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ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (OCTA)

ORANGE: The Winter Shake Up took effect December 14 and included several reroutings in downtown Santa Ana related to the closing of the Santa Ana Transit Terminal after nearly 25 years of operation.

SATT opened for business April 1, 1984 and provided both a centralized location for passengers transferring between services and an off-street layover space for buses in the Santa Ana Civic Center area.

At that time, all 17 docks were needed, but in the intervening 25 years, the bus system has changed including major reroutes in 1995 and 2000. Ten lines serve the immediate area and only four actually began or ended at SATT.

Since 1984, California air quality mandates have become more stringent and today transit agencies are required to replace diesel buses with those using alternative fuels, such as natural gas.

While natural gas buses may improve air quality, they also require special handling and storage processes including natural gas venting. This is not problematic in an open environment, but within enclosed areas such as SATT, special ventilation and sensor systems are required. It had been estimated to cost up to $1.4 million to bring the ventilation systems up to standards. Other remediation work could have added another $2 million.

Given the costs and current financial issues, OCTA and City of Santa Ana staff, working together, developed a plan to modify the bus routes serving SATT and vicinity. A new on-street terminal and bus stop was created at Flower & 6th for Lines 55-SANTA ANA-COST MESA-NEWPORT CENTER, 83-LAGUNA HILLS-DISNEYLAND, 145-RAITT-GREENVILLE and 206-SANTA ANA-LAKE FOREST. Lines 51-FLOWER, 53-MAIN STREET, 62-CIVIC CENTER-HAZARD and 64-FIRST/BOLSA now operate directly along their primary roadway.

New Flyer 5138, one of the 30 model C40LFRs with a suburban interior, was the last bus to service SATT. It was BR 5547 operating on Line 83 with D4 Operator Elgeree Sledge behind the wheel.

This Shake Up was also the first of several that will include service reductions related to the effects of the continuing sluggish economy, a reduction in sales tax receipts and the continuing raids on transit funds by the State of California to solve its own budget problems.

Weekday headways on Lines 53-MAIN STREET, 57-STATE COLLEGE-BRISTOL and 64-FIRST/BOLSA were lengthened (8 to 10 or 10 to 12) while Saturday trunk frequencies on Lines 43-HARBOR BLVD and 57 were slipped from 12 to 15 minutes.

Line 75-JAMBOREE ROAD was rerouted along Edinger and Jamboree to serve the recently opened The District Shopping Center in Tustin. Line 86-ALTON PKWY was rerouted to operate on the grounds of the Irvine Station, formerly known as Irvine Transportation Center. Previously, Line 86 served the combined METROLINK/AMTRAK Station from a bus stop at the corner of Ada

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NON OPERATION ON SNOW DAYS

(Ed. Note - It is extremely unusual for transit operations in Southern California to be so affected by inclement weather that they close down. However, earlier this month, such an event occurred in the high desert communities of Adelanto, Apple Valley, Hesperia, Victorville and surrounding county areas)

VICTOR VALLEY TRANSIT AUTHORITY (VVTA)

HESPERIA: In mid December a series of winter storms arrived in Southern California, bringing cold temperatures and winds with rain in the lower elevations and snow in higher areas.

On Wednesday December 17 such heavy snow fell that, by 950AM, **VVTA** buses on the three County Routes - 21-TRI COMMUNITY, 22-HELENDALE, 23-LUCERNE VALLEY plus 31-ADELANTO, 32-ADELANTO and 33-ADELANTO CIRCULATOR were called back to the garage. By 1250PM, all bus service had been cancelled.

VVTA staff were dispatched to notify passengers, the telephone information staff were advising all callers, the web site had been updated and passengers were advised to listen to local radio stations for updates.

Hesperia reported anywhere between 7 and 14 inches of snow by the next day. City crews worked to keep the major roads clear.

On December 18, there was no fixed route service nor any curb to curb Direct Access (ADA) service provided as most side roads were still impassable.

"PAGES FROM THE PAST"

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

DECEMBER 2003 – The **MIDLAND-ODESSA URBAN TRANSIT DISTRICT** inaugurated transit operations in those Texas cities on October 20. The system included six routes in Midland, five in Odessa and a fleet of 18-passenger Ford Econoline/El Dorado Aerotechs.

DECEMBER 1998 – AMTRAK CALIFORNIA added a fifth CAPITOL and an eleventh SURFLINER round trip. Bus Route 25-CAPITOL SUPPLEMENTAL was dropped with the added train. SAN JOAQUIN service to/from Sacramento was expected soon. Other minor changes were made on Bus Routes 1-LOS ANGELES BASIN, 3-STOCKTON-REDDING and 4-SANTA BARBARA-L.A.

DECEMBER 1993 – In Burlington and Mount Vernon, Washington, **SKAGIT TRANSIT SYSTEM** started fixed route operations (five local lines with a fleet of seven buses - five new 30-foot Gilligs and two former **LONG BEACH TRANSIT** 35-foot GMC RTS.

DECEMBER 1988 – VALEN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY began operations (one daily round trip with a second on weekends) between Anaheim, Laughlin and Las Vegas with a fleet of two new MCI 102C3s, 8807 and 8811.

DECEMBER 1983 – GREYHOUND LINES, INC. resumed partial service in 27 states following a nationwide strike by the Amalgamated Transit Union, the first time the company had ever operated during a work stoppage.

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and Barranca. Line 167-HEWES-BRYAN was extended in Irvine along Bryan and Jeffrey from Yale to Jeffrey Park and Ride and discontinued north of Tustin & La Palma in The Anaheim Canyon Industrial Area.

The last of the new fleet of 299 New Flyer model C40LFR buses, which have been arriving since the summer of 2007, are expected to be placed into service during this Shake Up, replacing the 4201-4269 series Gillig Phantoms, the 5001-5039 and 5101-5114 series New Flyer D40s (all retired and now off the property), the 5201-5250, 5301-5397 and 5401-5422 series New Flyer D40LF buses (all to be placed into contingency).

The fleet is now all low-floor and, except for the 50 diesel New Flyer articulated buses (7201-7210, 7301-7320 and 7401-7420), is all alternative fuel.

The new fleet includes 206 buses (5501-5599, 5601-5678, 7501-7529) in the traditional paint scheme and with transit interiors, 63 buses (7530-7592) in a special bright white scheme including no gray below the rub rail and transit interiors (these are intended to be repainted into the special *BRAVO!* colors for the upcoming *Bus Rapid Transit* program) and 30 buses (5121-5150) with 34 reclining seats, overhead racks and front door ramps

A public hearing was held December 8th covering the implementation of *BRAVO!* Line 543-HARBOR BLVD. BRT, scheduled to open next June and running between Cal State Fullerton and Newport Beach from 500AM until 800PM on weekdays.

From CSUF, the line will travel Nutwood, State College, Chapman, Lemon, Commonwealth, Harbor, 17th, Superior, Placentia, Hospital and Superior/Balboa to 23rd. Service will operate every 15 minutes north of Triangle Square in Costa Mesa and every half hour to Newport Beach.

This will be the first of three BRT lines designed to speed travel times, satisfy congestion mitigation commitments and meet regional air quality conformity requirements by the end of 2010. The other two lines will be 557-STATE COLLEGE-BRISTOL (December 2010) and 560-17TH/WESTMINSTER (June 2010).

All **OCTA** fares are set to increase on January 4, 2009. The regular local fare will rise from $1.25 to $1.50, the regular Intra County/OC Express fare will increase from $2.50 to $3.00 and the Inter County Express fare will rise from $3.75 to $4.50. Senior and Disabled cash fares will also increase. Day Pass, 7-Day, 15-Day and 30-Day pass prices will increase proportionately. ACCESS paratransit fares will also increase.

The last fare increase occurred in January 2005. While operating costs continue to rise, the greatest reason for a price increase is to offset the continuing reductions in state (primarily sales tax revenues) and federal funds.

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO TROLLEY (SFT)

SAN FERNANDO: A NEW, two-route community based trolley system was inaugurated on November 10th.

The Specialty Vehicle Manufacturing Co. motorized, CNG powered, cream over red trolleys operate daily on two routes, A-BRAND-MC CLAY and B-BRAND-MOTT-HUNTINGTON-TRUMAN, on average ten minute headways. Weekday service span is 1000AM to 400PM while weekend hours are 1100AM to 400PM.

Route A operates via Brand, Mott, San Fernando Mission Blvd, Truman, McClay, Glenoaks, Harding, 7th and Brand. Route B operates in a loop via Brand, Mott, Huntington, Truman and Brand.

Service is FREE until December 31 when the regular 25 -cent fare will begin to be charged.

The vehicles were purchased with a combination of federal aid and Air Quality Management District funds. Plans are already underway to secure money to expand this system by purchase of three more trolleys, interactive trolley stops and other improvements.

COACH AMERICA/ PACIFIC COAST SIGHTSEEING TOURS (PCST)

ANAHEIM: As one of its several business units, **PCST** operates the *DISNEYLAND RESORT EXPRESS,* the airport bus service between Anaheim and both Los Angeles International Airport and Orange County/John Wayne Airports.

On January 1st, all one-way and round trip fares will be increased - LAX prices will include adult one-way $22, adult round-trip $32, child one-way $19 and round-trip $25. OC/JWA prices will be adult one-way $17, adult round-trip $26, child one-way $14 and round-trip $18.

*(Ed. Note - elsewhere in the **COACH AMERICA** world, buses 61400-61410, the eleven MCI J4500s that ran on MEGABUS, have been repainted into their blue and white colors and transferred to the **VENTURA INTERCITY SERVICE TRANSIT AUTHORITY** routes. Some of the 63198-63216 Van Hools have been shifted to CA/KEESHIN CHARTER SERVICE in Illinois).*

MONTEBELLO BUS LINES (MBL)

MONTEBELLO: The City Council recently approved a $15.6 million contract with New Flyer Industries of America, Inc. to buy 8 35-foot and 17 40-foot low-floor

hybrid gasoline electric buses with delivery to begin next September. The **MBL** Vehicle Replacement Program calls for the replacement of the remaining 25 of 39 GMC/TMC RTS buses in the fleet plus the replacement of 2001 model low floor Gillig involved in an accident and no longer active.

This purchase is the second half of a procurement that began in May 2007 for 40 buses. In 2005, five GE40LF buses (2501-2505) were delivered and earlier this year ten GE40LFR buses (2801-2810) arrived.

These buses are one result of **MBL's** participation as lead agency in the federal government's Cooperative Procurement Pilot Program *(WT 3/07)* wherein seven transit agencies are jointly procuring 131 40-foot and 19 -35 foot gasoline-electric hybrid buses. They include **MBL, LONG BEACH TRANSIT, TORRANCE TRANSIT SYSTEM, NORWALK TRANSIT SYSTEM, FRESNO AREA EXPRESS, EL DORADO COUNTY TRANSIT AUTHORITY** and **NAPA COUNTY (VINE).**

Although four firms (New Flyer, NABI, Millennium and Truck Trailer Transit) attended the contract pre-proposal meeting in November 2006, only the New Flyer proposal was received in January 2007. In spite of a possible 150 bus order, the non bidders stated that they offer diesel, not gasoline, technology and the order was not considered large enough to invest in, at this time.

SOUTH TAHOE AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (BLUE GO)

STATELINE, NV: **BLUE GO** implemented new fare and service changes the weekend of November 22-23.

The Free Ride **BLUE GO** Heavenly Ski Shuttles seven route system began for passengers traveling in the Stateline area and to the Heavenly Lodges between 800AM and 600PM. These are Red 10-STATELINE-INN BY THE SEA VIA HWY 50, Orange 11-STATELINE-HEAVENLY CALIFORNIA LODGE, Green 12-STATELINE CASINOS CIRCULATOR VIA HWY 50 EAST, Gold 13-LAKE TAHOE VACATION RESORT-HEAVENLT CALIFORNIA LODGE, Purple 14-HEAVENLY BOULDER LODGE-HEAVENLT STATECOACH LODGE, Blue 15-STATELINE-HEAVENLY BOULDER & STAGECOACH and Yellow 16-STATELINE MOTELS CICRULATOR VIA LAKESHORE DRIVE.

New service is now provided to Meyers, neighborhood shuttles offer Flex Routes in Tahoe Keys, Lake Tahoe Airport, Bijou, Stateline, upper Kingsbury, Zephyr Cove, Roundhill and Sierra Tract areas. Reverse commute trips on KINGSBURY EXPRESS were dropped and the curb-to-curb service was renamed BLUE GO ON-CALL. On Call now operates 24 hours a day for all passengers with a 60-minute advance reservation needed.

Cash fare prices were also increased—regular $1.75 to $2.00, senior and disabled 50 cents to $1.00. Regular monthly passes rose from $50 to $70. Day Passes, tokens, ten and twenty ride passes are also available.

Other routes in the **BLUE GO** system include - Express Routes in Douglas County, NV - 20X-STATELINE-GARDNERVILLE-MINDEN and 21X-STATELINE-CARSON CITY; the summer only NIFTY 50 TROLLEY in Stateline and Tahoma; Express Route in El Dorado County, CA - 41X-MEYERS EXPRESS - Meyers/Lira Supermarket to Kingsbury Trail/Pioneer Trail; Routes in City of South Lake Tahoe - 50-SOUTH Y STA-KINGSBURY, 51-SOUTH Y COMMUNITY CIRCULATOR, 52-SOUTH Y STATION TO LAKE TAHOE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, 53-LAKE TAHOE COMM. COLLEGE-KINGSBURY and 55-SOUTH LAKE TAHOE CITY CIRCULATOR. Special Services include 60-CAMP RICHARDSON CIRCULATOR, a general public flex route operating in the summer within the Camp Richardson Resort using vintage cars with passenger trailers.

Transit services are all operated by contractors - currently the Heavenly Valley Ski Shuttles by *AREA TRANSIT MANAGEMENT, INC,* Routes 20X and 21X by *EL CAMINO TRAILWAYS (AZTEC)* with *MV TRANSPORTATION, INC.* operating all other routes.

STATA recently issued a Request For Proposal for firms interested and qualified to operate the fixed routes and demand responsive systems for a three year period starting July 1, 2009 with two one-year extensions.

MONTEREY SALINAS TRANSIT (MST)

MONTEREY: The **MST** Board recently approved fare increases beginning January 1st to offset increased costs, the continuing loss of state transit funds and to avoid substantial service reductions. Potential cuts on 14 bus routes had been proposed last month.

Regular adult fares will be increased from $2.00 to $2.50 and users of the paratransit system, *MST RIDES,* will pay $3.00, currently $2.50.

SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT (RT)

SACRAMENTO: **RT** will also be increasing fares the first of the year. The adult basic fare will be increased from $2.00 to $2.25, the basic Daily Pass will rise $1 to $6 and the basic Monthly Pass will increase to $100.

Fares on complementary paratransit services operated by *PARATRANSIT, INC.* will increase to $4.50, and the monthly pass will remain at $100.00.

January 4th will bring the Winter Service Change that

includes extending Route 228 which will continue to run along Rush River Drive, but will be extended to Florin Road and Greenhaven Drive to help relieve overcrowding on nearby routes. NEW weekday peak hour Route 85-ROSEVILLE ROAD-MC CLELLAN BUSINESS PARK will be inaugurated.

BAY AREA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT (BART)

OAKLAND: **BART's** $386 million plan to extend light rail service to Oakland Airport hit a dead end as it failed to attract private partners needed to help pay the cost.

The sagging economy and declining airport patronage dried up private sector interest in building the 3.2 mile elevated line between BART/Coliseum station and the Oakland Airport. Three different consortiums expressed interest, but eventually dropped out.

BART had lined up $256 million in public money from several sources, but was still $130 million short. They advertised for private partners to build and operate the railway after signing a 35-year operating agreement.

The **AIR BART** shuttle bus system between the airport and Coliseum Station will continue. At $3 per ride, the system carried 1.3 million riders, about 9 per cent of the airport passengers.

CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (COUNTY CONNECTION)

CONCORD: **CC** will increase fares next March and the price changes will be accompanied by service reductions affecting nearly one-quarter of the system.

The basic fare will be increased from $1.75 to $2.00 while current free rides for seniors between 1000AM and 200PM on weekdays will be replaced with a $1.00 fare during that period.

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT (ACT)

OAKLAND: **ACT** Directors recently approved exercising an option under its bus procurement contract with Van Hool to buy 19 more AG300 model articulated buses that would replace the New Flyer 1996 model D60 buses 1901-1930.

They also authorized the General Manager to negotiate a contract with Van Hool for purchase of 45-foot, low floor, suburban style buses.

Last June, an RFP was issued to purchase up to 60 of these buses and three manufacturers attended a pre-proposal conference, Bluebird, Motor Coach Industries and Van Hool.

Only Van Hool submitted a proposal for a two-door, 45-foot bus seating 51 (the front 22 on the lower level) with a wheelchair ramp at the rear door. The per bus price has been adjusted to $511,119.

A prototype bus will be built (expected delivery in August 2009) and evaluated by **ACT** staff before the production buses are built. Current plans anticipate the production buses will begin to be shipped in December.

The Transbay Fleet continues to need buses. Plans were developed to lease 20 MCI 45-foot buses, but they were eventually determined to be too costly for the two year period and a suggestion to retrofit some NABI buses with suburban type seats is now under consideration. The four Gillig buses recently received from **SAMTRANS** *(WT 8/08)* will be assigned to the DUMBARTON EXPRESS which will allow four of the 150-155 series 1992 model Flxible Metros (single door, suburban style interiors) to be assigned to Transbay.

ACT staff is presently working with other agencies on the possible establishment of a Proof-of-Payment fare collection system for use at the temporary Transbay Terminal, scheduled to open this coming September.

Implementation of the program would change fare collection procedures at Transbay Terminal, alter the type of Transbay fare media available and adjust the Translink transfer policy parameters for afternoon peak period riders from San Francisco.

The site of the temporary terminal (bordered by Howard, Main, Folsom and Beale) is more constrained than the current terminal and will require a different passenger loading system than the current location with 22 bays.

ACT will have 17 bus bays, 16 for departures and 1 for arrivals. Currently, there are 266 departures between 300PM and 800PM including 80 trips in the 500-600PM peak hour. To accommodate the increased number of buses per bay during the afternoon peak, its has been proposed to decrease the current 5-minute allowed dwell time to 3-minutes by eliminating on board fare collection and using a Proof-of-Payment system with two options - Translink for adult, senior/disabled pass and e-cash patrons and pre-paid one-ride tickets for cash patrons, purchased from a ticket vending system. TVMs would need to be installed at several locations prior to entering the terminal and fare inspectors would be used to enforce the new fare collection system with portable card readers and visual inspection of tickets.

MARIN TRANSIT (MT)

SAN RAFAEL: December 14th brought several changes to the **MT** system including - half hourly weekday peak headways on Lines 17-MARIN CITY-MILL VALLEY-SAN RAFAEL and 29-SAN RAFAEL-LARKSPUR-SAN

ANSELMO, discontinuation of Saturday hours on 36-SAN RAFAEL-CANAL AREA and reduction of the seasonal weekend trips (3 of 7 round trips returning next March 8) on *WEST MARIN STAGECOACH* 61-SOUTH ROUTE.

Four additional round trips were added on 71-NOVATO-SAN RAFAEL-MARIN CITY on weekends.

REDDING AREA BUS AUTHORITY (RABA)

REDDING: Earlier this year, the **RABA** Board adopted a new Short Range Transit Plan, developed by Santa Clarita based Moore & Associates, that included changes to some of the fixed routes including new service, a new marketing plan and a new, in depth, Demand Response Certification Eligibility Program.

Service changes were implemented in mid summer. The **RABA** system now includes ten local and one express routes - 1-LAKE BLVD-SHASTA LAKE-CASCADE, 2-EUREKA WY-PLACER-AIRPARK-TRINITY, 3-PARK MARINA-BONNYVIEW-RAILROAD, 4-CHURN CREEK RD-BECHELLI, 5-SOUTH-CYPRESS-HARTNELL, 6-EAST-MT. SHASTA MALL-VICTOR, 7-MT. SHASTA MALL-SHASTA COLLEGE, 9-ANDERSON, 11-CYPRESS-HILTOP, 14-CALDWELL PARK-MASONIC-MT SHASTA MALL and BURNEY EXPRESS.

VEOLIA TRANSPORTATION was awarded a new, 3-year operations contract beginning last July 1st. The firm was one of four that submitted a proposal and was judged to best fit **RABA's** needs. *VEOLIA* (and its predecessors *AMERICAN TRANSIT CORP, ATC/VANCOM and CONNEX)* have operated the Redding system since 1987.

RABA is currently buying one 40-foot coach (a Gillig low floor as part of a **DELAWARE TRANSIT CORP.** buy) and four Ford Econoline/El Dorado National cutaways utilizing the State of California procurement contract. The agency had originally obtained authority from **DTC** to buy four buses through the contract.

RABA is a joint powers agency consisting of the Cities of Redding, Anderson and Shasta Lake and County of Shasta. Following one difficult decision process, the question of changing the rules surfaced. The consensus of the jurisdictions seems to be that the process has worked fairly well over a long period of time and greater discussion is needed prior to making any changes.

AMTRAK CALIFORNIA (AC)

SACRAMENTO: As part of the October 2008 changes, 1C-BAKERSFIELD-SIMI VALLEY dropped Simi Valley and Chatsworth and now serves Lebec (I-5/Tejon Pass), Santa Clarita (Metrolink Newhall Station), Burbank (Airport), Van Nuys (AMTRAK), Westwood/UCLA (Gayley & Strathmore), El Segundo (GREEN LINE Douglas Station) and Torrance (Alpine Village). Four daily round trips operate on Route 1C.

To provide added service without adding a train, two Los Angeles-Bakersfield buses were extended north to Fresno, serving Hanford enroute.

Schedule 5885 continues to depart Los Angeles at 655PM, serves Santa Clarita, Lebec, Bakersfield, Hanford and arrives Fresno at 1150PM.

Next morning, the same bus as Schedule 5872 departs Fresno at 600AM, stopping in Hanford and Bakersfield and then non-stop to Los Angeles, arriving at 1045AM.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA)

LOS ANGELES: The Winter Shake Up took place on December 14 and brought changes, but this was a much smaller program than recent others.

On Venice Boulevard, Line 33-VENICE LOCAL now operates between Sunset & Main in Ocean Park and 6th & Main downtown while 333-VENICE LIMITED operates between Santa Monica (2nd & Santa Monica) and Union Station. Both lines operate 24 hours, 7 days a week. *(Ed. Note - this is the first time a Limited line has run all night. This operation is understood to be a preview of 733-VENICE RAPID, scheduled for start up next June).*

Line 381-FIGUEROA LIMITED trips were all converted into Line 81-FIGUEROA Local trips and all weekday midday trips on 66-EAST OLYMPIC-WEST 8TH were shortened to and from 8th & Western.

Line 577X-LONG BEACH-EL MONTE EXPRESS was rerouted and now serves the Los Cerritos Center.

715-MANCHESTER/FIRESTONE RAPID was extended from Firestone & Atlantic along Firestone to the Downey Transit Center, adding at stop at Firestone & Garfield.

Equipment wise, at least two of the 4200-4205 series 42-foot NABI hybrid buses (4201 and 4204) will be housed at Division 6 and used in regular service to begin testing these buses. D6 will also receive an quantity of the 8100 series NABI 45-foot, CNG powered Compo buses. As the garage is only equipped with diesel tanks, the buses will divert when pulling in to a CNG fuel station in Santa Monica, an **MTA** Service Attendant will fuel the bus and it will continue back to D6.



PUEBLO TRANSIT

Pueblo, Colorado

FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL	SERIAL #'S	YEAR	NOTES
015	Chance	RT-52	1W535850	00/01	
120	GMC	T8J204	BV810131	09/80	
130	GMC	T8J204	BV810132	09/80	
140	GMC	T8J204	BV810133	09/80	
170	TMC	T7O206	NR828788	10/92	
180	TMC	T7O206	NR828789	10/92	
190	TMC	T7O206	NR828790	10/92	
200	TMC	T7O206	NR828791	10/92	
210	Nova Bus	T7O206	TR831731	11/96	
220	Nova Bus	T7O206	TR831732	11/96	
230	Nova Bus	T7O206	TR831733	11/96	
240	Chance	Opus LFB-29	2W535127	00/02	
250	Gillig		31112205	00/03	
260	Gillig		41111709	00/04	
106	Millennium	RTS	6R715007	12/06	
206	Millennium	RTS	6R715008	12/06	

NEVADA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (NTA)

LAS VEGAS, NV: There were several transportation items on the agendas for **NTA's** most recent meetings.

These included application of *Ronald Perlman dba RENO TAHOE TRANSPORTATION* for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide charter bus service within the state. *Pro Action Limousine & Concierge Service dba PRO ACTION LIMOUSINE* asked for permission to extend their temporary discontinuance of charter limousine operations (CPCN 1090) while *KIDZ KAB, LLC* had requested voluntary cancellation of their authority - CPCN 1098.

Other applications included applications of *All Resort Coach Inc dba LEWIS STAGES, TRY A NEW ROUTE TRANSPORTATION, LLC* and *SW EXCURSION & EDUCATIONAL TOURS, INC.*, all for statewide charter bus service authority.

SOUTHERN NEVADA TRANSIT COALITION (SNTC)

BOULDER CITY, NV: **SNTC,** operating under the trade name of **SILVER RIDER** *(Ed. Note—Nevada is the Silver State)* has expanded its system from two local fixed routes in Laughlin and another in Mesquite to include five rather specialized routes.

The SOCIAL SECURITY EXPRESS serves the Needles, CA SSA office operating the last Friday of the month, $10 for full fare, $7 for reduced. Bus departs Laughlin at 800AM and reservations are required.

The STATELINE EXPRESS serves the Stateline/Primm Outlet Mall on the first Thursday of the month. Fare is $20 full fare and $15 reduced. Bus departs Laughlin at 800AM, Searchlight at 830AM and reservations needed.

The LAS VEGAS EXPRESS serves southeast Las Vegas, Henderson, Green Valley and Boulder City. It runs every Thursday and costs regular riders $20 and discount riders $15.

The SEARCHLIGHT EXPRESS serves Searchlight, Cal-Nev-Ari and Palm Gardens. Operating on Tuesday and Saturday, the fare is $8 full fare, $5 reduced fare.

The WAL MART EXPRESS, now BULLHEAD EXPRESS, has stops at WARMC, Riverview Mall, Wal-Mart and Target. **SR** operates the line on Tuesday and Saturday with $7 full fare/$4 reduced fare. On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, **BULLHEAD AREA TRANSIT SYSTEM** operates with a $7 full fare, reduced fares please call **BATS**. Advance reservations needed.

Starting with vans *(WT 3/03)*, the **SNTC/SR** fleet now has full size buses including former **CAT** Gillig Phantoms 301 and 305 and NABI 748.



EQUIPMENT REPORT

(All properties are located in California unless otherwise noted)

PROPERTY	FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL #'S	DATE	NOTES
-NEW-					
Orange County TA	5675-5678	New Flyer	C40LFR/8C033682-685	2008	
	7530-7592	New Flyer	C40LFR/8C033709-771	2008	
	5121-5150	New Flyer	C40LFR/8C033779-808	2008	8
Burbank Bus	1701-1703	Ford/Starcraft	Econ/—/—	2008	
-USED-					
All City Lines	4259	Gillig	4096TBL10/K1082854	08/89	1
	5029	New Flyer	D40/LU013919	11/90	1
-DISPOSITIONS-					
Orange County TA	4204, 4208	Gillig	4096TBL10/K1082799, 803	08/89	2
	5002-5005, 08	New Flyer	D40/LU013892-895, 898	11/90	2
	5023, 29-30	New Flyer	D40/LU013913, 919-920	11/90	2
	5032, 5039	New Flyer	D40/LU013922, 929	11/90	2
Santa Cruz MTD	8077-8085	New Flyer	D35/JU013219-227	1988	3
	8090-8092	New Flyer	D35/JU013232-234	1988	3
	8095	New Flyer	D35JU013237	1988	3
San Diego MTS	1109, 1127, 1130	New Flyer	D60/PU014937, 955, 958	1993	4
	1136, 1140	New Flyer	D60/PU014964, 968	1993	4
	1251, 1258, 1271	Gillig	40102TB6V92A/M1084176, 183, 196	1991	4
	1275-1276	Gillig	40102TB6V92A/M1084200-201	1991	4
Salem Area Transit (OR)	1716	GMC	T8J604/EV822502	1984	5
Sun Tran (AZ)	8938-8940	TMC	T80206/KR826133-135	1989	6
	8943, 8958, 8965	TMC	T80206/KR826138, 154, 160	1989	6
	8971, 8981, 8984	TMC	T80206/KR826166, 176, 179	1989	6
Denton County TA (TX)	0197, 0199	Goshen	GCII/1CJ40370, 25767	2001	7
	8701-8704	Flxible	40096/HD098862, 890, 885, 864	1987	7
	9001, 9004	Flxible	35102-6T/LD101006, 003	02/90	7

-NOTES-

1. Ex OCTA, same numbers.
2. Sold at General Auction, November 2008.
3. Sold by Santa Cruz Metro. November 2008.
4. Sold by Ken Porter Auctions, November 2008.
5. For sale on eBay, October 2008.
6. For sale on Public Surplus, October 2008.
7. For sale in Texas, November 2008.
8. Suburban interiors.

December Photos





Left: *Sun Tran 8939 resting in the yard in October 1994. Craig Barnes photo.* ***Right:*** *Santa Cruz Metro 8090 in service on the 71 in March 2006. Michael Strauch photo.*