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GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT (GGT)/ MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (MARIN)

SAN RAFAEL: Using a fleet of three Gillig Phantoms leased from Shuttle Bus Leasing, two **MARIN TRANSIT** owned El Dorado National TRE-32s and four **GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT** owned 30-foot Nova Bus RTS, route 66-MUIR WOODS SHUTTLE returned for its sixth summer on May 1st. The bus will operate on weekends and holidays through the end of September.

MUIR WOODS is funded by **MARIN TRANSIT** and the National Park Service and operated under a service agreement between **MT** and **GGT.**

The Gilligs **(GGT** 537, 538, 540) are former **GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT** 8623, 8620 and 8627 and they were also leased for Summer 2008 and 2009 from SBL.

MARIN COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT obtained two used TRE-32s the for MUIR WOODS SHUTTLE. They were originally purchased by **SOUTH TAHOE AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY** as part of an order with several options, but were returned to the manufacturer reportedly because of a series of defects. **MARIN TRANSIT** secured the options for the cancelled Tahoe order and hopes to obtain ten or more additional units. These buses are numbered 3060 and 3061.

GGT has been shopping for 96-inch RTS buses, either as replacements for 505-508 or as for parts for them. The **NAPA COUNTY TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AGENCY** recently replaced four of their RTS (108, 110, 115 and 116) with four New Flyer 35-foot Hybrids (DE35LFR) which were funded by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. BAAQMD requires that any buses they replace using their funds must be completely crushed and scrapped. This applies to any buses in the Bay Area region.

The **NAPA** buses were refurbished in the late 1990s and are 96" wide, which are needed for MUIR WOODS. None of the manufacturers offer a 96" wide bus today. **GGT** staff worked with BAAQMD to obtain a waiver on the crushing aspect of the agreement and negotiated only to scrap and destroy the engines. They have some engines in their 1991 TMC RTSs that could have been retrofitted in the Napa buses. The condition of the buses made rehabilitation too expensive and they will instead be used as parts buses.

There are six remaining RTS in Napa (106, 109, 111, 112, 113 and 114) and four of these will be replaced this fall by an additional four DE35LFR buses and will become surplus. Because they will be replaced using FTA funds and not BAAQMD, the requirement to scrap the bodies and engines will not exist. However, due to CARB regulations, these units would require upgrades.

In addition to the leased and used buses, there are seven new hybrid 35-foot New Flyers (DE35LF). They do not have the restyled front and are reported to be the last buses produced by New Flyer with the "old" front design. They were originally to be 301-307, but there was a conflict with some paratransit vehicles, so they have become 3301-3307. They are owned and operated by **GGBHTD/GGT** but will be decaled in **MT** green and white. Like the D60LF articulateds, they will be used exclusively in Marin County local service operated under contract to **MT.**

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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

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

DECISIONS

FIRST CLASS TRANSPORTATION, LLC has been granted an expansion of PSC-16462 to add service points in San Diego County and offer service to San Diego, Orange County and Los Angeles International Airports and expand its Zone Of Rate Freedom.

STAR & CRESCENT BOAT COMPANY's application for a 50-cent increase in its Coronado-San Diego fare has been approved.

Transfer of PSC-18501 from *Hector Luna dba BABES AIRPORTER* to *Basir Hamidi dba BABES AIRORTER* was authorized (points in Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco and San Mateo Counties and Oakland, San Jose and San Francisco Airports) along with the establishment of a ZORF.

MY KIDS DRIVER, LLC has been granted PSC-26259 to authorize transportation of passengers between points from Burbank to Calabasas and to establish a ZORF. Initial business will be on-call, door-to-door service using two vans transporting children between points in Encino, Sherman Oaks and Studio City.

THE WINE LINE, LLC has been authorized to revise PSC-24606 from Scheduled Service along Highway 46 with ten stops to an On Call Service and expand its operating area to include a 20 mile radius of Paso Robles with downtown Paso Robles as the center of the radius which will allow passengers to be picked up or dropped off at the wineries of their choice. The current all-day fare of $49.95 will continue to apply.

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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)

JUNE 2005 – A citywide Community DASH Need Assessment Study was completed and from a candidate list of 100 ideas, it produced a list of 20 recommended viable new or enhanced existing routes (as of this time, none of the services has been started related to ongoing shortage of funding issues).

JUNE 2000 – The **EAST LOS ANGELES SHUTTLE,** a three route, six bus system serving the communities of Belvedere, City Terrace, East Los Angeles, Salazar Park and Saybrook Park, began operations, running daily except Sunday and charging a 25-cent fare.

JUNE 1995 – INLAND EMPIRE CONNECTION 496-RIVERSIDE-MONTCLAIR was revised to be more of an express as new **RTA** Line 49-MISSION BLVD began. 100-RIVERSIDE-SAN BERNARDINO added Sunday hours and 149-RIVERSIDE-DISNEYLAND lost its alternate route on Green River Drive in Corona.

JUNE 1990 – INLAND EMPIRE CONNECTION began operations with the takeover of a shortened version of former **SCRTD** 149-LONG BEACH-RIVERSIDE. (Line 496-LOS ANGELES-RIVERSIDE-SAN BERNARDINO was taken over in August).

JUNE 1985 – With the purchase of the former **YELLOW BUS COMPANY,** the **NORTH SAN DIEGO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT** extended Line 305-OCEANSIDE-OUTER CAMPS-SAN CLEMENTE from the northern most camps of Camp Pendleton into San Clemente.

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GGT will also be taking delivery of 23 new 45-foot MCI coaches this summer. These 23 plus the 7 hybrids will replace the last ten 1300 series single door RTS and 20 of the repowered TMC RTSs (high 1100 and 1200s).

July 1st will bring the next five percent fare increase on both buses and ferries, part of a five-year transit fare increase program adopted by the **GGBHTD** Board in 2006. Discount programs for regular riders, elderly, disabled and youth will remain in effect but based on the new prices. Fares for travel locally within Marin County (set by **MARIN TRANSIT**) will remain unchanged at $2.00 for adults and /$1.00 for other rider groups.

GGT fares are based on a six zone system beginning in San Francisco (Zone 1) and ending in Sonoma County (Zone 6) plus the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge service (Routes 40 and 42 between San Rafael and Richmond which will now cost $4.15).

The San Francisco-Santa Rosa one-way cash fare will be $9.70. Ferry cash fares between both Sausalito or Larkspur and San Francisco will be $8.25. TransLink/ Clipper Fare card prices will be $4.40 for Sausalito and $5.15 for Larkspur.

GGBHTD Directors also voted to increase from Free to $3.00 the cost to carpools (three or more persons) to travel across the Golden Gate Bridge. This charge is one-half of the standard auto toll and autos will need a FasTrak transponder to get the discount. Carpoolers will also begin to pay one-half of the standard tolls on the seven state owned toll bridges in the Bay Area as of July 1st.

Under the carpool toll plan, motorcycles, hybrids with white Clean Air decals and buses will also be charged the $3.00 toll during commute hours. The plan will also gradually increase tolls on multiple-axle vehicles, primarily trucks, beginning in 2011 from $3.00 per axle to $6.00 per axle in 2012.

Directors also approved a series of service reductions, starting in September, affecting nine routes *(WT 1/10)*.

Changes include discontinuing the Lagunitas-Fairfax/ Manor segment of 24-LAGUNITAS-FAIRFAX-SAN FRANCISCO and the segment of 58-NOVATO-HAMILTON-SAN FRANCISCO to Sunset Pkwy and Ignacio. 26-SLEEPY HOLLOW-SAN FRANCISCO, drop the Sleepy Hollow-San Anselmo segment and assign remaining trips to Route 27, drop selected trips on 44-LUCAS VALLEY-SAN FRANCISCO and all of 73-SANTA ROSA-S.F. CIVIC CENTER and 75-SANTA ROSA-SAN RAFAEL. The S.F. Civic Center routings on 72-SANTA ROSA-SAN FRANCISCO and 76-EAST PETALUMA-SAN FRANCISCO would be dropped with three new trips added on 93-TOLL PLAZA-CIVIC CENTER to accommodate riders from 72, 73 and 76.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (OCTA)

ORANGE: The Summer Shake Up took place on June 13th and included two reroutings and the first in a series of transfers of directly operated lines to contract operated. Minor schedule adjustments were made around the system.

Line 472-TUSTIN STATION-FDA BLDG was rerouted along Red Hill and Main instead of MacArthur and 758-CHINO-IRVINE SPECTRUM was rerouted, no longer serving the Chino Park and Ride lot.

Eight bus lines were transferred to *M.V. TRANSPORTATION* including 206-SANTA ANA-LAKE FOREST, 211-SEAL BEACH-IRVINE, 213-BREA-IRVINE, 453 ORANGE TRANSPORTATON CENTER-LA VETA & MAIN, 454-ORANGE TC-THE BLOCK, 462-THE DEPOT AT SANTA ANA-CIVIC CENTER, 701-HUNTINGTON BEACH-LOS ANGELES and 721-FULLERTON PARK AND RIDE-LOS ANGELES.

The 18 5121-5150 series suburban New Flyers at Divisions 4 and 6 were also transferred joining the 12 that *MV* already had at D8 (Sand Canyon).

FOOTHILL TRANSIT (FT)

WEST COVINA: In mid May, the **FT** Board voted to close a $3 million deficit by increasing fares and revising a number of bus lines.

Beginning on June 27th, the basic local fare will be increased from $1.00 to $1.25 and monthly pass prices will increase ten per cent.

Two lines will be discontinued--184-DUARTE-ARCADIA and 852-POMONA-FAIRPLEX VIA WHITE AVENUE.

Lines 274-WEST COVINA-INDUSTRY-WHITTIER, 280-AZUSA AVENUE, 281-CITRUS AVE-SUNSET AVE, 493-PHILLIPS RANCH-DIAMOND BAR-LOS ANGELES, 497-CHINO-INDUSTRY-LOS ANGELES and 498-AZUSA-WEST COVINA-LOS ANGELES will be rerouted.

In April 2009, **FT** awarded a $5.8 million contract **to** Proterra**,** LLC for three battery-powered electric buses **(**named Ecoliner) and wayside fast charging equipment for the newly launched Electric Bus Demonstration Project *(WT 6/09)*.

The first Ecoliner arrived at **FT's** Pomona Division on May 3. The bus traveled through town that week including a trip to Southern California Edison for a meeting to discuss a special rate case for the project.

The first three buses, 2001-2003, were in various states of production during April. 2001 was completed and delivered to Pomona on May 3rd. 2002 was 80% complete with a planned June 1st delivery and 2003 had completed prep work for body exterior and interior.

The design criteria states that the Ecoliner will travel 30 miles with full accessories when operating with a 100 percent charge. During preliminary testing, the bus drove up to 57 miles per charge and 41 miles with a full seated passenger load and seven stops per mile.

An Invitation for Bid was issued to cover construction of the Ecoliner's charging station at the Pomona Transit Center plus landscaping and facility improvements.

FT staff is now seeking federal grant funding to assist with the capital costs of buying another ten Ecoliners for deployment on Line 280-AZUSA AVENUE, based at the Irwindale Division.

The federal government has issued several Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) announcements for discretionary funding for capital investments that will reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gases from public transportation systems.

FT will soon conduct a month long demonstration of an MCI Model D4505, 57-passenger bus as the agency begins to develop plans to replace the 1200-1265 series Orion V standard floor with suburban interior buses that were placed into service in 2002. MCI is considering manufacturing a CNG powered version of this model.

The month long test will allow for the bus to be tested on Express lines 493-PHILLIPS RANCH-DIAMOND BAR, 497-CHINO-INDUSTRY, 498-AZUSA-WEST COVINA, 499-SAN DIMAS and 699-MONTCLAIR-POMONA.

CITY OF EL MONTE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
(ELM)

EL MONTE: Beginning June 5th, **ELM** began operating its annual Beach Bus between the **EL MONTE TROLLEY** Station (Tyler & Valley) and the Huntington Beach Pier (PCH & Main).

The $3.00 round-trip service, offers one round trip on Tuesday and Saturday, departing El Monte at 1200PM on Tuesday and 1100AM on Saturday, returning from the beach at 600PM both days.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
(LADOT)

LOS ANGELES: In early June, the Los Angeles City Council voted to increase passenger fares and reduce service levels on the *DASH, COMMUTER EXPRESS, CITYRIDE* and *CHARTER BUS* programs *(WT 1/10)* to offset an expected $23 million budget deficit next year in all the transportation programs.

DASH fares would increase from 25 to 35 cents this year and to 50 cents in 2011. *COMMUTER EXPRESS'* base fare of 90 cents would go to $1.25 and then to $1.50. Zone fares would also increase as would *CITY RIDE* prices.

The revised service change recommendations include discontinuation of six (instead of eight) *DASH* routes including CENTRAL CITY EAST, DOWNTOWN C, DOWNTOWN DD (weekends), HOLLYWOOD-WEST HOLLYWOOD, HYDE PARK SHUTTLE and WARNER CENTER (NORTH and SOUTH).

Routes to have changes include frequency reductions on DOWNTOWN D, EL SERENO-CITY TERRACE, FAIRFAX, VAN NUYS-STUDIO CITY and WILMINGTON, elimination of Commuter Service on NORTHRIDGE, discontinuation of service on Yosemite and Colorado east of Townsend on HIGHLAND PARK-EAGLE ROCK plus dropping of Sunday hours. Sunday will also be discontinued on HOLLYWOOD, LINCOLN HEIGHTS/CHINATOWN, CRENSHAW and MIDTOWN.

COMMUTER EXPRESS routes to be discontinued include 413-VAN NUYS-BURBANK-LA, 430-PACIFIC PALISADES-LA and 575-SIMI VALLEY– WARNER CENTER. 142-LONG BEACH-SAN PEDRO will no longer serve Customs House, operate every half hour until 900PM and hourly until 1100PM. 419-CHATSWORTH-MISSION HILLS-LA will be shortened at Chatsworth Station, 422-LA-SF VALLEY-THOUSAND OAKS will continue unchanged, 423-THOUSAND OAKS –LA will have its terminal moved from Borchard Road to the Oaks Mall and 431-WESTWOOD-RANCHO PARK-LA will be rerouted from the Santa Monica Freeway to serve Loyola High School near Venice and Normandie.

CITY RIDE changes will all be financial — reduce annual fare value coupons value, increase Dial-A-Ride cash fares and increase quarterly fees.

The entire *CHARTER BUS PROGRAM* will be dropped unless alternative sources of funds, not transit specific Proposition A money, is identified.

SANTA CLARITA TRANSIT
(SCT)

SANTA CLARITA: Selected **SCT** fares will be increased in August, including establishment of a Daily Pass at $2.50, discontinuing Local Transfers and increasing Inter Agency Transfers to 50 cents. Commuter fares will also increase 25 cents.

GOLDEN EMPIRE TRANSIT (GET)

BAKERSFIELD: **GET** fares will rise July 1st - regular Local cash fare $1.25, regular Express cash fare $1.50, Regular Day Pass $3, Express Day Pass $5, Regular 31-Day Pass $35, Express 31-Day Pass $40. Reduced fares will be one-half of the Regular prices.

MOORPARK CITY TRANSIT (MCT)

MOORPARK: Moorpark is a city in eastern Ventura County, located north of Thousand Oaks and west of Simi Valley.

The city's Public Transit Division administers five local transit programs that include **MCT,** Paratransit, Senior Dial-A-Ride**, VISTA-EAST** and **METROLINK.**

With a fleet of three diesel buses, **MCT** operates two local circulator routes weekdays only within the city plus a summer only MOORPARK BEACH BUS.

COACH AMERICA (CUSA, CC, LLC) has been the fixed route contractor and, since last April 10, is also the Paratransit and Dial-A-Ride provider, having replaced *NATIONWIDE TRANSIT COMPANY.*

Later this year, the city will take delivery of three, 27 seat, accessible, CNG powered El Dorado National TRE -32 buses, a complete fleet replacement. As Moorpark does not have its own CNG fueling facility, it negotiated an agreement with Simi Valley to use their new CNG fueling station, financed in part by Proposition 1B funds.

This summer, the MOORPARK BEACH BUS will operate Tuesday through Thursday, June 15 through August 19 offering two round trips each day. Fares are — adult/student $5.00 round trip and senior/disabled $2.00 round trip.

The BUS has five stops—Campus Canyon School, Moorpark Civic Center, Arroyo Vista Recreation Center, Peach Hill Park and Zuma Beach.

Trip 1 departs Moorpark at 900AM arriving Zuma at 1030AM and Trip 2 leaves Moorpark at 1140AM with arrival at Zuma at 110PM.

Trip 3 leaves Zuma Beach at 230PM arriving Moorpark at 400PM while Trip 4 departs Zuma at 500PM arriving Moorpark at 630PM.

Passengers who travel to Zuma on Trip 1 must return on Trip 3. Passengers on Trip 2 must return on Trip 4. *(Ed. Note—this arrangement is intended to prevent too many passengers on the second return trip with no easy way to transport them at the end of the day).*

PLAYA VISTA BEACH SHUTTLE (PVBS)

MARINA DEL REY: Funded by Playa Vista and Los Angeles County 4th District Supervisor Don Knabe, the fare-free **PVBS** is operating again this year between the Memorial Day weekend and Labor Day.

Service operates every half hour between 1000AM and 1000PM on Friday and Saturday and from 1000AM until 800PM on Sunday and holidays. Service also runs on selected Thursdays to serve classical concerts at Burton Chace Park.

There is a one hour break in service between 315PM and 415PM to allow for the shuttle drivers' lunch breaks.

PVBS will also offer one-day service on September 26th to and from the Abbot Kinney Festival in Venice following a special route.

Shuttle stops are also conveniently located near seven MARINA DEL REY WATER BUS boarding locations.

SANTA MONICA'S BIG BLUE BUS (BBB)

SANTA MONICA: **BBB** will implement its summer schedule beginning June 20th, including three items.

For late night riders, a daily trip leaving Santa Monica at 1145PM will be added on 3-LINCOLN-MONTANA. Trips will also be added in the early evening on Saturday and Sunday.

The SUNSET RIDE (Airport & Bundy to Colorado & 20th) will operate on a 20-25 minute headway. The normal winter headway is every 14 minutes.

The SUPER 12-NATIONAL BLVD-UCLA ACKERMAN TERMINAL will be suspended for the summer, returning with limited service August 30th and full service on September 13th.

SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL RAILWAY (MUNI)

SAN FRANCISCO: **T**he SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION AGENCY, **MUNI's** parent, recently unveiled two refurbished "like new" buses that are part of a $12.6 million contract to rehabilitate 62 Neoplan buses, 35 standard 40-foot buses (81-8200s) and 27 60 -foot articulated buses (6200s).

The contract, awarded last September to Complete Coach Works of Riverside, is part of the Motor Coach Component Life Cycle Project, which allocates $16 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) economic stimulus funding to directly improve

vehicle availability, service reliability and performance by rehabilitating the buses.

Replacing critical sub-systems including the propulsion system, cooling system, pneumatic system, suspension system and doors, improved service levels will be achieved and the mean distance between failures will be increased. Body work and understructure repair will also be performed.

More than half the service reductions that **MUNI** effected on May 8th *(WT 5/10)* could be restored if the city's transit operators would agree to the cost saving concessions the leaders of Transport Workers Union, Local 250-A, have tentatively agreed to.

The rank and file did not approve the new deal. Operators rejected a different package last February.

The announcement came about three weeks after **MUNI** reduced service levels by ten percent, the largest in agency history, to save about $29 million.

If the package had been approved, **MUNI** planned to restore over half of the May changes on September 4 and all the service by July 2011. Late night service and community routes, like 35-EUREKA and 66-QUNTARA, would be restored first, along with Express lines.

The proposed Operator concessions could save $19 million over the next two years, In addition, the Board of Supervisors, acting as the San Francisco County Transportation Authority, also needs to fulfill its promise to give **MUNI** $7 million in sales tax revenue if at least half of the May changes were restored.

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT (ACT)

OAKLAND: **ACT** has awarded two contracts to Van Hool N. V., one for the purchase of 30, 40 and 60–foot low floor buses (Contract 2001-763) and the second for low entry suburban buses (Contract 2008-1061).

Contract 2001-763 was awarded in January 2002 for 119 40-foot buses with options for 135 more and 40 60-foot buses with options for an additional 60. This contract has been amended three dozen times over the past nine years, sometimes related to buying more buses, sometimes for changes in prices and/or specs.

- Amendment 1 (2002) ordered an additional 17 60-foot buses and three bus chassis for **ACT's** hydrogen fuel cell bus program.
- Amendment 2 (2002) was for 12 more 40-foot buses.
- Amendment 8 (2004) was for 10 more 60-foot buses.
- Amendment 9 (2004) was for 61 30-foot buses including one gasoline hybrid prototype.
- Amendment 10 (2004) was to have Van Hool assume responsibility for deliverables such as training, manuals, spare parts provisioning and warranty administration related to sale of 29 of the 40-foot buses to WMATA.
- Amendment 11 (2004) for modifications to the 5 buses sold to WMATA still at the Van Hool plant.
- Amendment 12 (2004) was for 15 more 60-foot buses.
- Amendment 19 (2006) changed the price of 36 30-foot buses because of changes in the specs and designated nine of these buses for gasoline hybrid propulsion.
- Amendment 20 (2007) extended the contract term five more years and added options for 500 30-foot, 500-40 foot and 500 60-foot buses.
- Amendment 21 (2007) was to order 25 30-foot buses.
- Amendment 22 (2007) was to order 25 40-foot buses.
- Amendment 25 (2008) was to order two 40-foot buses.
- Amendment 27 (2008) was to order 14 30-foot buses.
- Amendment 30 (2008) was to order four hydrogen fuel cell buses for UTC Power Corp for Connecticut Transit.
- Amendment 31 (2008) was to order eight hydrogen fuel cell buses.
- Amendment 33 (2008) was to order four hydrogen fuel cell buses using VTA funds.
- Amendment 34 (2008) was to order nine 60-foot buses.

At this time, the following orders are still open — The three orders covering 16 hydrogen fuel cell buses with deliveries scheduled through November 2010; one order covering nine 60-foot buses (eight received thru March); only one of the ten gasoline hybrid buses was delivered related to problems with the hybrid drive system supplied by ISE. The remaining nine were not delivered as either gasoline hybrid or diesel.

Contract 2008-1061 was awarded in December 2008 for 30 45-foot, low entry, split level suburban buses with an option for another 100. The prototype bus (numbered 4501) arrived in April with the remaining buses due by the end of this year.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION/ CITIZENS AREA TRANSIT (RTC/CAT)



LAS VEGAS, NV: **RTC/CAT** began operation of two new Bus Rapid Transit type services, ACE GOLD and ACEXPRESS C LINE

BLUEGO

SOUTH TAHOE AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

South Lake Tahoe, CA

FLEET #	BUILDER	MODEL	SERIAL #	YEAR	OWNER
3088	Chevrolet	Trolley	PJ504670	00/95	TTD
3204-3206	Bluebird	XCEL102	6F246559, 558, 560	00/06	TTD
3207-3208	Bluebird	XCEL102	6F236710, 709	00/05	TTD
3209	Bluebird	QBRE3703	TF069060	00/96	STATA
3211	Bluebird	QBRE3703	RF058558	00/93	STATA
3235	Chevy/Gaval	Titan	6F429043	00/06	TTD
3240	Bluebird	CSRE 3204	XF090813	00/99	SLT
3251-3252	Bluebird	CSRE 3204	2F206986, 985	00/02	SLT
3274-3275	Cable Car Classics	Trolley	5F219355-356	00/04	TTD
3281	Ford/ElDorado	Econoline/Aerotech	KHA21858	00/04	STATA
3282-3284	Chevy/Gaval	Titan	6F426109, 8538, 9655	00/06	TTD
3285	Ford	Allstar	7DA56308	00/07	Douglas Co
3286-3287	Chevy/Gaval	Titan	8F402422, 593	00/08	TTD
3290-3291	Bluebird	XCEL 102	7F255195-196	00/08	TTD
3292	Ford/Starcraft	Econoline/Allstar	8DB52031	00/09	El Dorado Co
3297	Ford/Starcraft	Econoline/Allstar	8DB52046	00/09	El Dorado Co
3298	Ford/Starcraft	Econoline/Allstar	8DB52078	00/09	TTD
3299-3300	Ford/Starcraft	Econoline/Starlite	8/DB57263, 258	00/09	TTD
3301-3303	Chevy/Gaval	Titan	7F418715, 859, 882	00/08	TTD
3304-3305	Ford/ElDorado	Econoline/Aerotech	8DA86128-129	00/08	TTD
3306-3307	Ford/Starcraft	Econoline/Allstar	8DB52082-194	00/08	TTD
3310-3313	NABI	035.15	9A140200-202, 248	00/09	TTD
3314-3316	NABI	035.16	9A140249-251	00/09	SLT
4017, 4021	Chance	AH-28	YW535109, 113	00/00	TTD

(WT 4/10) in March and ordered a fleet of fifty Street Car RTV articulated buses with futuristic styling as the vehicles to be assigned.

Manufactured by The Wright Group of Northern Ireland, the Street Car RTV is a development of their Street Car concept, incorporating a diesel hybrid drive system for the first time. This is the first hybrid configured articulated vehicle in this country.

The drive system was developed in conjunction with the ISE Corporation of California and Siemens Energy & Automation of Georgia and is based on a Cummins ISL engine.

Street Car RTV is designed to resemble a light rail vehicle on rubber tires, with a slanted front windscreen and large, seamless windows giving it a sleek, modern design. The three-door, low-floor vehicle allows very easy passenger flow.

The chassis is made by Hess, the vehicle is 62 feet in length with a maximum passenger capacity of 104, 44 seated and 60 standees.

RTC will hold a public hearing on proposed changes to the Resort Corridor (Las Vegas Blvd) Fares on June 22.

It is proposed to increase the 2 Hour All Access Pass from $3 to $5 (24 Hour All Access pass would remain $7) and increase the 3 Day All Access Pass from $15 to $20 and discontinue the 5 Day Pass.

The current up-charge from the general residential fare to ACE GOLD LINE and DEUCE will be discontinued.

Fare changes would be implemented on August 2nd.

NEVADA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (NTA)

LAS VEGAS, NV: The agenda for the June 17th Authority meeting included several bus transportation issues for action.

NEW CHARTERS NEVADA, LLC and *SUNSET LIMOUSINE SERVICES, LTD* applied for certificates to provide charter limousine service within the state.

ALL RESORT COACH, INC dba LEWIS STAGES applied to provide charter bus service in the state.

QUILTER SERVICES OF LAS VEGAS, LLC dba QUILT TOURS OF LAS VEGAS filed for a temporary discontinuance between June 27 and July 16, 2010.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

(All properties are located in California unless otherwise noted)

PROPERTY	FLEET #'S	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL #'S	DATE	NOTES
-NEW-					
Golden Gate Transit/					
Marin Transit	3301-3307	New Flyer	DE35LF/AB036881-887	00/10	
Torrance Transit System	300	New Flyer	GE40LF/9B036831	12/09	
	301-305	New Flyer	GE40LF/9B036832-836		
	306-309	New Flyer	GE40LF/9B036837-840	02/10	
Honolulu Public Transit Auth	161-180	New Flyer	DE60LFR/AC036860-879	00/10	
-USED-					
Golden Gate Transit	537, 538	Gillig	3596TB6V92/G1081500, 497	00/86	1
	540	Gillig	3596TB6V92/G1081504	00/86	2
Marin Transit	3060-3061	ElDorado National	TRE-32/8C084169-170	00/08	3
-DISPOSITIONS-					
Napa County PTA	108, 110	TMC	T7J604/FV824035, 038	02/86	4
	115-116	TMC	T70606/JR825845-846	01/89	4
LADOT	96001	ElDorado National	RE-29/SC084102	04/96	5
Chula Vista Transit	032	Gillig	35102TBS50/S1085857	04/95	5
Santa Monica Big Blue Bus	5190	MCI	TC40102A/J3024357	11/88	5
San Luis Obispo Transit	132	Orion	01.502/C5391499	08/82	5
LACMTA	1259, 1307	TMC	T8O206M/NR828700, 748	08/92	5
	1348, 1356	TMC	T8O206M/NR828826, 839	10/92	5
	1425, 1429	TMC	T8O206M/NR829018, 022	01/93	5
	1467	TMC	T8O206M/NR829080	02/93	5
Hertz *(LAX Airport)*	47	Gillig	G22D102N4/V1070001	02/97	6,7
	21	Gillig	G22D102N4/W1070021	01/98	6
	3, 23	Gillig	G22D102N4/W1070076, 078	08/98	6
	58	Gillig	G22D102N4/X1070504	08/99	6
Hertz *(San Diego Airport)*	25	Gillig	G22D102N4/X1070436	06/99	6

NOTES:

1. Ex GET 8623, 8620. Leased from Shuttle Bus Leasing, Inc.
2. Ex GET 8627. Leased from Shuttle Bus Leasing, Inc.
3. Ex South Tahoe Area Transit Authority, same numbers.
4. To Golden Gate Transit for parts.
5. For sale at Ken Porter Auction, Gardena, February 2010.
6. Sold at General Auction in Buena Park on June 19, 2010.
7. Demonstrator at EXPO in Anaheim in 1996.

MUNICIPAL AREA EXPRESS presently has a fleet of 14 El Dorado National TRE-32s with suburban appointments. Currently planning for replacement in 2014, they are considering several options — repower and refurbishing that fleet, purchase of 40-foot gasoline hybrid buses or 40-foot CNG buses or leasing buses.





LEFT: *Hertz 23 at General Auction in Buena park on June 18, 2010.* ***RIGHT:*** *Torrance Transit 308, a New Flyer GE40LF at the Torrance Open House on June 12, 2010. These are GE40LF's not LFR's, as per the builders plates on all of them. Both photos by Craig Barnes.*