **ST's** Operations and Maintenance facility on Airport Way in south Seattle.

The cars are double articulated, with 3 sections riding on 6 axles, capacity for 200 riders with seats for 74, low floor, air conditioned, space for four wheelchairs and two bicycles, four doors on each side, 95 feet long and able to operate in trains of 1 to 4 cars.

HONOLULU PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY (THE BUS)

HONOLULU, HI: In a "return to yesteryear", **THE BUS** has changed color schemes going back to the "tiger stripe" hockey stick scheme of tan, yellow and orange which had been the system colors first introduced in 1980 on the Grumman/Flxibles.

For the last several orders of buses (*WT 10/02),* the units were painted in the "rainbow scheme – the bus arrived in all white with blue below the rub rail and the rainbow hockey stick colors were applied as a wrap in Honolulu.

Members of the fleet now appear in three schemes – rainbow stripe, tiger stripe and the silver and black scheme introduced on 132-141, a fleet of New Flyer low -floor articulated buses ordered for service on the short lived ROUTE E – THE TRANSIT *(WT 4/05).*

Silver and black were the colors of the former **HONOLULU RAPID TRANSIT,** that operated until 1971 when it was taken over by the City and County of Honolulu.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

(All properties are located in California unless otherwise noted)

PROPERTY	FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL #'S	DATE	NOTES
-NEW-					
Victor Valley Transit Auth	711-715	Bluebird	ULF-35/6W100438-442	2006	
-USED-					
Regional Transit Service	1140	GMC	T8J204/BV810967	1981	0
Roadways International	5614, 5615	Prevost	H3-45/—, X1013280	—, 99	1
	4716	MCI	102C3/MP043828	02/91	2
	4717	TMC	102C3/LR007724	1990	2
Johnny's Express	237	MCI	102D3/RP046305	04/94	3
-DISPOSITIONS-					
Transit Systems Inc.	1148	GMC	T8J204/BV810953	1981	4
Utah Transit Authority	9496	EIDo Natl	RE-32/RC084118	1994	5
Roesch Lines	457	TMC	MC-9/ER004679	1984	5
Kansas City ATA (MO)	9305, 9315	TMC	T80206/PR829132, 142	1993	5
	S-35	Chance	RT-52/SW535790	1995	5
Metro Transit Auth (TX)	2602	Ikarus	416/PA288047	1993	6
Front Range Express (CO)	0406	TMC	102C3/LR007551	1990	6
	0407	MCI	102D3/TP048764	1996	6
	9101	MCI	102A3/MP044017	1991	6
	9102	MCI	102A3/MP044134	1991	6
	unnumb	MCI	102A3/MP044058	1991	6
	9301	GMC	T80204/BV812484	1981	6
	0414	Ford/Krystal	Econ/KKCoach/2H500290	2002	6
	0415	Ford/Krystal	Econ/KKCoach/2H500293	2002	6

-NOTES-

0. Ex Transit Systems, Inc. 1140.
1. Ex —.
2. Ex Pacific Coast Sightseeing Tours 64738, 64753.
3. Ex Country & Western Tours 237.
4. For sale by Nationwide Auction Systems – March 2007.
5. For sale on ebay.
6. For sale on www.publicsurplus.com.

Last October 26th, the following buses left **VALLEY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY** bound for the **SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT** and became MTD 500-507 — 9250, 9261, 9263, 9267, 9268, 9279, 9281, 9285 – 40102-6C/ ND103683, 694, 696, 700, 701, 717, 719, 723 — 1992. (It is not presently known if they were numbered in order at MTD).

May Bus Photos



LEFT: VVTA 714 before going into service. (VVTA photo) RIGHT: Honolulu's TheBus 932, a New Flyer DE40LFR on Route 8 Waikiki Beach & Hotels on January 18, 2007. (Mario Martinez photo)