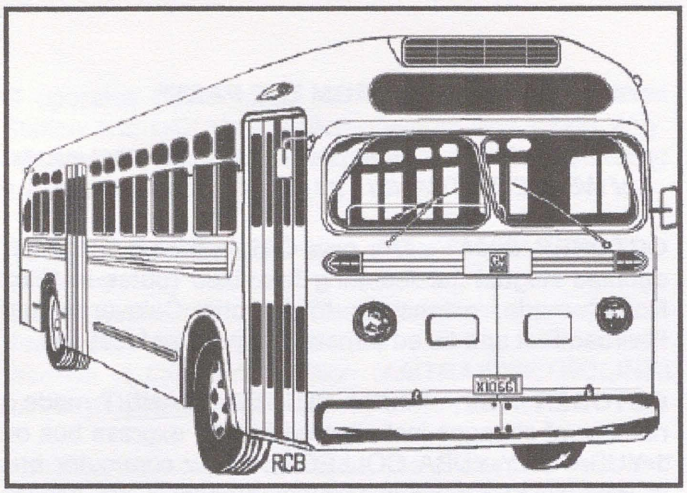


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LOS ANGELES WORLD AIRPORTS (LAWA)

LOS ANGELES: **LAWA,** a department of the City of Los Angeles and operator of three airports (Los Angeles International, Ontario and Van Nuys) recently issued a Request For Proposal that will result in a three-year contract to operate, maintain and manage a courtesy shuttle service at the Los Angeles International Airport.

The goal of the RFP is to select an experienced and qualified contractor with a proven record. The proposer must provide licensed drivers to operate the buses, field supervisors to monitor operations and an on-site manager to oversee activities and serve as liaison with LAX staff. At its own expense, the contractor is to provide a maintenance facility and administrative office.

LAX will provide the ***LAX SHUTTLE*** fleet of 61 buses, 20 LNG fueled Gillig Phantoms and 41 CNG powered NABI 35-LFW buses. LNG buses are to be fueled at a city owned station at 7350 World Way West while CNG buses are fueled at a Clean Energy station at 104th and Aviation Blvd. The contractor must provide dedicated fuelers to fuel the buses.

During the course of the contract, plans call for replacement of remaining standard floor buses with low floor units.

The ***LAX SHUTTLE*** program will initially include four routes, A-AIRLINE CONNECTION, C-PARKING LOT C ROUTE, E-PARKING LOT E and G-METRO GREEN LINE SHUTTLE. A, C and E operate 24 hours while G operates the same span as the **MTA** GREEN LINE or roughly 400AM to midnight.



A operates every ten minutes on the Central Terminal Area lower level roadway (World Way) only stopping at all terminals.

C operates every 10 minutes between Lot C (98th and Vicksburg) and LAX, serving all terminals dropping off passengers on the upper level and picking them up on the lower level.

E operates between Parking Lot E (111th and La Cienega) and LAX, picking up and dropping off on the upper level only and stopping at all designated employee shuttle stops at the terminals.

Previously, Parking Lot E was used for public parking and was known as VSP (Very Special Parking) Lot B.

Lot D on Arbor Vitae/Westchester Parkway, on the north side of the airport, was the employee facility.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

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

APPLICATIONS

*Sacramento Transportation Systems, Inc. dba SUPER SHUTTLE OF SACRAMENTO (*PSC 15260*)* has filed for an extension of its existing authority to authorize scheduled service between Sacramento International Airport and points in the Napa Valley and to establish a Zone Of Rate Freedom.

DECISIONS

Reil Ventures, Inc. dba DIABLO KID CHAUFFER has been granted authority as an On-Call Passenger Stage Corporation to operate between points along State Highway 24 from Orinda to Interstate 680 and to and from Pleasant Hill along Interstate 680 to Interstate 580 to Livermore and to establish a ZORF.

ANGELS FLIGHT RAILWAY COMPANY's request for approval of its System Security Plan has been granted. General Order 164-D, Rules and Regulations Governing State Safety Oversight of Rail Fixed Guideway Systems, requires that each rail transit agency obtain Commission approval of its initial SSP before it begins revenue operations, The SSP is a document that details the firms security policies, objectives, responsibilities and procedures.

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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)

OCTOBER 2004 – The new **CALAVERAS TRANSIT** debuted August 1st featuring five fixed routes in "Flex Route" mode, extensions to Rancho Calaveras and Railroad Flat and timed transfers at popular locations.

OCTOBER 1999 – YUBA-SUTTER TRANSIT made a number of changes including adding an express bus on 1-YUBA CITY-YUBA COLLEGE, a new commuter bus to Highway 65 industrial area using Federal Job Access grant money and discontinued the BEALE and SUTTER AIR FORCE BASE routes. Evening general public Dial-A-Ride service started between 600PM and 1030PM charging regular fixed route fares.

OCTOBER 1994 – SANTA CLARITA TRANSIT began two new lines—795-SANTA CLARITA-LANCASTER and 55-VALENCIA INDUSTRIAL CENTER-METROLINK STATION and made permanent the three San Fernando Valley lines started following the Northridge earthquake.

OCTOBER 1989 – The Loma Prieta Earthquake hit the Bay Area with major impact on transit. **BART** continued to operate. **RED AND WHITE FLEET** inaugurated ferries between Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco and numerous bus route changes were made.

OCTOBER 1984 – SAN PEDRO TRANSPORT began operating between San Pedro and long Beach Naval Station replacing the short lived **SCRTD** Line 148-SAN PEDRO-TERMINAL ISLAND-WILMINGTON.

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G operates between the **MTA** GREEN LINE Aviation Station and LAX via Aviation, Century and World Way, returning via the reverse routing to the Green Line using the lower level only.

As part of the next expansion of the *FLYAWAY* system, LAWA recently approved a license agreement with the City of Irvine and Irvine Redevelopment Agency for a three-year agreement to use parking and on-site facilities at the Irvine Station (**AMTRAK/METROLINK**) for the proposed Irvine Flyaway route *(WT 6/09).*

The License includes exclusive use of one bus dock and shelter and a 495 space surface parking lot at IS.

The new service contract covering Westwood and Irvine *FLYAWAY's* was awarded to *CUSA CC, LLC (COACH AMERICA LOS ANGELES)* at the October LAWA Commissioners meeting. IRVINE will begin November 16th. Six daily round trips will be offered. The one-way fare for the 50-mile trip will be $25.

WESTWOOD *FLYAWAY* has a new schedule and now offers hourly headways Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday with half hour headways all day Friday and part of the day Thursday and Sunday.

LAWA has approved installation of a CNG fueling station at LA/Ontario Airport to provide CNG on site for all ONT vehicles, airport tenants, commercial fleets, consumer vehicles, transit agency and local school district buses. The 6,500 square foot station, to be located on Airport Drive and Haven Avenue, will be built, operated and maintained by Clean Energy Fuels Corp.

ONT presently has 48 CNG vehicles in its fleet with plans to purchase 17 new CNG passenger courtesy shuttle buses over the next two years.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MTA)

LOS ANGELES: Line 220-ROBERTSON BLVD was shortened and routed to serve Beverly Center, no longer operating north of 3rd Street to/from West Hollywood. Northbound buses operate as before to Robertson and 3rd, then loop via 3rd, San Vicente, Beverly and Robertson.

Line 220 and **CULVER CITY BUS** Line 7-CULVER BL. now both operate hourly and are coordinated to meet at Venice and Culver Blvds.

In spite of the three year delay in fulfilling its order for 50 light rail vehicles (ordered in 2003 with final deliveries due in 2007 for $158 million), the cars' continuing maintenance issues and the recommendation of CEO Art Leahy that the agency advertise for new bids rather than award AnsaldoBreda another contract, the **MTA** Board recently voted 8-3 to award AB an order of 100 more LRVs. Directors Diane Du Bois, Pam O'Connor and Mike Antonovich voted to readvertise.

At this time, only 26 of the 27 cars built (704-706 and 708-730) have performed revenue service on the GOLD LINE. Cars 701-703 are currently being rebuilt.

Board member and Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa hailed the vote as a catalyst for his plan to attract clean technology companies to a four mile industrial corridor along the Los Angeles River, just south and east of downtown. AB's new 240,000 square foot manufacturing plant will be located near 15th and Santa Fe.

AB has promised to build the cars with union labor and labor representatives attended recent Board meetings to give praise to AB and its future plans.

Just prior to the vote, AB circulated an e-mail indicating the firm's parent company, Finmeccanica, would back AB's financial guarantees with a $300 million performance bond and a $75 million irrevocable letter of credit that could be used if the firm failed to perform.

CULVER CITY BUS (CCB)

CULVER CITY: **CCB** fares were increased beginning on August 24th. The adult basic fare is now $1.00, student fare is now 75 cents and the senior/disabled fare remained at 35 cents.

Adult transfer charges are 25 cents for a local transfer and 40 cents for an inter-agency. Senior and disabled local transfers are 10 cents while IATs are 20 cents.

Later this month, **CCB** will hold a public hearing on their plan to modify Line 6-SEPULVEDA BLVD to establish a RAPID 6-SEPULVEDA SOUTH operating along the same alignment as 6 Local, but with only 15 stops between UCLA and Aviation Green Line Station.

Rapid 6 will operate on a 17-minute headway weekdays between 600AM and 1000AM and 220PM and 730PM.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY (METROLINK)

LOS ANGELES: In late August the **SCRRA** Board voted to proceed with negotiations with *AMTRAK* to provide train engineer and conductor services starting next July. The contract with *CONNEX* ends next June 30th.

Following discussions about in house crews, the Board requested a review of two other alternatives, contracting out through a Request For Proposals model or contracting out based upon a sole source negotiation for these services.

It was determined that entering into negotiations with *AMTRAK,* who had operated **METROLINK** trains from 1992 until 2004 was the best option.

SCRRA will continue a path to develop the ability to hire and train operating staff directly.

CA/PACIFIC COAST SIGHTSEEING (PCST)

ANAHEIM: The *COACH AMERICA* operated DISNEYLAND RESORT EXPRESS trimmed service spans on both DISNEYLAND-LAX and DISNEYLAND-ORANGE COUNTY AIRPORT as of September 23rd.

The 500AM Anaheim departures for both airports and the 1130PM and 1230AM buses from LAX to Anaheim were all discontinued.

Half hour headways from LAX to Anaheim are now offered between 1030AM and 430PM. Half hour headways from OCA to Anaheim operate between 1100AM and 300PM.

Elsewhere in the *COACH AMERICA* system, the firm has purchased a number of MCI D4505 and J4500 models to fulfill contract obligations. These include 24 D4505s for employee contracts held by **POWDER RIVER TRANSPORTATION** of Gillette, Wyoming. *CA's* CREW TRANSPORT division, which provides employee transportation to several industries including rail, mining, oil and gas, airlines and construction bought several.

SOUTH PASADENA GOLD LINK (GL)

SOUTH PASADENA: **GL** modified operations over the summer and now consists of four fixed routes in the morning, each line operating six trips, and NEW Flex Route service in the afternoon. Flex Route allows drivers to take passengers from the Mission Station to the stop of their choice without making unnecessary stops along the way.

GL hours of operation are 620AM-900AM and 430PM-700PM on weekdays.

GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT (GET)

BAKERSFIELD: October 4th saw a series of changes at **GET**, mostly reroutings, but also the creation of two weekend only routes.

8-FOOTHILL HIGH-VALLEY PLAZA operation through Hillcrest Center west of Crestmont was discontinued as was 10-PANAMA LANE-AKERS on Summerfield and Maybrook in favor Panama Lane and Stine Road.

Lines 12-WESTCHESTER and 15-MERVYN'S-VALLEY PLAZA were combined on weekends into new Line 25 offering 90-minute headways between Southwest Transit Center, Stockdale Village, Downtown, **GET** Office and Westchester.

14-ROSEDALE-CAL STATE and 18-ROSEDALE CONNECTOR were combined into new weekend only Line 26 with a 45-50 minute Saturday headway and a 110 minute Sunday headway.

Line 15 had evening service (after 730PM) discontinued and the line was extended to the Comprehensive Blood & Cancer Center on Truxtun Extension on weekdays.

SACRAMENTO REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT (RT)

SACRAMENTO: **RT** reduced service on low ridership lines throughout its system on September 6th.

Line 5-LAND PARK-MEADOWVIEW lost Sunday hours while 73-WHITE ROCK no longer has Saturday hours.

Weekday discontinuations include Lines 37, 63-24TH-HOGAN and 140-ZIGGURAT-DOWNTOWN. Lines 141-3RD/5TH/15TH/16TH and 142-9TH/10TH were reduced to operating during weekday peak hours and special trips on 41 were added to serve 24th & Castro Street. 83-SUTTERVILLE-14TH AVENUE was reduced to an hourly headway with trips added to serve 24th & Castro.

In mid month, **RT** broke ground on the light rail line from downtown to Natomas and, eventually, the airport.

The first leg is a short one, about one mile from 8th and H Streets to a terminus at 7th and Richards Blvd. The first mile should open for business in November 2010 using one two-car train. An extension over the American River is unlikely before 2014 and arrival at the airport is at least 2017.

The one-mile project is funded using local money ($44 million) while the rest of the line will include a mix of local, state and federal funding.

The line is expected to bring the area money through economic development by spurring infill development in the Railyards and the River District.

CITY OF ELK GROVE (E-TRANS)

ELK GROVE: Following the September 1st very large service reduction *(WT 9/09),* the City Council amended the original plan and retained several weekday peak hour trips on Line 52. In addition, Line 53-LAGUNA-ELK GROVE will operate its seven-days-per-week schedule.

The SHOP LOCAL Deviated fixed route (one way loop with pre arranged deviations) will operate on weekends, hourly between 1000AM and 500PM.

Adding these services back into the budget will create a $300,000 deficit this fiscal year.

AMTRAK CALIFORNIA (AC)

SACRAMENTO: Schedules 3701 and 3704 on Route 3-STOCKTON-SACRAMENTO-REDDING-MEDFORD, OR will be discontinued north of Redding *(Ed. Note-service was extended in April 2006)* later this month as ridership on the segment has remained low.

All California routes (CAPITOL CORRIDOR, PACIFIC SURFLINER and SAN JOAQUIN) include connecting **AMTRAK** bus service. On the SAN JOAQUIN route, over 70 percent of passengers use at least one connecting bus at the beginning or ending of their trip.

Under Government Code Section 4035.2, the Department Of Transportation is required to conduct cost recovery analysis on bus routes and restructure or discontinue bus routes if they do not meet standards. Stops may be added, relocated or eliminated and frequencies adjusted to reflect market conditions.

Cost recovery is calculated by subtracting bus route operations costs from bus route revenue plus the train revenue contributed from bus route passengers. Utilizing this financial analysis, it is evident that the bus system provides a net incremental gain to the trains.

VISALIA CITY COACH (VCC)

VISALIA: There has been much transit activity in this southern San Joaquin Valley since our last report in 2007 *(WT 9/07)*. Nineteen new buses were added to the fleet and two new bus routes were started.

Most of the new buses replaced older units that had reached the end of their useful lives. Ten fixed route buses arrived in November 2008. They were all 35-foot Orion VII low floor buses (6267-6276), which are identical to the seven units added in 2006 (6260-6266), except that they have the "BRT" front end cap. The buses are fueled by CNG, but instead of the John Deere motors in the 2006 units, which are no longer available, the 2008 Orions have Cummins engines. They replace the oldest Gillig Phantom diesel buses. The interiors are blue and seat 33. Six new Ford cutaways were added to the demand response fleet (6277-6282). These units have E450 chasses and Starcraft-Allstar bodies, they are also CNG powered. They feature 14 passenger seats with seats with seat belts (now mandatory on demand response buses) and two wheelchair tie downs. They replace the five 1995 Chevrolet/El Dorado cutaways (6239-6243) that were powered by gasoline, and were used as secondary units. Two of the Chevys were retained for the community youth "LOOP" service. They replace two cutaways leased from *MV TRANSPORTATION,* the city's contract operator. The final additions were three new Freightliner Streetra trolley replicas. Unlike the previous trolley purcha which were E-Bus low-floor hybrid-electric units, new buses have high floor configuration with wheelch lift and are powered by Cummins CNG engines. T replace the last of the four ex-**WHITTIER TRAN SYSTEM** SMCC diesel trolleys, which were prov difficult to maintain. The Whittier trolleys had be numbered by year of historical significance to Whit (significance never determined) and were renumbered for service in Visalia.

The 2002 E-Bus trolleys and 2008 Freightliner un were numbered for years of historical significance Visalia—2008 Freightliners: 1853 - Visalia beca county seat of Tulare County, 1858 - First year Butterfield Stage operation on LA-SF route, 1860 - F year of telegraph service to Visalia and 2002 E-Bus 1852 - First Settlement (Four Corners), Tulare Cou established, 1860 - Visalia incorporated as a town 1923 - Visalia became a Charter City, with a Cou and City Manager.

The two NEW bus routes include 11-EXPRESS (or 1 and 12-VISALIA-FARMERSVILLE-EXETER.

Transit service between the cities of Visalia and Tula (ten miles to the south) had been provided by means a transfer between **TULARE** Route 6 and **VISA** Route 1 at Mooney Blvd and Ave. 268, where cert Tulare County offices are located, this place was ca "Tulare Transfer". Much of the ridership are student the College of the Sequoias (COS), a commun college on the west side of Mooney Blvd, south of No Ave (SR 198) in Visalia. Tulare proposed to operate express route between the Tulare and Visalia Tran Centers, with only one stop-at COS.

The service was to be established on an experime basis during the reconstruction of Mooney Blvd. T Visalia City Council agreed with the proposal and August 9, 2008 new service was inaugurated with minute headways between 630AM and 600PM weekdays and 930AM to 600PM on Saturday. No nig or Sunday service was to be provided, as **TULARE** ha no service during those times. A round trip can be ma in 60 minutes and the route is operated jointly, with ea agency providing one bus - **TULARE** runs the f northbound and last southbound trips and **VISALIA** first southbound and last northbound trips. This ser is Route 11 Express (or 11X); the number was selec because it was the lowest number not previously us by either operator. One end of the route starts in Visa on the north side of Oak Avenue, across from Visalia Transit Center, where **TULARE COUNTY AR TRANSIT** and **KINGS AREA RURAL TRANSIT** lo The route then travels on Oak, Bridge and Mineral K to the COS stop on Mooney, then it enters the SR freeway, transitions to the SR 99 freeway, exits Cartmill and continues via M St, Cross Ave, L St, Joaquin, K St to the Tulare Transit Center. Northbou

buses depart the transit center via left on L St, Cross, M St, Cartmill, SR 99 freeway, SR 198 freeway, exiting at Mooney for COS. The route then continues on Noble, Bridge, Center, Santa Fe and Oak to the mid block stop.

Route 12 serves the eastern cities of Farmersville and Exeter, also served by **VCC** Route 9 from downtown Visalia. Both cities had additional transit funds from Tulare County Measure R tax revenue and, based on public requests, those communities recommended route to the south Mooney Blvd shopping areas - Packwood Creek and Sequoia Mall. On August 9, 2008, Route 12 was established between the two areas, primarily along Caldwell Ave/Visalia Road. Starting at the Sequoia Mall, the route travels Orchard, Fairway, Caldwell, Mooney, Cameron (serving Packwood), Court and Caldwell/ Visalia to a loop through downtown Exeter via Belmont, Firebaugh, Kaweah, Palm, G St and Visalia Rd (same loop used by Route 9). Buses return via Visalia/ Caldwell, Court, Cameron, unnamed street, Visalia Parkway, Mooney and Orchard to mid block terminal. This line operates hourly during **VCC** operating hours (600AM-900PM on weekdays, 900AM-600PM Saturday and 800AM-600PM Sunday). This is the only current **VCC** route not serving Visalia Transit Center.

VISALIA TRANSIT - When the **VCC** system was established, and for several years thereafter, all service operated within the city limits. Since then, routes were expanded to the unincorporated area of Goshen to the west and more recently to Farmersville and Exeter to the east. The name "City Coach" was no longer appropriate and this summer the city council finally agreed to a name change—**VISALIA TRANSIT.** The council also approved a new paint scheme, which is mostly white with a green and blue upward swoop behind the rear axle, the rear of the bus will be blue. The name and color changes are to be introduced as part of the Earth Day celebration in April 2010. Existing buses will be painted a few at a time to minimize impact of fleet availability for scheduled service. The city has seven more Orion VII buses on order - four 40-footers and three 35-footers, which are expected next June. These buses will also be low floor models with CNG engines and they will be delivered in the new colors.

SEQUOIA SHUTTLE (SS)

VISALIA: The Labor Day weekend of September 2009 saw the end of the third year of operation of the shuttle bus service (administered by the City of Visalia and operated by *MV TRANSPORTATION)* from downtown Visalia to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park, as well as a two-route shuttle within the park; this was the last year of a three-year demonstration project. Continuation of the program depends upon further federal grants to fund operations. Even though use of the system was not much greater than in 2008 (likely due to the general recession), National Parks Service officials seemed optimistic and it is expected that the buses (stored between seasons at the **VCC** yard) will be back for a fourth season. In 2008, two additional Ford/El Dorado cutaways (114 and 115) were acquired. At its October 2009 annual meeting, the California Transit Association gave the City of Visalia its Award for Transit Excellence for the Sequoia Shuttle program.

NEVADA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (NTA)

LAS VEGAS, NV: At its October meeting, the Authority conducted hearings on two applications and, approved without hearing, a request to voluntarily cancel a certificate.

CELEBRITY LIMOUSINES OF AMERICA, L. P. sought a common carrier of passengers certificate to operate as a charter limousine service within the state. **RODNEY L. STORM dba NORTH TAHOE LIMOUSINE** requested a voluntary cancellation of his CPCN 1093.

VEGAS PHIL ENTERTAINMENT AND TRANSPORTATION, INC. had petitioned to voluntarily cancel Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, CPCN 2102.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION OF WASHOE COUNTY/RTC RIDE

RENO, NV: October 11th saw the debut of a bus rapid transit service in Reno traveling along Virginia Street south from Downtown Reno as far south as the Meadowood Mall.



The three year, $21 million pilot program initially will use existing **RTC RIDE** buses, rebranded to **RTC RAPID,** to travel along Virginia Street making only 7 stops. Another new service, **RAPID CONNECT,** continues to serve all 46 current stops but on half hour (rather than 10-15 minute) headways following the discontinuation of Line 1-SOUTH VIRGINIA STREET.

By next fall, current buses will be traded for seven, 60-foot, hybrid, articulated buses, (make and model unknown to WT) powered by diesel and electricity.

Northbound **RTC RAPID** buses will then switch over to Center Street as **RTC** builds covered, level-boarding stations to replace existing stops. Southbound buses will stay on Virginia Street. Traffic signal coordination will also be included.

The new service received some Congestion Mitigation/ Air Quality funds which will free up between $2.4 and $3.9 million in annual sales tax money to protect existing bus service that had been threatened with cuts.

LAX SHUTTLE

Los Angeles International Airport, CA

FLEET #	BUILDER	MODEL	SERIAL #	DATE
605-606	Gillig	C21B096N4	X1089149-150	03/99
609-614	Gillig	C18B096N4	Y1110175-180	12/00
615-620	Gillig	C18B096N4	Y1110332-337	00/00
633-638	Gillig	C18B096N4	31111694-699	05/03
658-678	NABI	035.08	7A140058-078	00/07
683-702	NABI	035.08	8A140499-518	00/08

In accordance with the Attorney General of the State of California ("Attorney General") Settlement Agreement that LAWA entered into on May 2, 2008, all LAX Shuttle buses in operation shall be low-floor CNG buses by December 31, 2011. The following is a breakdown of the LAX Shuttle bus replacement schedule, Attorney General (AG) Settlement requirements and fleet distribution per service route:

Bus Replacement Schedule

Number of Buses	Model Year	Replacement Date	Fuel Type
13	1998-99	12-31-11	LNG
7	2003	12-31-10	LNG
21	2007	2020	CNG
20	2008	2021	CNG

AG Settlement low-floor bus replacement requirement

Deadline	Min. # of low-floor CNG buses in service	Status
12-31-07	20 serving Lots A/C, B, C	Requirement met.
04-01-09	40 serving Lots A/C, B, C	Requirement met.
12-31-10	48 shall be in service	Pending.
12-31-11	All shall be low-floor	Pending.

TRI COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT (TRI MET)

PORTLAND, OR: September 12th brought the opening of **TRI MET's** fourth light rail line, CLACKAMAS TOWN CENTER-PORTLAND CENTER-PSU (GREEN LINE).

From Clackamas Town Center, the rail line travels north/south alongside Interstate 205 to Gateway Station and then continues west (along with the RED LINE and BLUE LINE) to downtown Portland, then operates past the Union Station and along the 5th Avenue/6th Avenue Transit Mall and on to Portland State University, on the southwest edge of downtown.

Trains run every 15 minutes between 600AM and 700PM on weekdays and 1030AM to 600PM weekends. Trains run 30 minutely in early mornings and evenings.

Last February, **TRI MET** opened the 14.7 mile, $166 million WESTSIDE EXPRESS SERVICE (WES) commuter rail system connecting Beaverton, Hall/ Nimbus, Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville using trackage that is shared with area freight railroads.

Two directional service operates every half hour during the morning and afternoon rush hours on weekdays.

The Colorado Railcar diesel multiple-unit (DMU) rolling stock purchased for WES has proved problematic and, as the fleet has no spares, buses are substituted when there is a shortage of rail cars.

TRI MET recently purchased, for $150,000, two 1953 model Budd Co. rail diesel cars from the ALASKA RAILROAD where the units were operating until this past March. *(Ed. Note - the Colorado Railcars were modeled after the Budd RDCs).* Following refurbishment they are expected to be in service by next summer.



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EQUIPMENT REPORT

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PROPERTY	FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL #'S	DATE	NOTES
-NEW-					
Autobuses Crucero	60539-60544	MCI	D4505/7P057345-350	06/06	
Visalia City Coach	6260-6261	Orion	07.502/66702489-490	01/07	
	6262-6264	Orion	07.502/66702502, 505, 508	01/07	
	6265-6266	Orion	07.502/66702511, 514	01/07	
	6267-6269	Orion	07.502/86704161, 270 -271	10/08	
	6270-6272	Orion	07.502/86704279-280, 283	10/08	
	6273-6276	Orion	07.502/86704290-291, 297-298	11/08	
	6277-6279	Ford Econ	Starcraft Allstar/8DA18529, 533, 530	12/08	
	6280-6282	Ford Econ	Starcraft Allstar/8DA18531, 537, 545	12/08	
	1853, 1858, 1860	Freightliner	Startrans Trolley/8CZ86222, 221, 223	04/08	
	1852, 1864	E Bus 22	Hybrid Electric Trolley/1C248048-049	03/02	
	1923	E Bus 22	Hybrid Electric Trolley/1C248047	03/02	
-USED-					
Finish Line Charter	505	New Flyer	D40LF/SU015882	00/95	1
Grand Prairie Transit (AB)	805-806	New Flyer	D35-87/JU013131, 136	00/88	2
Johnny's Express	2008	MCI	MC-9/CP037428	09/82	3
	2009	TMC	MC-9/—	—	—
	2010	TMC	MC-9/CR003264	06/82	4
	2011	MCI	102A3/GP040986	10/86	5
	7769	TMC	MC-9/BR002763	06/81	6
-DISPOSITIONS-					
Orange County TA	2133	NABI	040.09/YA140366	00/00	7
	2206, 2275	NABI	040.09/1A140342, 411	00/00	7
AC Transit	2934-2935	NABI	416.09/VA140034-035	01/97	8
	2970	NABI	416.09/VA140070	01/97	8

NOTES:

1. Ex OCTA 5208.
2. Ex AC Transit 2413, 2408.
3. Ex Magic Carpet Tours, Inc. —.
4. Ex Greyhound Lines 5738 (renumbered from 8763).
5. Ex Via Charter Lines 91.
6. Originally CPCT 75, PAX Unlimited --, Golden Gate Sightseeing 565, — 4690.
7. Sold at General Auction - Buena Park - October 2009.
8. To Buses By Bill, Inc (TX) 915-917.

October Photos





LEFT: *Visalia City Coach 6267 at Bridge & Center on September 8, 2009 (Jerry Squier photo).* ***RIGHT:*** *Finish Line 505, in Montebello on August 29, 2009 (Andrew Novak photo).*