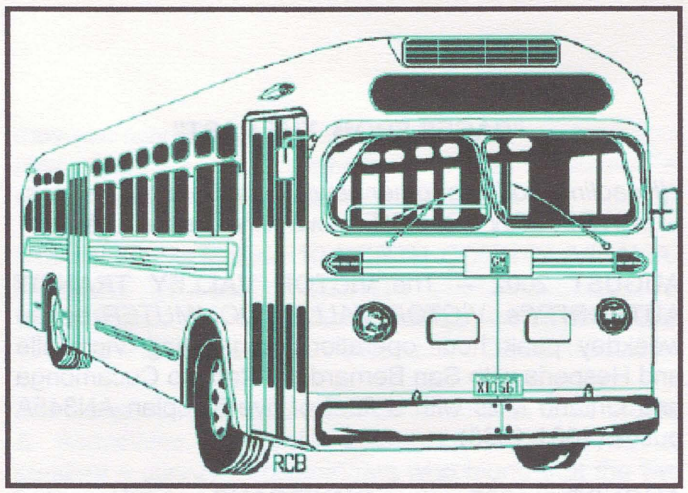
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PLAYA VISTA BEACH SHUTTLE (PVBS)

MARINA DEL REY: Started last year serving Playa Vista, Marina Del Rey and Venice Pier, **PVBS** was expanded this year to Fisherman's Village and will have a special schedule to serve the Summer Concert Series at Burton Chace Park in the Marina.

PVBS will also offer a one-day service on September 30th to and from the Abbot Kinney Festival in Venice following a special route.

Funding for the fare-free service is provided by Playa Vista and Los Angeles County 4th District Supervisor Don Knabe.

Service operates hourly between 1000AM and midnight on Friday and Saturday and from 1000AM to 800PM on Sundays and holidays.

PVBS also connects with the MARINA DEL REY WATER BUS providing weekend boat transportation to six locations throughout the Marina including Burton Chace Park, Fisherman's Village, Waterfront Walk, Marina "Mothers" Beach, Dolphin Marina and Marina Harbor. Riders can call for a pick up or head for a boarding location and a dock attendant will hail the Bus.

From the Playa Vista development, the **PVBS** travels via Playa Vista Drive, Jefferson, Lincoln, Fiji Way to Fisherman's Village and return, Via Marina, Pacific Ave, Washington Blvd., Via Marina, Admiralty, Fiji Way, Lincoln, Jefferson and Playa Vista roadways.

The *SOUTHLAND TRANSIT* operated fleet includes several white over blue 811 series El Dorado MST 2600s, previously used on **GO WEST** in West Covina.

THE LOOP — VISALIA

VISALIA: As part of a project to combat gang activity by keeping children in high risk areas off the streets, the City's Parks and Recreation and Police Departments developed a loop shuttle program serving a number of recreation centers in the city. Implemented on June 8, **THE LOOP** is available to youths ages 6 to 17 who have completed a five page questionnaire and have been given a photo identification card. **THE LOOP** is operated by *M. V. TRANSPORTATION* using one cutaway, painted all white with a special **LOOP** graphic wrap, which is rented from MVT's fleet of lease buses. Buses operate between noon and 800PM on weekdays and until 600PM on Saturday.

TULARE COUNTY AREA TRANSIT (TCaT)

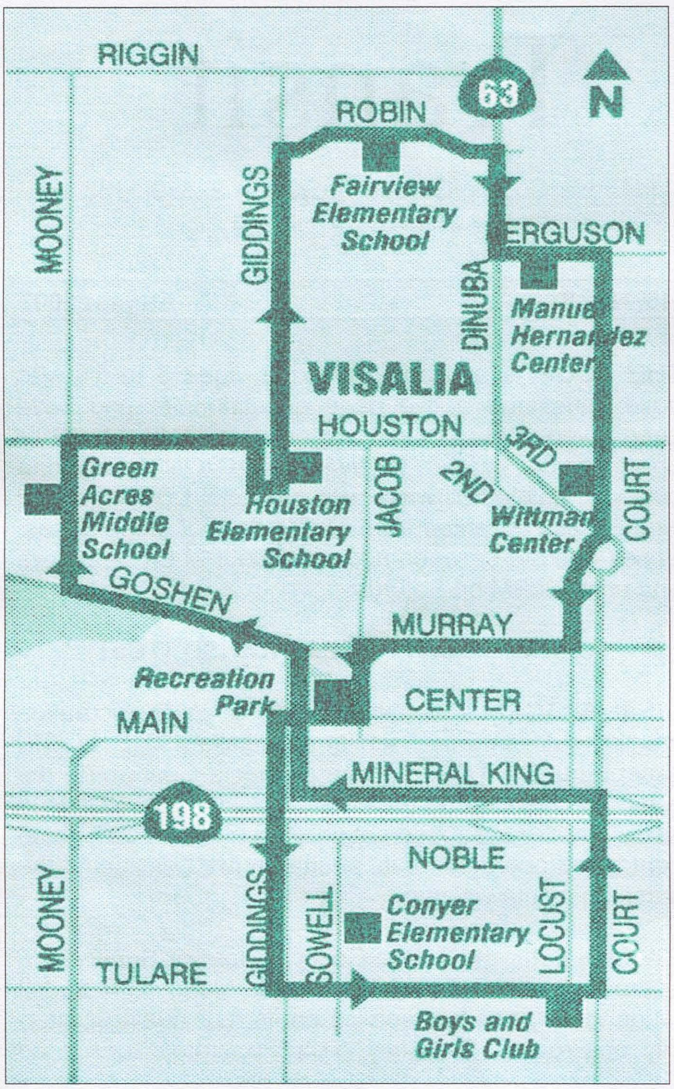
VISALIA: **TCaT** also implemented a youth recreation shuttle route, in June, similar to Visalia's **THE LOOP,** except that the **TCaT** service connects Goshen (to the west) and Ivanhoe (to the northeast) with **THE LOOP** to serve the Visalia recreational centers. **TCaT** also contracted operation of its shuttle to *MVT,* including the lease on a cutaway van.

On June 26th, the Tulare County Board of Supervisors approved a proposal to dedicate its Measure R transit funds to upgrade bus service on its four heaviest inter-city bus routes. Presently, **TCaT** operates service on

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(Headline stories or other news items from past issues of WESTERN TRANSIT as we relive transit history)

AUGUST 2002 – The **VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY's** *VICTOR VALLEY COMMUTER* began weekday peak hour operations connecting Victorville and Hesperia with San Bernardino, Rancho Cucamonga and Ontario Mills with a fleet of five Neoplan AN345A buses (1001-1005).

AUGUST 1997 – OMNITRANS implemented adjustments to the previous January major restructuring including two new lines, 69-RANCHO CUCAMONGA-ONTARIO MILLS and weekend only 73-INDIAN HILL VILLAGE-CHINO HILLS.

AUGUST 1992 – ATC/VANCOM purchased **SOUTHWEST COACHES, INC.** of San Diego from Tom Evans and received a new operations contract from **MTDB** for Lines 901, 902, 903, 904, 932, 933/934 and evenings and weekends on **SDTC** 13 and 36.

AUGUST 1987 – GREYHOUND LINES, INC. filed an application with the Interstate Commerce Commission to purchase all operating rights of **TRAILWAYS LINES, INC.** together with its principal operating assets. August 5th brought a takeover of **TWI.**

AUGUST 1982 – Sponsored by the Strand Express Agency (cities of Coronado and Imperial Beach), Line 901-IMPERIAL BEACH-CORONADO-SAN DIEGO, a combination of the **CIRCLES'** former 170-STRAND STREAKER and a portion of **SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORP.** Line 9-CORONADO-PACIFIC BEACH, began operations.

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nine routes – four inter-city and five circulator – operating a total of 30 weekday round trips.

Intercity routes include 10-NORTH COUNTY (VISALIA-DINUBA), 20-SOUTH COUNTY (TULARE-DELANO), 30-NORTHEAST COUNTY (VISALIA-IVANHOE) and 40-SOUTHEAST COUNTY (VISALIA-PORTERVILLE).

The Tulare County Council of Governments hired Moore & Associates, Valencia based consulting firm, to conduct a survey of passengers who found that the two most desired improvements were institution of Saturday service (30%) and additional trips on weekdays, both earlier and later (29%). Because of light patronage on the circulators, the improvements were proposed only for the inter-city routes and, on Route 30, only on the segment between Visalia and Ivanhoe. No additional buses would be required and the weekday and NEW Saturday changes will be implemented this month with the annual county-wide schedule changes.

Current operations cost $613,000 and the improved service will cost another $375,000 for a new annual total of $989,000.

Since April 1st Tulare County bus riders have been able to purchase for $45 the new *TULARE COUNTY AREA TRANSIT REGIONAL PASS* which is valid for fare on five agencies including **TCaT, VISALIA CITY COACH, TULARE TRANSIT EXPRESS, DINUBA TRANSIT** and **PORTERVILLE TRANSIT.** Previously, separate passes were required by each system. The idea of such a pass has been discussed for several years, but the real impetus came from the many comments from last year's Unmet Transit Needs hearings before the Tulare County Association of Governments.

VISALIA CITY COACH (VCC)

VISALIA: A couple of changes made on the August 2006 changes and not reported here earlier *(WT 09/06)* involve Lines 2-CALDWELL and 5-WALNUT-LOVERS LANE. Line 2 had its Saturday headway reduced from 30 minutes to hourly to compensate for the third bus added on weekdays to accommodate increased travel times. On Line 5, the former Lines 3 and 5 turn around loops in the vicinity of the Visalia Mall (Mooney and Walnut) were eliminated after 700PM on weekdays and all day on weekends with buses traveling across on Walnut in both directions between County Center and Giddings. The Line 5 change was instituted to allow for more recovery time during the hours the 45-minute headway is operated.



Tulare County's transportation tax initiative, Measure R in the November 2006 election, which barely met the needed 66 2/3% approval, calls for the expenditure of approximately $1 million to be spent on annual transit improvements. The measure mentioned three specific improvements — added capacity on Line 1-MOONEY BLVD, improved service in the North Visalia area now served by Line 7 including service to new developments and extension of Sunday operating hours from 330PM to 630PM.

Other improvements to be made, but not mentioned in the initiative — the permanency of night and Sunday hours (nearing the end of their three-year demonstration period) and local funds to bring the farebox ratio to over the TDA required 20% to avoid service reductions or fare increases. The 1/2c ($0.005) sales tax increase became effective on April 1, 2007 and the listed changes are to begin with the annual (August 2007) schedule changes.

(Ed. Note – Currently unknown is the status of ***VCC*** *Line 9 – FARMERSVILLE-EXETER. Both cities contributed to its three year demonstration, which will be up this fall. Do either of them have any transit money from Measure R for this purpose?)*

RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA)

RIVERSIDE: Midday and weekend operations for the summer began June 18th on Line 202-MURRIETA-TEMECULA-OCEANSIDE.

Nicknamed *"RTA's BEACH BUS",* three midday round trips between 900AM and 400PM are offered weekdays with four round trips on weekends. Round trip fares are offered for $3.75 (normal one way fare is $2.25). One of *COMMUTER LINK* painted Dennis Thomas SLF-300s is assigned *(Ed. Note – this is the first weekend route for the LAIDLAW TRANSIT SERVICES'* ***RTA*** *contract).*

Weekday trips leave the Murrieta Wal-Mart at 850AM, 1125AM and 200PM while trips depart Oceanside at 1010AM, 1245PM and 320PM.

Weekend buses depart Murrieta at 830AM, 1040AM, 150PM and 400PM. Buses depart Oceanside at 935AM, 1245PM, 255PM and 505PM.

The ARTS WALK TROLLEY is now operating on the first Thursday of each month between 630PM and 900PM. FREE of charge, the trolley travels a one-way loop along Lemon, Mission Inn, Market, University, Orange and 10th to Lemon.

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METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS)

SAN DIEGO: **MTS** implemented its summer changes June 17th including extending 13-KAISER HOSPITAL-EUCLID-18TH STREET from Euclid Trolley Station via Euclid and 18th to National City 24th Street Trolley Station replacing former 603-EUCLID-NATIONAL CITY. The weekday headway is every 15 minutes with half hourly headways on weekends.

MTS recently issued an RFP for a negotiated procurement to buy both 35-foot and 40-foot CNG powered, low floor buses over a five-year period for use by all **MTS** contract operations.

A public hearing was held recently to take testimony on plans to reroute 120-DOWNTOWN-FASHION VALLEY-KEARNY MESA LIMITED to serve Ulric Street and Linda Vista Road between Fashion Valley and Health Center Road and to extend 25-LINDA VISTA-FASHION VALLEY to operate between Fashion Valley and Kearny Mesa Transit Center via Health Center, Aero Dr and Tierrasanta replacing 926/927-TIERRASANTA-KEARNY MESA.

NORWALK TRANSIT SYSTEM (NTS)

NORWALK: On June 25th, **NTS** Line 8-WHITTIER-NORWALK-CERRITOS CENTER replaced former **MTA** Line 275-CERRITOS-WHITTIER *(WT 5/07).*

Line 8, previously a weekday peak hour only line, was rerouted, extended and now operates on an hourly headway (2 buses) all day on weekdays between approximately 500AM and 900PM. Regular **NTS** fares (60c adult, 45c youth, 30c senior/disabled) are charged.

From Whittier Depot, the line travels via Greenleaf, Mulberry, Painter/Carmenita, Leffingwell, Imperial to Norwalk Metrolink, then via Imperial, Leffingwell, Valley View, Artesia, Gridley and 183rd to Cerritos Center.

Former **WHITTIER TRANSIT** Lines 1 and 2 are now being operated as **NTS** 7-NORTHWEST WHITTIER-WHITTWOOD and 6-UPTOWN WHITTIER-WHITTWOOD respectively. *(Ed. Note – **NTS** has operated the **WT** system since April 2005).* Former **WT** fares still apply – 35c adult and youth and 10 cents for seniors and disabled persons.

Hourly service continues 600AM-600PM on weekdays and 1000AM-600PM on Saturday on the same routings.

In other **WHITTIER** news, the **WHITTIER DIAL-A-RIDE** changed August 1st including five new cutaway vans, added service span and *M. V. TRANSPORTATION* as the new contractor, replacing Anaheim based *WESTERN TRANSIT SYSTEMS,* the previous provider since 1977. One week of FREE rides accompanied the changeover. The weekday service span is now 700AM-900PM while weekends run from 800AM until 900PM.

SANTA MONICA'S BIG BLUE BUS (BBB)

SANTA MONICA: On July 1st, **BBB** increased selected fares and also introduced the Day Pass, while retaining transfers, at a cost of 50 cents for all riders except seniors and the disabled who will pay 10 cents.

Student cash fares were increased from 25 to 50 cents, Line 10 senior fares were reduced from 60 to 50 cents and Line 10 disabled fares were increased from 25 to 50 cents.

Four different Day Passes are now available – Regular fare (local) $2.50, Student fare (local) $1.25, Regular and Student (express) $3.50 and senior/disabled $1.25.

MINI BLUE (community lines using mid size buses) cash fares for regular and students are 50 cents while seniors and disabled persons are 25 cents.

The first four *MINI BLUE* lines began on June 24. PICO RIDE and DOWNTOWN MARKET RIDE replaced the previous Farmers' Market Shuttles, TIDE RIDE replaced former TIDE SHUTTLE (including the extended loop to Wilshire) and CROSSTOWN RIDE replaced former Line 11-14TH-20TH CROSSTOWN.

August 27 brought another Mini Blue, SUNSET RIDE, operating between Santa Monica Airport, two campuses of Santa Monica College and the 20th/Colorado/Stewart area. Service is offered on weekdays between 700AM and 600PM on 15/20 minute headways.

Line 6 – SMC COMMUTER was revised to begin at Venice and Culver and travel thru Palms and Mar Vista stopping at both the Bundy and main SMC campuses. Line 6, started last February with a few weekday trips now operates all day on weekdays.

LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (LADOT)

LOS ANGELES: Two of the *DOWNTOWN DASH* lines, C-SOUTH PARK and weekend only DD-DOWNTOWN DISCOVERY, were both rerouted along Hope Street between 7th and 12th beginning July 21, primarily to offer direct service to the Ralph's Fresh Fare Market at 9th & Hope, the first downtown supermarket, an important facility in an area that continues to see more residential units being built.

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Line C was totally rerouted — from Wilshire & Hope it loops Hope, Wilshire, Flower, 7th, then Hope, 12th, Hill, Pico, looping Grand, Venice, Hope and Pico to Grand. Its 10/20 headway by time of day continues.

Line DD remained the same north of 7th and Flower, but now runs along 7th and Hope to 11th, looping via 11th, Flower, 12th and Hope.

PACIFIC COAST SIGHTSEEING TOURS
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GRAY LINE/
COACH AMERICA

ANAHEIM: Recent changes in operation of some *GRAY LINE TOURS* include operating Sunday service on Tour 7-TIJUANA, MEXICO, but bypassing the Bull Ring and Fox Studios-Baja on that day only.

Tour 14-O. C. EXPERIENCE now operates Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday while Tour 15-STARS HOMES AND SHOPPING is Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

Tours 8-LEGENDARY LOS ANGELES and 16-L.A. SHOPPING EXTRAVAGANZA no longer stop at Beverly Center, but instead stop at The Grove and Farmers Market.

June 15th brought a return of Tour 1-LA/HOLLYWOOD BY NIGHT and start up of KNOTT'S FREE SHUTTLE. Passengers who purchase the Knott's transportation and admission package ($43.95 adult/$18.95 child) thru **GRAY LINE** receive free transportation to Knott's. The firm also offers Soak City (Knott's water park) tickets and free transfers ($27.95 adult/$16.95). Bus service consists of two daily round trips.

MEGABUS/LOS ANGELES
(MB)

LOS ANGELES: Following a successful year operating several intercity bus routes in the Midwest from a base in Chicago, **MB,** a subsidiary of **COACH USA,** opened its doors in Los Angeles with four routes – LOS ANGELES-SAN DIEGO, LOS ANGELES-SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES-TEMPE, AZ and LOS ANGELES-LAS VEGAS, NV.

SAN DIEGO has 4 daily round trips, SAN FRANCISCO has three (1 via San Jose and 2 via Oakland), TEMPE has two (serving Phoenix soon) and LAS VEGAS has 3.

The Los Angeles terminal is at Union Station on the street behind the AMTRAK building near the courtyard between MWD building and the Gold Line. It is basically in the same are where the transit buses used to load before Gateway was built.

The San Diego terminal is in front of 3888 Beech Street, the **COACH AMERICA (GOODALL)** bus facility, near Home Avenue.

The San Francisco terminal is the CALTRAIN Station at 4th & King, the Oakland terminal is BART/West Oakland Station and the San Jose terminal is the CALTRAIN Diridon Station.

The Tempe terminal is the Tempe Transit Center at 7th & College while the Las Vegas terminal is the GRAY LINE Customer Service Center **(KT)** at East Tropicana and South Swenson.

COACH AMERICA is the operator for **MB** with a fleet of 21 new MCI J4500s numbered 61400-61420. Eventually, **MB** will be operated from the Los Angeles **COACH AMERICA** yards in Long Beach **(CAL CHARTER)** and Sylmar **(ANTELOPE)** but, for now, 11 will be housed there with 2 each from **KT SERVICES** in Las Vegas, **ARROW** in Phoenix and **GOODALLS** in San Diego. 4 buses are garaged at **FRANCISCAN LINES** in San Francisco using **RAZ** (Portland) drivers.

Booking for megabus,com travel is done solely over the Internet at www.megabus.com. The site offers information on routes and schedules and allows passengers to book their travel and buy their tickets.

MB officials have said that they greatly reduced the overhead costs of traditional intercity bus companies by having no ticket agents nor other staff on the payroll and no terminal facilities to maintain (*Ed. Note – except for their own facilities in San Diego and Las Vegas, all terminals are publicly owned stations. It is not known if any of these locations may charge rent or other fees).*

$1 tickets are always available for a limited number of seats on each route and passengers are encouraged to book early. After all $1 tickets are sold, customers need to pay competitive fares. All tickets include a 50-cent booking fee.

The highest price for a **MB** ticket to San Francisco will be $38.50 with Las Vegas for $34.50. *SOUTHWEST AIRLINES* recently announced a $59 Las Vegas fare while *VIRGIN AIRLINES* offers San Francisco for $44.

SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT
(SAMTRANS)

SAN CARLOS: Armed with a Lifeline Transportation Planning grant (available until Fall 2009) from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, on July 1st **SAMTRANS** expanded service on Line 17-HALF MOON BAY-MOSS BEACH extending the community line into Montara, adding selected weekday trips and inaugurating Sunday hours (830AM-830PM on a rough 90-minute headway).

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ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT (ACT)

OAKLAND: The June 24th service change program *(WT 06/07)* included several additional changes.

Selected weekday trips on 50-HEGENBERGER ROAD and 805-HEGENBERGER OWL were rerouted to serve businesses on Pardee Road.

Line 70 was extended from Richmond Parkway Transit Center to Contra Costa College via Richmond Pkwy, Giant Hwy, Atlas Road and Broadway replacing Line 71. The segment between RPTC and Hilltop Green was discontinued. Weekday hours extended until 1100PM.

Line 71 was rerouted between Contra Costa College and RPTC along Shane Dr, Birmingham, Hilltop Mall Road, Klose Way and Blume replacing Line 76.

Line 76 was rerouted between Contra Costa College and Hilltop Mall via El Portal, Rollingwood and Moyers and was also extended from Hilltop Mall to RPTC via Hilltop Mall Road, Klose Way and Blume Drive.

Trans Bay Line LA-HILLTOP MALL-RICHMOND-SAN FRANCISCO was extended from Hilltop Park & Ride to Hilltop Green.

There were several changes in Fremont and Newark. Line 212 was rerouted away from the Fremont Industrial Area and now serves Pacific Commons via Cushing Pkwy, Auto Mall Pkwy, Boscell, Curie and Christy Road.

Line 215 was changed south of Osgood & Auto Mall Pkwy operating along Osgood, Warm Springs, Kato, Milmont, Page and Kato to Mission Blvd, then serves the Fremont Industrial Area replacing Line 212.

Line 217 no longer serves Weller/Main Transit Center and now operates between Milpitas & Abel and Great Mall Transit Center via Milpitas, Calaveras, Hillview, Los Coches, South Milpitas, Calaveras and Main Street.

Line 231 was discontinued as Line 232 was expanded to have all trips operate via Commerce, Paseo Padre Pkwy, Kaiser, Campus and Dumbarton Circle.

Line 235 was extended to Pacific Commons via Christy, Auto Mall Pkwy, Boscell, Curie and Christy.

ACT has begun the public hearing process for its *BUS RAPID TRANSIT* program to be implemented in the next few years along selected corridors including dedicated lanes, special boarding areas, informational signing, traffic signal priority and landscaping.

Today's *RAPID BUS* program, including Lines 72R-SAN PABLO and 1R-INTERNATIONAL-BROADWAY-TELEGRAPH RAPID, only includes special bus stop signage and infrared sensors in traffic signals that can make signals stay green longer or turn them green sooner (up to 10 seconds) when the specially equipped buses approach.

Line 1R is expected to soon be the "proving ground" for a test of three buses, running exclusively on biodiesel fuel, made from vegetable oil.

Earlier this year, the **ACT** Board voted to sell 16 federally funded 2000 model low-floor 7200 series NABIs and transfer the remaining federal interest to other federally funded assets *(WT 3/07)*.

ACT staff was recently informed by the Federal Transit Administration it would not approve the transfer of the federal interest, but an alternative would be to reimburse the federal interest based on straight line depreciation.



Staff evaluated and determined it would still be in the District's best interest to proceed with the plans. The federal reimbursement would be $1.35 million while it would cost $1.488 million to rehabilitate and maintain the buses.

The Board then voted to proceed with the sale and/or trade-in of up to 16 2000 model NABI buses, reimburse the federal government, request funding from Metropolitan Transportation Commission and repeal their previous resolutions.

SACRAMENTO YACHT CHARTERS (SYC)

SACRAMENTO: The recently inaugurated amphibious trolley service *(WT 6/07)* was abruptly halted on July 18 after three days of operation, during which all rides were FREE, and **SYC** owners now acknowledge they were operating without authority from the Public Utilities Commission. Company officials expected to request authority by the end of the month.

Late last year, the City of Sacramento awarded **SYC** a contract to operate all waterfront services including the historic-replica riverboats Matthew McKinley and Spirit of Sacramento. The deal also included the River Otter Water Taxis, a nonprofit service operated by the West Sacramento Chamber of Commerce and Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce.

Under the contract, **SYC** was supposed to start both the taxi service and amphibious trolley by July 1, but had received an extension to July 16. The Coast Guard and

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BENICIA TRANSIT SYSTEM
(BENICIA BREEZE)
Benicia, California

FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL	SERIAL #'S	YEAR	NOTES
2000	Gillig	C20B096N4	Y1110159	2000	
2001	Gillig	C20B096N4	Y1110160	2000	
2002	Gillig	C20B096N4	Y1110846	2001	
2003	Ford/Goshen	Econ/Coach	YHB72079	2000	
2004	Ford/Goshen	Econ/Coach	YHB55206	2000	
2005	Ford/El Dorado	Econ/Aerotech	6HA29139	2006	
2006	Ford/El Dorado	Econ/Aerotech	6HA32618	2006	
2007	Ford/El Dorado	Econ/Aerotech	6HA32619	2006	
2008	Ford/Starcraft	Econ/All Star	7DA18808	2007	
2009	Gillig	S50T4096	T1087354	07/96	Ex Foothill Transit F1055
2010	Gillig	S50T4096	T1087355	07/96	Ex Foothill Transit F1056
2011	Gillig	S50T4096	T1087356	07/96	Ex Foothill Transit F1057
2012	Gillig	S50T4096	T1087357	07/96	Ex Foothill Transit F1058
2201	Ford/El Dorado	Econ/Aerotech	1HA31543	2001	

private found the taxis to be unsafe and the company then refused to operate them.

SYC made a down payment for the taxi business, but failed to pay the remainder by a February deadline. An attorney for the firm sent a letter to the Metro C of C asking for the sale to be rescinded as city officials said they would be sending **SYC** a notice that it had failed to perform under the terms of its contract.

Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo has indicated the city is committed to the return of the River Otter.

STATE OF NEVADA TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AUTHORITY

RENO, NV: The June and July **TSA** meetings included action on several tariff modifications for **LAS VEGAS STRIP TROLLEY, VIRGINIA CITY TOURS, EXECUTIVE LIMO SERVICE** and **BELL TRANS.**

There were applications to provide statewide charter bus service from **Y TRAVEL, LLC dba GRAND CANYON WEST EXPRESS** and **YOUR LIMO, LLC.**

Two firms filed applications to temporarily discontinue operations, for the summer months. These included charter limousine operations of **IMAGE LIMOUSINE SERVICE, LLC** and charter bus operations (CPCN 2076) of **OMNI LIMOUSINE, INC.**

NEW MEXICO RAIL RUNNER EXPRESS (RRR)

ALBUQUERQUE, N M: Starting on Memorial Day weekend and continuing through the Labor Day weekend, **RRR** is offering special Friday and Saturday service for the summer.

On Friday, regular **RRR** fares will apply. On Saturday, a special $2.00 flat fee will be charged for unlimited riding for the day.



The summer schedule extends the regular schedule into the evening with the last departure from downtown Albuquerque at 940PM. The summer Saturday has trains operating between 1125AM and 1130PM.

In Albuquerque, **ABQ RIDE** began operating its "*RAPID AFTER DARK*" bus service on a 20 minute headway on Friday and Saturday nights between 800PM and 300AM.

AMTRAK

SEATTLE, WA: **AMTRAK,** the State of Washington, the province of British Columbia and BNSF Railway recently announced agreement to make $7 million worth of infrastructure improvements that would allow for a second daily **AMTRAK** *CASCADES* train to operate between Seattle and Vancouver, B. C.

Beginning this summer, an 11,000-foot siding will be constructed near Delta, BC that will allow passenger and freight trains to pass each other, beginning next summer.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

(All properties are located in California unless otherwise noted)

PROPERTY	FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL #'S	DATE	NOTES
-NEW-					
Sequoia Shuttle (Visalia)	106-109	Ford/Starcraft	Econ/All Star/7DA83621, 88235, 237, 246	2007	
	110-113	Ford/Starcraft	Econ/All Star/7DA88250, 247, 236, 261	2007	
Benicia Breeze	2008	Ford/Starcraft	Econ/All Star/7DA18808	2007	
-USED-					
Sequoia Shuttle (Visalia)	101-105	ElDorado/Natnl	EZ Rider II/2C084233, 235, 237, 239, 234	2002	1
Elk Grove Transit	95-550—95-551	Flxible	30096-6T/LD101029, 028	04/90	2
	95-569—95-576	Flxible	40102-4D/SD106075-082	08/95	3
	95-577—95-594	Flxible	35102-4D/SD106083-100	08/95	4
	98-595—98-600	Orion	05.502/W6034031, 035, 040-043	1998	5
	98-601—98-607	Orion	05.502/W6034045-050, 052	1998	5
-DISPOSITIONS-					
City of Colo Springs (CO)	0403, 0405	E-Bus, Inc.	E-Bus/XC248012, 015	1999	6
Orange County TA	3028, 3052	GMC	T8H203/A1223, A1247	1980	7
	5006	New Flyer	D40/LU013896	11/90	7
San Diego Transit Corp	1107, 1149-1150	New Flyer	D60/PU014935, 977-978	1993	8
Roesch Lines	404	TMC	MC-9/CR003436	1982	9
Sun Tran (AZ)	8939, 8947, 8949	TMC	T80206/KR826134, 142, 144	1989	10
	8954, 8966	TMC	T80206/KR826149, 161	1989	10
	8975, 8977	TMC	T80206/KR826170, 172	1989	10
	9105-9106, 9121	Neoplan	AN440A/ML013035-36, 051	1991	10
Metro Transit Auth (TX)	2637	Ikarus	416.03/PA288082	1993	10

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1. Ex Spokane (WA) Airport —.
2. Ex SCAT 3001, 3000.
3. Ex SCAT 4000-4007.
4. Ex SCAT 3500-3517.
5. Ex Akron (OH) TA 904, 908, 912-915, 917-922, 924.
6. For sale in July 2007.
7. To Anaheim (CA) Police Department.
8. For sale by Nationwide – San Diego, July 2007.
9. For sale by private party in Mentone, CA.
10. For sale by Public Surplus Sales, July 2007.

August Photos - e-trans





E-tran Flxible's 95-581 (left) and 95-550 (right) resting in the yard on August 8, 2007. Both photos by Craig Barnes.