



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT



RTD To Integrate Pomona Valley Transit System Into District

Pomona's municipally-owned bus line will be integrated into RTD's system commencing October 1.

"Acquisition of the Pomona Valley Municipal Transit System is consistent with the District's charge to improve bus service in the area," said Leonard S. Gleckman, member of the RTD Board of Directors representing the Pomona area.

Mayor Richard Brownell of Pomona stated:

"I am extremely pleased that RTD has consented to assist us with our transportation problems. With their wide public transit experience, I am sure they will be able to do an effective job in our area."

Four lines will provide comprehensive city service, with a fifth line providing Sunday service to Chino Correctional Institute, explained Jack R. Gilstrap, RTD general manager. The lines will connect with RTD routes to adjacent cities, including metropolitan Los Angeles.

Thousands Tour RTD Bus Displayed At Los Angeles County Fair

The District has spotted one of its latest model 7100 Class buses at the Los Angeles County Fair in Pomona. Passengers and prospective passengers are getting a first hand look at the type of new equipment the District is buying to replace older vehicles.

Bus #7136 is equipped with air-conditioning, two way radio and color coordinated interior. Passengers have more leg room and the seats are more comfortable. Fluorescent lighting inside cuts down on eye glare.

Inside 7136 are renderings of the El Monte-Los Angeles Express Busway, the El Monte Busway Terminal (now under construction behind Division 9) and photographs of the District's downtown Mini-bus operation.

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Byron Cook Named To RTD's Board Of Directors

Burbank Vice Mayor Byron E. Cook, an attorney, has been elected a director of the Southern California Rapid Transit District.

Cook, who will represent the Northwest Corridor cities of Burbank, Glendale, Hidden Hills and San Fernando on the Transit District Board, was chosen by members of the City Selection Committee during the monthly meeting of the League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division. He succeeds Charles E. Compton.

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Construction Begins On RTD's El Monte Busway Station

A San Gabriel Valley ceremony September 11 marked the commencement of construction on the nation's first bus terminal built exclusively for a mass rapid transit operation.

The \$945,000 El Monte Station will serve as the easterly terminal for the El Monte-Los Angeles Busway, the 11-mile, high-speed, grade-separated transit facility now under construction.

Representatives of area cities, the county, the state and the federal government joined RTD officials for the ceremony.

RTD Vice President Thomas G. Neusom; Leonard S. Gleckman, who represents Northeast Corridor cities as a Transit District director, and the agency's general manager, Jack R. Gilstrap, described the project for those assembled at the station site near Santa Anita Avenue and Ramona Boulevard. Also participating was Director Herbert H. Krauch. The location is adjacent to RTD's El Monte Division.

District officials said that the Busway — and its ultra-modern station facilities — will prove to be an initial step in the renaissance in public transportation for Los Angeles County.

The distinctive design of the station, it was noted, is fully in keeping with the progressive outlook and spirit of the City of El Monte.

District officials explained that the new station is designed to speed bus movement, as well as passenger flow.

The passenger waiting area will be centrally located in an air conditioned rotunda, where all bus arrivals and departures will be readily observable.

When completed in the Spring of 1973, the terminal will have a parking capacity of 700 cars with a second parking facility scheduled for 1974, providing a total parking capacity of 1400 cars.

More than 10,000 commuters are expected to depart and

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RTD FLAGSHIP DISPLAYED — Transit-Maid Yolanda Velarde and two visitors to the Los Angeles County Fair are dwarfed by an RTD Freeway Flyer and the Fair's panoramic monorail. Miss Velarde conducted tours of the spacious, comfortable air-conditioned bus, and offers shopping bags to those who shop by bus.

Virginia Rees, District Secretary, Retires; Dick Kissick Named To Post

District Secretary Virginia Rees retired September 1 after 47 years' service in public transportation.

Richard K. Kissick, former administrative assistant, has been promoted to fill that position.

Kissick has served in public transportation in many different capacities over the last 34 years. Since October 1, 1967, he has held the position of administrative assistant and aided Miss Rees in her responsibilities as District secretary.

In his new position, Kissick will act as a member of the Executive Staff and be responsible for administering the many various functions of the Secretary's office, including coordination and preparation of materials and recommendations for the Board of Directors and Board committees.

Miss Rees began her transportation career in 1925 as a clerk with the Los Angeles Railway Company, and later became a stenographer and

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Transportation Corridor Analysis Started By RTD Consultants

Consultants to the Southern California Rapid Transit District have initiated the transportation corridor analysis which will lead to rapid transit construction in the Los Angeles area.

Experts in planning and engineering, patronage and revenue, environmental impact and financing will participate in the activity, it was announced by Dr. Norman Topping, president of the public agency.

Topping said the project is required before the Urban Mass Transportation Administration will award federal funds for the building of major public transit facilities beyond the El Monte-Los Angeles Busway, the community's initial rapid transit facility now under construction.

City and County officials have endorsed the project and their technical staffs have been involved in formulating the goals.

Overall control of the project — leading to the selection

of a corridor or corridors for initial construction of high-speed rapid transit — will be provided by the firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company. The firm began its activities September 6.



BYRON COOK

EVENTS AFFECTING SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 7 through Saturday, December 9
Western Night Harness Racing at Hollywood Park, Tuesdays through Saturdays; Post Time 7:45 P.M.

Tuesday, October 3, to Saturday, October 28, inclusive
Oak Tree Thoroughbred Racing at Santa Anita (Tuesdays through Saturdays). Post Time 1:30 P.M. everyday.

Monday, October 9
Columbus Day, Racing at Santa Anita. No racing at Hollywood Park.

Tuesday, October 10
Racing at Hollywood Park. No racing at Santa Anita.

Monday, October 23
Veterans Day. A special schedule will be operated on Line 44. This schedule will be printed on pink paper and should be discarded after this date. Public and Parochial Schools will be closed. Racing at Santa Anita. No racing at Hollywood Park.

Tuesday, October 24
Racing at Hollywood Park. No racing at Santa Anita.

Saturday, October 28
Last Day of Racing at Santa Anita.

Sunday, October 29
Pacific Standard Time will be in effect. Schedule Letters will be issued for necessary adjustments in service.

Tuesday, November 7
Election Day. City, County, State and Federal Offices will be closed. Banks, department stores, etc., will be open. Schedule Letters will be issued for necessary adjustments in service.

Wednesday, November 22
Santa Claus Lane Parade in Hollywood commencing at 6:45 P.M. Extra service will be provided for those lines operating in the Hollywood area.

Thursday, November 23
Thanksgiving Day. Sunday schedules will be operated on all lines with the following exceptions:
A. Line 31—Legal Holiday Schedule No. 72025
B. Line 54—Legal Holiday Schedule No. 68014
C. No service will be provided on Lines 105, 107, 108, 109, or 110.
D. Night Harness Racing at Hollywood Park. Post Time will be 7:45 P.M. Schedule Letters will be issued for this event.

Friday, November 24
School Holiday for Public and Parochial Schools. School Holiday, Race Day schedules will be operated.

Friday, November 24 to Friday December 22, inclusive
Christmas Shopping Season. Most stores in downtown Los Angeles will remain open evenings until 9:00 P.M. All lines operating in downtown Los Angeles will operate Monday schedules, Monday through Friday, during this period, except Line 95 which will operate Monday or Except Monday schedules as indicated in paddles and work runs.

Saturdays, December 9, 16 and 23
Special pre-Christmas schedules will be operated on Lines 5, 6, 7, 26, 28, 29 and 44.

Tuesday, December 5
No racing at Hollywood Park. School Day Non-Race Schedules will be operated.

Friday, December 8
Immaculate Conception. Catholic Schools closed.

Saturday, December 9
Last night of Western Harness Racing at Hollywood Park

Sunday, December 10
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parade, East Los Angeles

Tuesday, December 12 through Saturday, February 10
Night Quarter Horse Racing at Los Alamitos, Monday through Saturday; Post Time 7:45 P.M. (This race meet is tentative at this time.)

December 18 through January 1
Los Angeles City School Christmas Vacation

December 20 through January 1
Catholic School Christmas Vacation. (Some Catholic Schools will close December 18 through January 1, 1973.)

Steam Bus Makes Debut In L.A.



RTD STEAM POWER — A Federal-State-private enterprise effort has culminated in the launching of Southern California Rapid Transit District's new Steam Bus. Marking introduction of the bus into Los Angeles area passenger service in early September are (from left) Herbert H. Krauch, member of the RTD Board of Directors and immediate past president; Assemblyman Frank Lanterman (R-Pasadena); and Cornelius Dutcher, president of Steam Power Systems of San Diego, developer of the power plant. Testing of the steam engine by the State has shown a dramatic reduction in emissions of hydrocarbons and nitric oxides, as well as a greatly diminished noise level. A grant to the California Assembly by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration of the Federal Department of Transportation made funding of the project possible.

RTD Mini-buses Carry One Millionth Passenger



MILLIONTH PASSENGER — Sydney, Australia resident Mrs. Mary Stokes got at least her dime fare money's worth when she boarded a Southern California Rapid Transit District Mini-bus. RTD immediately nabbed her as the millionth passenger to ride the colorful buses, which have been relieving congestion in the city's central business district. Presenting the plaque is Herbert H. Krauch, RTD director (left). Looking on is husband Bob and Ken Rubenstein (right), representing Mayor Samuel Yorty.



El Monte City Manager Kenneth Botts is given a white hard hat in commemoration of the ground breaking of the El Monte Busway Terminal in El Monte. Director Herbert H. Krauch presents Botts with his hat as RTD Vice President Thomas Neusom looks on.



Division of Highways and El Monte officials receive white hard hats during RTD's construction start ceremony of the District's El Monte Busway Terminal in El Monte. The hats were a memento of the landmark occasion.



El Monte Mayor Jack T. Crippen (center) joins RTD directors Herbert H. Krauch (left) and Leonard S. Gleckman in ground-breaking for the nation's first bus terminal built exclusively for a mass transit operation. The \$945,000 El Monte Station will serve as the eastern terminal for the El Monte-Los Angeles Busway, the 11-mile high-speed, grade-separated transit facility along the San Bernardino Freeway. RTD Busway Flyers will whisk past rush-hour traffic at 65 miles per hour, making the trip in 18 minutes compared with the 35-45 minute auto excursion during peak periods. The Busway is a joint undertaking of the District, the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, the Federal Highway Administration and the State Division of Highways.

Corridor Analysis

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Others participating include a joint venture of Kaiser Engineers/Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall, planning and engineering; a joint venture of Wallace, McHarg, Roberts & Todd/Kennard & Silvers, environmental impact; Alan M. Voorhees & Associates, patronage and revenue; and Stone & Youngberg, financing.

A \$400,000 grant to complete the project was approved recently by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration with the Transit District providing an additional \$200,000.

Scheduled for completion in eight months, the analysis is being undertaken in coordination with the City and the County, explained Jack R. Gilstrap, RTD general manager.

Gilstrap said the following information will be provided when the project is completed:

- An analysis of the specific available transit financing resources at the local, state and federal level.
- A description of the kind of rapid transit system most suitable for the area.
- A determination as to where the rapid transit routes should be built — and the priorities for completing construction.
- The effect of rapid transit development on the citizenry.

Dr. Topping said the Transit District "is committed to an action program culminating in the creation of a major rapid transit system in the Los Angeles region."

RTD officials noted that the undertaking has been made possible by the availability — for the first time — of public fund support for transit on a continuing basis.

Removal of the sales tax exemption on gasoline, it was explained, has produced the monies which now make it possible for the community to qualify for federal matching funds to place rapid transit on the construction track.

Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company's function in project control and systems management will include the refinement and coordination of the work programs of the technical consultants. In addition, the firm is responsible for the scheduling and monitoring of all elements of the effort.

Kaiser Engineers/Daniel, Mann, Johnson & Mendenhall has primary responsibility for the overall technical work including an analysis of the several major transportation corridors in the region in order to permit a determination of the priorities for construction in each. These two firms, Gilstrap noted, will also recommend the system technology for the ultimate regional transit system, including a determination as to

the suitability of using existing railroad rights-of-way for interim commuter service.

The patronage and revenue consultant — Alan M. Voorhees & Associates — will be responsible for the preparation of patronage and revenue estimates for the potential transit corridors.

Once the corridors for detailed study are selected, estimates will be prepared and the impact on the existing bus system will be investigated.

The environmental consultant — Wallace, McHarg, Roberts & Todd/Kennard & Silvers — will be responsible for examining the impact on both the natural and socio-economic environments of the construction of a transit system in the corridors.

They also will assist in the preparation of criteria for the selection of both the corridors and the systems to serve them and will be responsible for providing the assurance that the system proposed will meet fully the environmental goals of both the local communities and the region as a whole.

Stone & Youngberg, as financing consultant, will investigate all feasible financing methods and will determine the level of funds that could be made available from them. Possible funding sources at all levels of government will be considered.

"Were it not for the information developed for the 1968 rapid transit proposal submitted area voters," said Gilstrap, "a much more exhaustive and expensive undertaking would be necessary at this time."

"The community is not just talking improved transit. We are involved in an action program intended to result in the construction of an initial element of a regional rapid transit network."

Virginia Rees

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secretary until her appointment as District secretary in 1957.

George Goehler, manager of operations, in noting her 47 years of outstanding and dedicated service, said, "she always did her best and was never too busy to go out of her way to help someone."

RTD Directors

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PROMOTIONS AND REASSIGNMENTS

In recognition of their achievement and capabilities the following employees were recently reassigned.

CHARLES M. BOLDEN
Operator to Operator-Extra
Instructor

CHARLES V. COLBERT
Operator to Operator-Extra
Instructor

RICCI G. DAVIS
Stock Clerk to Electrician

DENNIS W. DIETZ
Operator to Operator-Extra
Instructor

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Operator-Extra Instructor to
Assistant General Accounting
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ORVILLE G. HATFIELD
Operator to Operator-Extra
Instructor

WALTER HOWELL
Operator to Operator-Extra
Instructor

JESSE L. MILEY
Stock Clerk to
Shipping Clerk

GILBERT C. MONCIVAIS
Operator to Operator-Extra
Instructor

MICHAEL D. WHITE
Operator to Operator-Extra
Instructor

RETIREMENTS

Climaxing many years of work in the field of public transportation, the following District employees recently retired:

ROBERT S. BYRNES
Operator
Emp. 12-11-45/RETIRED: 9-2-72
Years of Service: 26

OLIVER H. HEDGE
Operator
Emp. 3-10-45/RETIRED: 8-31-72
Years of Service: 27

ELMO D. LOY
Operator
Emp. 7-29-43/RETIRED: 9-3-72
Years of Service: 29

CHARLES F. MILLER
Operator
Emp. 11-16-48/RETIRED 9-3-72
Years of Service: 23

SHIRLEY E. NUTTER
Operator
Emp. 6-29-45/RETIRED: 9-1-72
Years of Service: 27

VIRGINIA L. REES
Secretary
Emp. 6-16-25/RETIRED: 9-1-72
Years of Service: 47

WILLARD M. STEVENSON
Operator
Emp. 4-27-34/RETIRED: 9-2-72
Years of Service: 38

VITAL STATISTICS

In memorium to employees who have devoted much of their lifetime in a profession designed to move people.

WILLIAM K. BARHAM
Operator
8-22-72/RETIRED: 11-1-69
Years of Service: 26

ROBERT B. BIGGS
Mechanic "A"
8-14-72/RETIRED: 10-27-65
Years of Service: 20

ROBERT RIGBY
Cabinet Maker
8-23-72/RETIRED: 6-1-70
Years of Service: 17

LOUIS N. SQUIRES
Operator
8-18-72/RETIRED: 6-1-69
Years of Service: 23

JAMES P. TRAINOR
Operator
8-16-72/RETIRED: 11-1-66
Years of Service: 23

JOSEPH L. TURNBOW
Operator
8-24-72/RETIRED: 10-1-66
Years of Service: 24

District Board Votes Purchase Of 219 New Buses

Southern California Rapid Transit District directors have authorized the purchase of 219 new, ultramodern air conditioned buses for Los Angeles area public transit service.

Costing \$9,422,311, the new buses will be delivered in the spring of 1973 for use on the El Monte-Los Angeles Busway, now under construction, and to replace older transit vehicles now in service.

The buses are being purchased from the General Motors Corporation and the Flexible Company

Line Changes

Line 19

The routes of Line 19 and Line 119 were combined September 11 and are known as Line 19, operating out of Division 10.

Monday through Friday, through trips operate along Foothill Blvd. in the La Canada area providing a direct service between Glendale-Montrose and Pasadena. There was no other change in the present routes.

There also is no change in the present Saturday service between Glendale and La Canada. No Saturday service is being operated between Pasadena and La Canada. No service will be operated on Sundays or Holidays, except a special schedule will be operated on New Year's Day between Pasadena and the Rose Bowl.

Thousands Tour

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Three Community relations representatives are on hand on rotating schedules to answer questions regarding the District with two attractive Transit Maids handing out shopping bags promoting RTD's ExtraCar.

To date over 50,000 interested citizens have toured Bus 7136 with an additional 75,000 expected to tour the bus before the Fair's end on October 1.

Byron Cook

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A Southern Californian for more than 27 years and a resident of Burbank for 16 years, Cook has participated in professional, community and civic activities.

A member of the Burbank City Council since 1971, the new transit agency director is a Rotarian and has been active in the March of Dimes, among other functions.

Cook's professional affiliations include the California and American Trial Lawyers Association, the Burbank Bar Association, the Valley Criminal Bar Association and the American Judicature Society.

The Northwest Corridor transit director resides in Burbank with Mrs. Cook and the couple's two children.

Construction Begins

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arrive at the terminal daily, Gilstrap said.

The District also will build a new bus maintenance facility adjacent to the new terminal, providing speedy, modern and efficient maintenance services for transit vehicles operating on the Busway and on local feeder bus lines.

Being built at a cost of approximately \$53 million, the Busway is a joint undertaking of the Rapid Transit District, the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, the Federal Highway Administration, and the State of California's Division of Highways.

The new, high-speed transit operation will offer a truly competitive alternative to congestion in the areas of speed, comfort and convenience, transit officials noted.

The Busway will consist of in-bound and out-bound exclusive express lanes for high-speed bus travel along the San Bernardino Freeway between Mission Road in Los Angeles and the El Monte terminal at Santa Anita Avenue. For the most part, the lanes will occupy part of the Southern Pacific right-of-way.

AUGUST OPERATOR OF THE MONTH



OPERATOR OF THE MONTH—RTD's operator Charles T. Burris (right) receives plaque as August "Operator of the Month" from Herbert H. Krauch, RTD director. Burris, a resident of the West Adams area in Los Angeles, has distinguished himself by his safety record and his regard for his passengers, especially the aged. He has devoted a quarter of a century to transportation.



CURBSIDE CHAT—Vi Stevens, who likes to scoot around downtown Los Angeles in RTD's colorful Mini-buses, describes her delight with the pleasant 10-cent ride to Los Angeles Times columnist Art Seidenbaum (left) and Charles Champlin. The three were filming a segment of KCET's "Citywatchers". The vehicles have been relieving congestion in the dense business and commercial center.

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