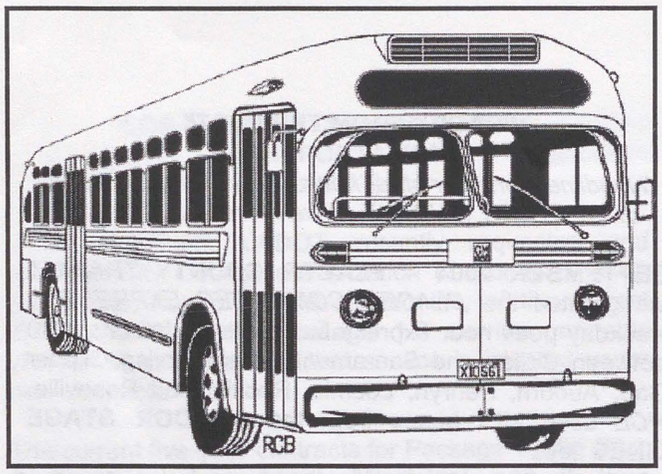
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**MERCED COUNTY TRANSIT (THE BUS)**

*MERCED:* **MCT** is a Joint Powers Authority created between the County of Merced and the cities of Atwater, Dos Palos, Gustine, Livingston, Los Banos and Merced and consolidated from the City of Merced (City Shuttle).

Until the recent transition from the County to the Transit Joint Powers Authority for Merced County, the transit program had been administered by the Merced County Department of Public Works-Transportation Division.

**MCT** daily operations are provided by a contractor *(Ed. Note - FIRST TRANSIT, INC. at this time)* who provides dispatch and driver personnel, vehicle liability insurance and supervision of **MCT** operations. Merced County owns the buses for the JPA and vehicle maintenance is performed by the Merced County Road Shop.

The system consists of 23 bus routes including 19 fixed route, one deviated route and three Dial-A-Rides.

These include - 1-CITY SHOPPER, 2-CITY SHOPPER, 3-M ST SHUTTLE, 4-G ST SHUTTLE, 5-S.E. MERCED -DOWNTOWN, 5X-AMTRAK-DOWNTOWN-HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY, 6-HILMAR-TURLOCK, 7-TURLOCK-MERCED, 8-WINTON-ATWATER-MERCED, 9-LE GRANDE-PLANADA-MERCED, 10-LOS BANOS-DOS PALOS-MERCED, 10X-LOS BANOS-MERCED COMMUTER, 11-CROSSTOWN, 12-R ST SHUTTLE , 14-LOS BANOS LOCAL, 15-SIERRA GARDENS-MERCED MALL-WALMART, 16-ATWATER -WINTON, 22 UC MERCED SHUTTLE, Deviated TSA 4-WESTSIDE SHUTTLE and three Dial-A-Rides - TSA 3-DEVIATED DAR (Livingston-Delhi-Hilmar), TSA 5-DIAL-A-RIDE (El Nido-Dos Palos) and TSA 7-INTERCITY DAR (Livingston-Atwater-Merced).

Recently, an RFP was issued for a Taxicab Pilot Project intended to replace the Atwater/Winton area of current route TSA 7-INTERCITY DAR (Atwater-Winton-Merced)

Last January 2nd, former deviated route TSA-10-GUSTINE-STEVINSON-HILMAR-TURLOCK was converted into new fixed route 6-HILMAR-TURLOCK offering three morning peak hour and five afternoon peak hour trips on a circulator type route within the two communities.

TSA 10 was implemented in January 2008 operating three round trips on weekdays between 800AM and 400PM to offset the discontinuation of Route 20. The 18 -mile segment between Gustine and Hilmar recorded ridership of nearly zero over the first six months. The only riders were seniors living in Hilmar going to the CHERISH nutrition site, which location is served by Route 6.

Just like all other California transit agencies, **MCT** has experienced losses of State Transit Assistance funds and lower sales tax revenues. Last December, they adopted a three point program to help offset the losses. Saturday bus service was suspended for the period between January 1 and June 30, 2009 to save $380,000, all monthly pass prices were increased $5.00 to raise $100,000 and allocated but unbudgeted Federal Transit Administration Section 5307 funds of $350,000 were transferred into the **MCT** operating budget.

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## PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

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

### APPLICATIONS

*RED & WHTE FERRIES INC.* has applied for a certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to establish and operate a scheduled vessel common carrier service between Sausalito and Fisherman's Wharf at Pier 43 1/2 and to establish a Zone Of Rate Freedom. *(Ed. Note - renewing their actions related to previous applications, GOLDEN GATE FERRY has filed a number of objections to the application and caused a need for public hearings*).

### DECISIONS

*BAUER'S LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC.* has been granted authority authorized to operate as a scheduled Passenger Stage Corporation between San Francisco, Healdsburg, Napa, Gilroy, Milpitas, Sacramento and Stockton and between San Jose and Fairfield and to establish a Zone Of Rate Freedom.

*MARIN DOOR TO DOOR, INC.* has been authorized to revised its Passenger Stage Certificate to include San Francisco, Sonoma and Napa Counties and Oakland Airport and San Jose Airport as service points and to establish a ZORF.

*EXPOSITION METRO LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY* has applied for authorization to construct a two track at grade crossing on Flower at 23rd, Adams and Jefferson for the planned EXPO LINE.

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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)*

**SEPTEMBER 2004 – PLACER COUNTY TRANSIT** inaugurated the *PLACER COMMUTER EXPRESS,* a weekday peak hour express bus route on Interstate 80 between Colfax and Sacramento, also serving Clipper Gap, Auburn, Penryn, Loomis, Rocklin and Roseville. *PCE* used MCI buses from the **AMADOR STAGE LINES** fleet.

**SEPTEMBER 1999 –** Coinciding with the opening of the California State University-Channel Islands campus, **VENTURA INTERCITY SERVICE TRANSIT AUTHORITY** began operation of two new lines, OXNARD-CSUCI and CAMARILLO-CSUCI.

**SEPTEMBER 1994 – ISLAND TRANSIT (WA)** received a Rural Mobility Grant to inaugurate bus service on Camano Island, either point deviation or Dial-A-Ride and was developing plans to add feeder routes and realign Line 1-OAK HARBOR-CLINTON FERRY.

**SEPTEMBER 1989 –** Superior Court Judge Eli Chernow upheld the right of the LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION to create **FOOTHILL TRANSIT.** Plans were then activated to take over six **RTD** local lines—178, 185, 187, 274, 276 and 280—with a fleet of 30 new Gillig Phantoms (F600-F629) with *ATE/RYDER* as the contract operator.

**SEPTEMBER 1984 –** The **SOUTH COAST PLAZA SHUTTLE** began operations between the Anaheim/Disneyland and Newport Beach/Irvine hotel areas and the Costa Mesa shopping center.

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## LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (LADOT)

*LOS ANGELES:* **LADOT** recently requested and received City Council authorization of month-to-month extensions, not to exceed six months, of the current *COMMUNITY DASH* Package 1-3 service contracts *(WT 9/06)* until the time that service is initiated under new contracts.

The current five-year contracts for Package 1 (Mid City), 2 (Northeast Los Angeles/Westside) and 3 (San Fernando Valley) were transitioned from *FIRST TRANSIT, INC.* to *M. V. TRANSPORTATION* (1 and 2) and *VEOLIA* (3) in mid 2006 when *FIRST* requested additional compensation to continue operating.

In response to the city's latest RFP for three five-year contracts, an initial three years with two one-year optional extensions, *VEOLIA* and *M. V.* submitted the only proposals.

In late September, city staff issued a report recommending award of all three Packages to *VEOLIA* who presented the best overall proposal and at a price nearly $10 million less than its competitor. The contract cost per hour for the first year would be $65.99.

Packages 1 and 2 would be garaged at the Avenue 21 garage, currently used by *M. V.,* while Package 3 would continue to use the Ilex Street yard in San Fernando.

Contract costs were based on operating the current fleet of propane fueled EZ Riders, although part of the fleet will be replaced by new mid size buses, either propane or CNG powered, during the life of the contract.

## VENTURA INTERCITY TRANSIT SERVICE AUTHORITY (VISTA)

*VENTURA:* **VISTA** implemented a number of changes on August 17th — VISTA/101's Ventura County Government Center stop was relocated to Victoria near Telephone (**GOLD COAST TRANSIT** stop) while the Saturday segment between Oaks Mall and Thousand Oaks Transit Center was discontinued. The Camarillo stop on VISTA/CONEJO CONNECTION was moved from Las Posas Park and Ride to the Camarillo METROLINK Station while VISTA/EAST COUNTY added stops in Moorpark and 1000 Oaks.

*CUSA CC, LLC dba Coach America, Los Angeles,* (CALIFORNIA CHARTERS), and **VISTA** are in the second year of a five-year service agreement.

## SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (SBMTD)

*SANTA BARBARA:* **SBMTD** also implemented changes in August. Line 8 now operates along Calle Real to El Sueno from Pesetas, 101 Freeway, Turnpike and return to Santa Barbara via Calle Real and County Health. Line 9-CALLE REAL-OLD TOWN SHUTTLE now runs half hourly as a one-way (counter clockwise) loop.

Line 22-OLD MISSION was reduced to nine daily round trips both serving Orpet Park and Museum of Natural History, which were previously two branches. Both lines 23 and 24 now operate between UCSB and Santa Catalina Hall via El Colegio, having been replaced by the new 27-ISLA VISTA SHUTTLE.

## NAPA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AND PLANNING AGENCY (NCTPA)

*NAPA:* Napa's new transit center will be built on the southwest corner of Fourth and Burnell, opposite the Napa Valley Exposition. This site can be developed faster and at less cost than the originally planned site on McKinstry, next to the *NAPA VALLEY WINE TRAIN.*

Depending upon funding, the center could be open in two years. The project will be downsized from a transit village to transit center (without 80 units of housing and commercial space originally planned), but may include **NCTPA's** offices, now in rented space on Randolph St.

On August 5th, the **NCTPA** reaffirmed its decision *(WT 7/09)* to award a new five-year operations contract to *VEOLIA TRANSPORTATION* by rejecting an appeal of the award by *M. V. TRANSPORTATION.*

*(Ed. Note - this contract has been quite controversial beginning in March 2008 when the agency rescinded an award to M. V. after a procedural error by* ***NCTPA*** *staff was discovered. As part of the contract award, VEOLIA has two years to improve its safety record to within 10 percent of the statewide average and the current management team cannot be reassigned or removed).*

**VINE** will soon receive four gasoline-electric hybrid New Flyer GE35LFR buses (fleet nos.154-157) that will feature 29 seats and luggage stands by the front door to allow storage of packages and strollers.

The buses will be assigned to both city routes and the new HIGHWAY 29 EXPRESS *(WT 6/09).*

## EVANS AIRPORT SERVICE (EAS)

*NAPA:* **EVS,** affiliated with **CALIFORNIA WINE TOURS, INC.,** currently operates two airport bus routes, NAPA-VALLEJO-SAN FRANCISCO INTL AIRPORT and NAPA-VALLEJO-OAKLAND AIRPORT.

The Napa terminal on Solano Avenue is also the **EAS** business office. The Vallejo terminal is at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel, across from Discovery Kingdom.

SFO offers nine round trips while OAK offers six rounds.

The cash-only fare (no credit cards or checks accepted) to and from both airports is $29 with no reservations required. Children under 12 are $20 from the Napa office only. Hotel pick ups in Napa and Yountville are available for $45 with a 24 hour reservation notice needed.

## SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT (RT)

*SACRAMENTO:* **RT** increased its cash fares and ten-ride tickets on September 1st, but left prices of prepaid passes and tickets the same.

The Basic fare of $2.25 is now $2.50 and the Discount fare is $1.25 (it was $1.10). Ten Basic Fare Tickets are $25.00 while ten Discount Fare Tickets cost $12.50.

Central City/Shuttle fares have been discontinued and transfers are no longer issued. On the Bus, passengers must pay a single fare for each boarding or purchase a Day Pass which is valid for unlimited rides on that day. On Rail, single ride tickets are valid for two hours from time of validation and Day Passes are valid all day.

## CITY OF ELK GROVE (E-TRAN)

*ELK GROVE:* **E-TRAN** discontinued eight lines on weekdays and all weekend fixed route **(e-tran** Routes 155, 156 and 157) and weekend demand response **(e-van)** services September 1st. Discontinued were 49, 155, 161, 163, 304, 305, 307 and 308.

Routes 301, 302 and 303 were renumbered 151-153. 158 and 162 were combined into the new 162.

Service was also discontinued on eight Federal holidays - New Years Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

There are two NEW programs. The SHOP LOCAL route operates weekends between 1000AM and 500PM and will deviate, upon request, for ADA certified passengers.

A new Taxi Scrip program for ADA Certified Riders was implemented that offers 2,500 rides with the city covering half of the taxi fare, to a maximum of $10.00.

## HAYWARD-SAN LEANDRO SHUTTLE CONNECTION

*SAN LEANDRO:* The former HAYWARD ROUND-ABOUT SHUTTLE and SAN LEANDRO'S FLEX SHUTTLE have joined forces and become **HSLSC.**

Both shuttles, designed to help seniors and the disabled travel between the cities, are funded by Measure B passed by voters in 2000, that sets aside a portion of Alameda County sales taxes to fund transportation projects. **HSLSC** stops are at area **BART** stations and selected **AC TRANSIT** bus stops.

## GO WEST SHUTTLE (GWS)

*WEST COVINA:* **GWS** operations were dramatically downsized on August 17th as the BALDWIN PARK METROLINK SHUTTLE, the Covina Metrolink segment of the GREEN LINE and all weekend service was discontinued. The RED LINE and BLUE LINE service hours were also reduced.

The Dial-A-Ride program was also reduced. Saturday service was eliminated with Sunday limited to West Covina only. Span of service was also reduced all days.

Fixed Route and Dial-A-Ride fares were both increased from 25 cents to 50 cents and the Bus Pass Subsidy program was eliminated.

## METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM (MTS)

*SAN DIEGO:* Beginning September 7th, **MTS** reduced Saturday and Sunday service frequencies throughout its entire system.

Line 84-SHELTER ISLAND-CABRILLO MONUMENT was discontinued on both Saturday and Sunday while 929-SAN YSIDRO-CHULA VISTA-SAN DIEGO was shortened to and from City College Trolley Station (11th and C) instead of traveling downtown to Broadway and Union. Line 964B-CAMINO RUIZ-BLACK MOUNTAIN ROAD now operates during peak periods on weekdays.

**MTS** has authorized executing a purchase order with Creative Bus Sales to buy three medium-duty El Dorado National Aero Elite 290 Type VII cutaways as an add-on to an earlier order for two similar vehicles. These buses will be used on the El Cajon area *RURAL BUS* program.

The **MTS** Board has also approved a $205 million purchase of 57 light rail vehicles with an option for up to eight more LRVs. The cars will be Siemens S70

ultrashort (US70) low floor LRVs, compatible with the existing fleet of 11 S70s and 52 SD 100s. The cars will be 82 feet in length rather than 90 feet and will allow three car trains on C Street in downtown San Diego.

This procurement is an option on a contract between Siemens and the **UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY.**

The purchase is part of a rehabilitation project along the BLUE LINE and ORANGE LINE that includes improved station platforms, replacing old rails and overhead electrical contract wires and improving switching, signaling and crossovers.

For the three month period between October 1 and December 31, fares will be suspended on the *SORRENTO VALLEY COASTER CONNECTION* with **NORTH COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT** paying **MTS** for lost revenues, about $5,000 each month.

### NEVADA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (NTA)

*LAS VEGAS, NV:* Recent matters before **NTA** have included the following - requests of *NORTH SHORE LIMO, LLC* and *CJA ENTERPRISES, INC dba WHITE STAR LIMOUSINE* to voluntarily cancel their certificates (CPCN 1077 Sub 2 and CPCN 1106, respectively). Also voluntarily cancelled was CPCN 2047 of *REGENT HOLIDAYS, INC. RHI* also has/had interstate authority between Las Vegas and Southern California cities.

New charter bus service certificates have been issued to *VEGAS STRIP TRANSPORTATION, LLC dba VEGAS STRIP TRANSPORTATION* and *V TRANSPORTATION, LLC dba V TRANSPORTATION.*

**NTA** filed a Motion to Dismiss for lack of jurisdiction in the matter of *CUSA CSS, LLC (COACH AMERICA CREW TRANSPORT)* as a contract carrier in Nevada. *CUSA K-TCS, LLC dba COACH USA* filed to change their *dba* to *COACH AMERICA* for scenic tour service and special services.

### VALLEY METRO/ CITY OF PHOENIX TRANSIT SYSTEM (VM/COPTS)

*PHOENIX, AZ:* **VM/COPTS** implemented new fares July 1 and another round of service reductions on July 27.

Route 7L-7TH STREET LIMITED was suspended, weekend service in Chandler on 65-MILL-KYRENE was discontinued and 84-GRANITE REEF in Scottsdale was discontinued. 108-ELLIOTT weekend service in Chandler, Gilbert and Mesa was also discontinued.

30-UNIVERSITY no longer travels north of University, looping at Banner Baywood Hospital. 44-44TH STREET/TATUM now ends at University and Hohokam and does not serve downtown Tempe.

156-CHANDLER BLVD ends at 56th Street in west Chandler and no longer travels into Phoenix. 531-MESA / GILBERT EXPRESS was rerouted in Mesa to use Southern Avenue instead of Broadway Road.

Bus fares were increased across-the-board. The Local cash fare of $1.25 rose to $1.75, buying an All Day Pass on the bus rose from $2.50 to $5.25 while buying one at a Ticket Vending Machine at a rail station rose from $2.50 to $3.50. *(Ed. Note - the intent of the price difference is to encourage as many prepaid sales off the bus as possible which is expected to both speed bus boarding and reduce the cash counting expenses).*

Express fares were similarly adjusted - the cash fare is now $2.75, on board All Day Pass is $7.25 and off board Pass is $5.50.

The prices of three, seven and ten day passes and semester passes were also increased.

### GREYHOUND LINES, INC./ AUTOBUSES AMERICANOS (GLI/AA)

*DALLAS, TX:* **GLI's** ALBUQUERQUE, NM-EL PASO, TX route, also serving Belen, Socorro, Truth or Consequences and Las Cruces (with a second branch thru Carrizozo and Alamogordo) was transferred to affiliate **AA** beginning on September 15.

While the three daily round trips continue, **AA** elected not to be an *AMTRAK THRUWAY* carrier and bus/train arrangements are no longer offered. Passengers need to make arrangements with and buy tickets directly from **AA.** Connections will no longer be guaranteed.

The *THRUWAY* alignment has transitioned over time from **TRAILWAYS** to **GLI** to **TNM&O COACHES** to **GLI.** At one time, there were seven daily round trips. Today there are three.

### EL PASO-LAS CRUCES BUS SERVICE PLANS

*EL PASO, TX:* A new bus service linking El Paso and Las Cruces was expected to be in operation this month. Service would include six round trips on weekdays during extended peak hours.

The one-way fare will be $3 with round trips at $6. Four stops at planned - downtown El Paso, Walgreens in Anthony, New Mexico State University and downtown Las Cruces. There have already been requests for a stop in Vado, New Mexico.

The state of New Mexico contributed $400,000 toward the cost and the Texas Department of Transportation will supply $257,000 for the one year project.

If this program proves popular, El Paso County will be able to seek TxDOT grant money for city to city transportation projects. The grant program requires a 20 percent contribution from the local jurisdictions.

### SKAGIT TRANSIT SYSTEM (SKAT)

*MOUNT VERNON, WA:* **SKAT** now operates two out-of-county commute routes — 80X-BELLINGHAM CONNECTOR (Mount Vernon-Burlington-Bellingham) and 90X-EVERETT EXPRESS (Mount Vernon-Everett). Both lines continue to experience increased ridership.

Line 90X was introduced in August 2006, thanks to a Washington State Mobility Grant, that was recently renewed for an additional two years.

**SKAT** implemented a number of changes last May 4th including added Saturday hours with the introduction of Routes 615-MOUNT VERNON-LA CONNER and 8-MOUNT VERNON-CONCRETE.

Sunday service was added on Routes 205/207, 208, 300 and 49-ANACORTES DEMAND RESPONSE, a deviated service carrying both fixed route and paratransit riders in the downtown Anacortes area.

The system recently placed six new 35-foot NABI 35-LFW low-floor buses with the modified front end design. The NABIs will be replacing a number of 1995 model Gillig Phantoms.

### OMNITRANS (OT)

*SAN BERNARDINO:* Over the summer, **OT** placed 27 new CNG powered, New Flyer C40LFR buses (1201-1227) into service, replacing the last of the 1994 model, diesel powered TMC T80206s (2684-2698) and ten of the 1996 model, CNG fueled Orion 05.501s (700-723).




With the arrival of these buses, the agency completed the transition, begun in 1996, to a 100 percent alternatively fueled fleet.

The **OT** fleet also includes the first three gasoline-electric hybrid buses used in the nation in 2002, **OT** 0045-0047, New Flyer GE40LFs.

**OT** fares increased on September 8th. The regular cash fare increased from $1.35 to $1.50, the Day Pass rose to $4.00, the 7-Day Pass is now $15.00 and the 31-Day Pass is $47.00. Comparable Senior/Disabled fares are 60 cents, $1.85, $7.00 and $23.50.
*OMNI LINK* and *ACCESS* fares were also increased.

The San Bernardino City Council recently approved an agreement with **OT** that will allow construction of the *sbX* Bus Rapid Transit project *(WT 12/05)* through town.

The 15.7 mile route with 16 stops will run from Cal State San Bernardino in northern San Bernardino to the Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center in Loma Linda, primarily along E Street thru San Bernardino.

The $164 million system will set aside special bus lanes with traffic signals that will give buses priority over other traffic. Officials plan to break ground next year with buses beginning to operate in 2012.

The new agreement grants rights of way on the project corridor, waives all plan check, inspection and permit fees and makes storage sites available for construction equipment and materials.

Also included in the plan will be the implementation of city guidelines calling for transit friendly development at all San Bernardino *sbX* stations.

### RIVERSIDE TRANSIT AGENCY (RTA)

*RIVERSIDE:* A new evening hour Route 53-BEAR RUNNER—UCR-CANYON CREST TOWNE CENTRE started operating on September 22, connecting UCR Lot 30, University Village, Canyon Crest Towne Centre and off campus housing.

Using one **RTA** motorized trolley, the service operates every half hour between 620PM and 1220AM on UCR Academic Days with no service offered on Friday, weekends or the six major holidays.

The one-way loop route begins on campus at East Campus Drive @ Science Lab and travels via Campus, Canyon Crest, MLK Blvd, Canyon Crest, Central,

SAN JOAQUIN RTD

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***Stockton, CA***

| FLEET # | BUILDER | MODEL | SERIAL # | YEAR | NOTES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 300 | Ford Econ | El Do Aerotech | 3HB54077 | 2003 | ICH |
| 302-306 | Ford Econ | El Do Aerotech | 3HB65427,430,078,422 | 2003 | ICH |
| 309 | Ford Econ | El Do Aerotech | 3HB65423 | 2003 | ICH |
| 950-953 | Ford Econ | El Do Aerotech | 3CL89688-691 | 2003 | ICH |
| 1880-1892 | Gillig | C21D102N4 | W1089336-348 | 1998 | SMA |
| 1893-1899 | Gillig | C21D102N4 | X1089349-354,030 | 1999 | SMA |
| 2025-2028 | Gillig | C21D102N4 | X1089355-358 | 1999 | IRR |
| 2029-2033 | MCI | D4500 | 2P054386-390 | 2001 | IRR |
| 2034-2045 | MCI | D4500 | 2P054850-861 | 2002 | IRR |
| 2101-2109 | Gillig | C21D102N4 | X1089875-883 | 1999 | SMA |
| 2110-2117 | Gillig | C21D102N4 | Y1110167-174 | 2000 | SMA |
| 4001-4002 | Gillig | G19D102N4 | 41073093-094 | 2004 | SMA |
| 6001-6006 | Gillig | G19D102N4 | 61077433-438 | 2006 | BRT |
| 6201-6211 | Gillig | G19E102N4 | 71091202-212 | 2006 | ICR |
| 6301-6310 | Gillig | G19B102N4 | 61077661-670 | 2006 | SMA |
| 6401-6404 | Gillig | G19D102N4 | 61077443-446 | 2006 | ICR |
| NO.1-NO.3 | Chance | AH-28 | 2W535132-134 | 2002 | TRLY |
| NO.4 | Chance | AH-28 | 2W535259 | 2004 | TRLY |
| NO.5 | Chance | AH-28 | 5W216321 | 2006 | TRLY |

Notes:
The **SJRTD** fleet is divided into five categories by service types and assigned this way
BRT - Bus Rapid Transit Route 40
ICH - Intercity Hopper Routes (County)
ICR - Intercity Routes
IRR - Interregional Routes
SMA - Stockton Metro Area Local lines
TRLY - Trolley Specialty local lines

Chicago, University, Canyon Crest, Blaine, Rustin, Linden, Aberdeen and Campus.

*(Ed. Note - this is at least the third **RTA**/UCR campus shuttle program offered since 2001, in addition to the UCR-DOWNTOWN TROLLEY route. Line 51-CREST CRUISER began operations in September 2006, running on weekdays every half hour 700AM-700PM charging regular fares and also honoring UCR student ID cards for "free rides" on **RTA** buses. That program is now agency wide.)*

## TRANSPORTATION AND THE STATE BUDGET

The California State Supreme Court recently rejected the Schwarzenegger Administration's appeal of a lower court ruling that annual raids on transit funding are illegal. This ruling upheld a recent ruling of the Third District Court of Appeal that funding diversions violated a series of statutory and constitutional amendments enacted since 1990 *(WT 9/07)*.

Public transit officials now hope to work with the Admin - istration and Legislature to restore the funds since the California Transit Association filed suit in October 2007.

Another key component of the decision was a definition of "mass transportation purposes", denying the state's definition that allowed diversion of money for home-to-school bus service, disabled persons transportation to regional centers, repayment of Prop. 42 loans, payment of Prop 116 bond debt service and payment of General Fund's obligation to fund bond debt service for non-transit general obligation bonds. These programs have historically been supported by the General Fund.

# EQUIPMENT REPORT

(All properties are located in California unless otherwise noted)

| PROPERTY | FLEET #'S | BUILDER | MODEL/SERIAL #'S | DATE | NOTES |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *-NEW-* | | | | | |
| Foothill Transit | F1700-F1729 | NABI | 42-BRT/— | 00/09 | |
| Clean Air Express | 188-189 | MCI | D4500/4P056188-189 | 10/03 | |
| (American Star Tours) | 192 | MCI | D4500/4P056192 | 10/03 | |
| | 993 | MCI | D4500/9P058993 | 03/09 | |
| Metrolink | 888-902 | Motive Power | MP36PH-3C/see below | 08-09 | 1 |
| Mexicoach | 6002 | Volvo | 9700/45005606 | 00/04 | |
| | 6007 | Volvo | 9700/45005604 | 00/04 | |
| *-USED-* | | | | | |
| Transit Systems, Inc. | 1210 | Orion | 05.501/T6032874 | 09/96 | 2 |
| | 1213 | TMC | T80206/NR828754 | 00/92 | 3 |
| *-DISPOSITIONS-* | | | | | |
| San Diego Transit Corp | 1301 | New Flyer | C40LF/RU015399 | 11/94 | 4 |
| San Diego—MTS | 2021,2025,2039 | New Flyer | G40/SU015997, 6001, 6015 | 10/95 | 4 |
| | 2041, 2048 | New Flyer | G40/SU016017, 024 | 10/95 | 4 |
| | 2106, 2115 | New Flyer | G40/SU016033, 042 | 10/95 | 4 |
| | 2152 | New Flyer | C40/SU016047 | 11/95 | 5 |
| Santa Monica BBB | 4820 | Nova Bus | TC40102A/S3000044 | 00/95 | 6 |

*NOTES:*

1. 888-serial 0806-01, 03/08; 890-serial 0806-03, 07/08; 893 -serial 0806-06, 09/08; 894-899-serials 0806-07-12, 12/08; 900-serial 0806-13, 00/08; 901-serial 0806-14, 01/09; 902-serial 0806-15, 12/08.
2. Ex Sacramento Regional Transit District 9625.
3. Ex LACMTA 1311.
4. For sale at Ken Porter Auctions — Gardena in September 2009.
5. For sale at Ken Porter Auctions — Gardena in September 2009, originally SDTC 1403.
6. For sale at Ken Porter Auctions — Gardena in September 2009, stripped.

The AC Transit buses listed in the June 2009 Equipment Report, except for 2601 that was sold to an AC employee, were purchased by Zacher's and scrapped on the property. These included New Flyer D35s 2400, 2401, 2407, 2422, 2423, and 30-foot Gillig Phantoms 2711, 2715, 2716, 2722, 2727, 2731, 2733, 2740, 2750, 2752, 2753, 2758 and 2760.

# SEPTEMBER PHOTOS







***LEFT:*** *San Diego MTS 2021 working on Route 901 in May 2007 (Craig Barnes collection).* ***RIGHT:*** *Mexicoach 6002 in the Mexicoach parking lot in San Ysidro in February 2008 (Andrew Novak collection).*