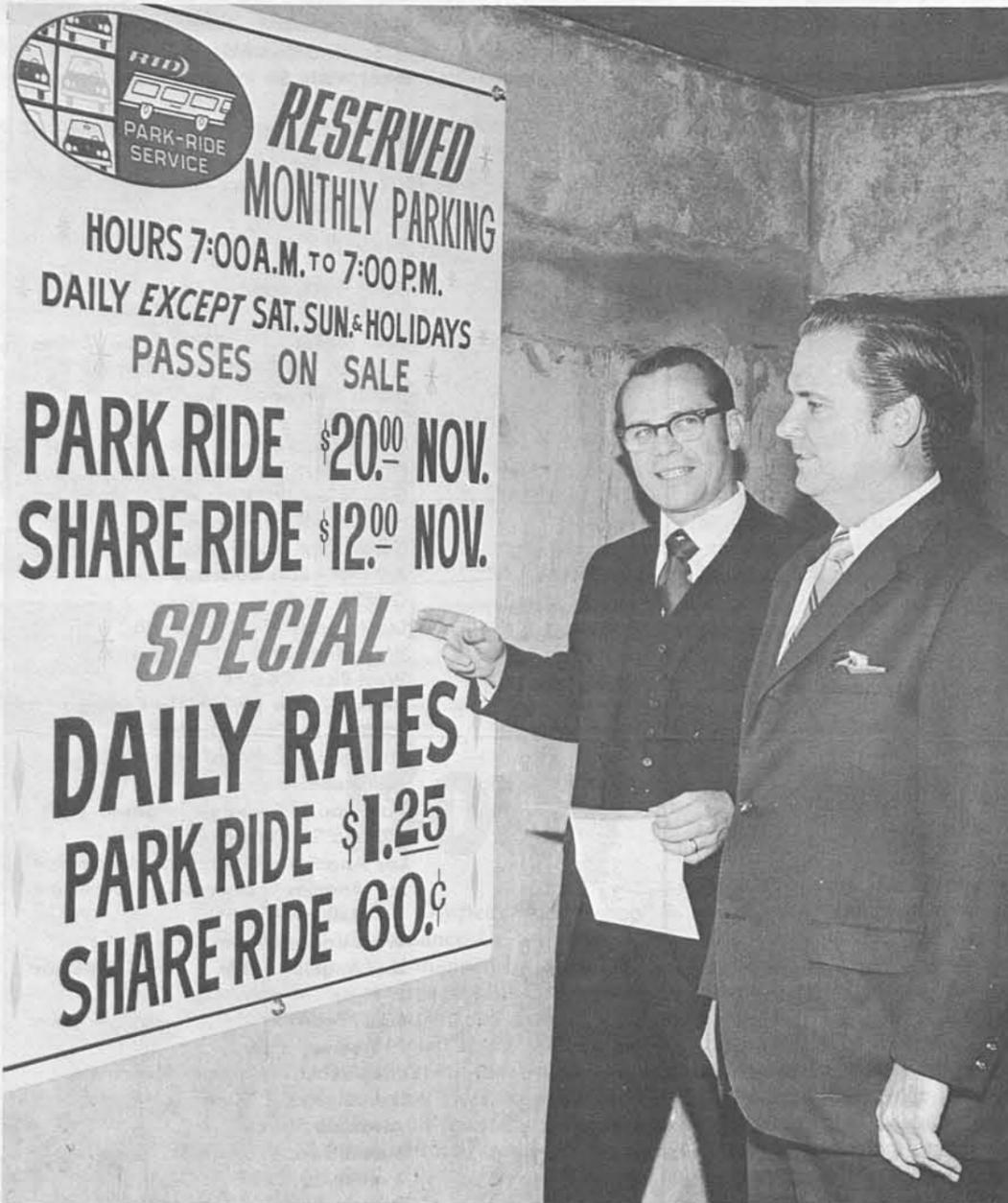




SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT

PUBLIC FUND SUPPORT FOR RTD ASSURED WITH SIGNING OF SB 325



PARK-RIDE FACILITY AT CONVENTION CENTER—Jack R. Gilstrap, RTD general manager shows Lod Cook, Atlantic Richfield vice president, through the park-ride facility at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Cook is chairman of the Minibus and Peripheral Parking Task Force Committee of the Public Transportation Committee of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce.

Funds Earmarked To Help Transit Systems Maintain And Improve Service

An ongoing effort to secure permanent public fund support for transit has culminated in the passage of public transit funding legislation at the current session of the California legislature.

Governor Reagan on November 4, signed into law Senate Bill 325, which removes gasoline from its sales-tax-exempt status and earmarks the receipts for the benefit of public transit, city and county roads and the general funds of cities and counties.

Dr. Norman Topping, RTD president, said the emergence of SB 325 into law is a "tribute to leadership in the Legislature and Governor Reagan."

Speaking in behalf of the 11-member Transit District Board of Directors, Dr. Topping added that the signing of the measure by the Governor "speaks to the state-wide support for the measure. RTD vigorously supported the bill."

A host of diversified groups and individuals strongly endorsed the need for the legislation, which was introduced by Senate President Pro-tem James R. Mills and co-authored by Assemblyman Wadie P. Deddeh, chairman of the lower house's Transportation Committee, and Senator Alfred E. Alquist.

In signing the bill, the Governor said "it will enable local officials to accelerate their efforts in developing comprehensive and balanced transportation systems."

Author Mills termed his successful bill "unquestionably

the greatest accomplishment of this legislative session."

"The hundreds of individuals and groups throughout the state who vigorously worked in behalf of transit financing legislation are to be thanked for their contributions to an improved way of life in the form of greater mobility, along with other benefits," said Jack R. Gilstrap, RTD general manager.

Gilstrap added:

"The Governor and the members of the Legislature have responded to numerous appeals from government, business and civic groups that it is imperative public transit be placed on a firm financial footing.

"Most assuredly, the passage of the bill marks a breakthrough in the effort to achieve balanced transportation.

"Our Legislators, to their credit, responded to the wishes of the people for a way out of the daily sigalert-maze and pollution-enveloped skies."

Those supporting the bill included the Governor Reagan-appointed California State Transportation Board, the California State Chamber of Commerce, the City and County of Los Angeles, the Automobile Club of Southern California, the California Retailers Association, the Associated General Contractors, and the statewide and Los Angeles County Division, League of California Cities, as well as major oil companies.

In urging the Governor to sign the bill, Los Angeles Mayor Samuel W. Yorty said:

"We must face up to the public nature of transportation and recognize that an adequate system requires the support of the entire community which will, in turn, reap the

Mayor Reappoints Topping To Board

Dr. Norman Topping, president of RTD, has been reappointed to the board of directors for another four-year term by Mayor Sam Yorty.

Dr. Topping has been a director with RTD since the agency was formed in 1964 and has long been dedicated to the improvement of public transportation in the Los Angeles area.

In addition to his duties as president of the Board, Dr. Topping is chancellor and former president of the University of Southern California. He has served as chairman of the former Citizens' Rapid Transit Action Committee, and is active in many professional, civic and business organizations.

A Letter From The General Manager

Dear Fellow Employees:

On November 4, 1971, Governor Reagan signed into law Senate Bill 325 which enables the continued growth and development of public transit in California.

Never before has there been such widespread community support for our Rapid Transit District. Tremendous efforts were exerted by civic leaders and individual citizens to convince the Legislature and the Governor that this measure was vital to the District and the community. The only reason we received such support was because these people believe in the need for good public transit and our agency's ability to provide this service.

This trust in the District is based on the work of

dedicated RTD employees, such as yourself. Whether you are an operator in daily contact with our patrons, or behind the scenes as a mechanic or a clerk, you can take pride in knowing that you played an important part in building this confidence.

By way of general explanation, Senate Bill 325, authored by Senator James R. Mills, applies the general sales tax to gasoline statewide. This raises about \$150 million statewide, of which roughly \$30 million goes to the cities and counties for general fund help and approximately \$120 million becomes available for transit in urban areas and for streets and roads in our State's rural counties.

The amount each county

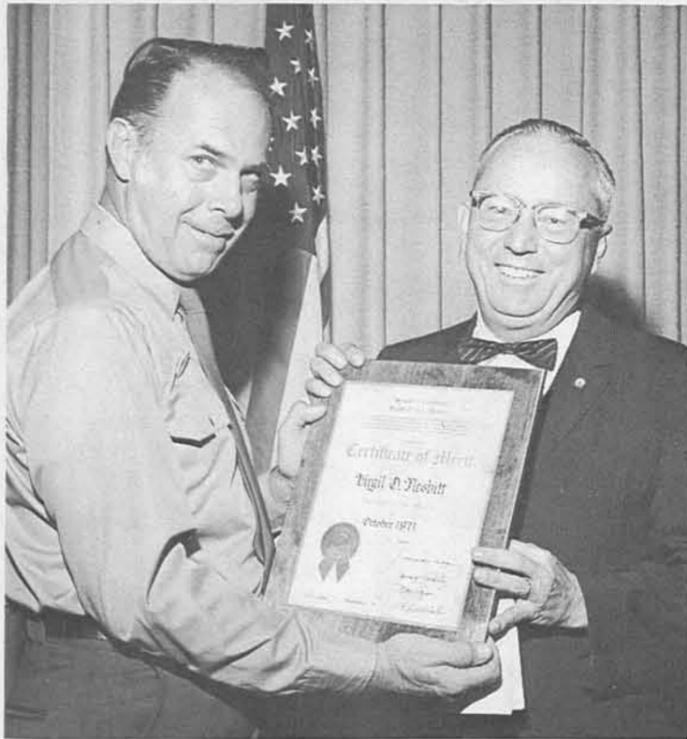
gets is based upon the sales tax generated in that county. Los Angeles County should receive about \$43 million annually for transit. RTD may be able to claim up to \$35 million a year of this, and the eight municipal operators in the county will share the other \$8 million a year.

All of this occurs by way of some rather complicated changes that SB 325 makes in our statewide sales tax law. Essentially what happens is that the overall sales tax remains at 5%. The State's current 4% share of the 5% is reduced to 3¾% (which, however, makes no change in the actual dollars the State receives, since the 3¾% is applied to the larger base which now includes

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October Operator Of The Month



COURTESY SALUTE—RTD Operator Virgil O. Nesbitt (left), of Burbank, was honored by the District's Board of Directors as RTD's October "Operator of the Month." Director Jay B. Price presents the award plaque. Nesbitt a 24-year veteran of public transit service also holds a 20-year safe driving award pin. He was selected for the award following his nomination by one of his passengers on Line 39 which services Los Angeles-Glendale-Burbank. The letter nominating him observed his "courteous and cheerful" attitude during the recent 100 degree heat wave. "He treated all his riders as if they were VIP's and did not let the heat or awkward circumstances bother him—even the youngsters took to him."

Natural Gas Bus Goes To Fair



DISTRICT DISPLAYS NATURAL GAS BUS AT FAIR—RTD Instructor John Kimbell hosted visitors aboard the District's natural gas bus at Compton's Science and Industry Fair. Youngsters not only enjoyed their tour of the bus but the black helium filled balloons given them by Kimbell.



LOOKING AT TOMORROW—Among the numerous displays at the recent Compton Science and Industry Fair, sponsored by the Cultural Economic, Youth, Sports and Academic Foundation (CEYSAF) was the District's natural gas bus. Shown discussing a major ecology project and transportation problems are (from left): Jess Arnold, CEYSAF president; Howard Edwards, Compton city manager; Donna Freudenberg, director of Lueders Park; Wilbur C. Miller, Jr., RTD public information department; Brock Davis, center-fielder for the Chicago Cubs; and Orvill Anderson, chairman of the Compton Science and Industry Fair. Five thousand black helium-filled balloons were given away by RTD during the four-day fair.

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benefits of less congestion, reduced pollution and alternative means of travel."

Among those in County government favoring the new revenue source for transit was Supervisor Ernest E. Debs, who declared;

"The members of the Legislature have properly recognized the need for public fund support for transit. It is a fact that the major cause of air pollution is the automobile. For this, among other reasons, there is sufficient cause to tax gas in order to provide improved public transportation with resulting environmental benefits."

The business community's viewpoint was expressed, by among others, Philip E. Walsh, president of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, who told Governor Reagan:

"... we are pressing for the measure in order to assure the continuance of the present Southern California bus system, improvement programs, and supply new capital for the development of an area-wide rapid transit system.

"... we see SB 325 as necessary, and long overdue, towards furnishing the funds to provide truly balanced transportation for people and goods throughout the area."

In Los Angeles County, the availability of funds will benefit RTD and municipally-owned bus lines in Commerce, Culver City, Gardena, Long Beach, Montebello, Pomona, Santa Monica and Torrance.

The District will be able to continue its ongoing transit improvement and expansive program, as well as its innovative projects, such as the El Monte-Los Angeles Busway, an effort now being implemented.

In including gasoline as among the items subject to the general sales tax, the Legislature changed the formula for allocating the 5 per cent sales tax.

Henceforth, the state will receive 3¾ per cent of all receipts. Counties will receive 1¼ per cent of the funds to be used for transit.

SCRTD Blood Bank Needs Donors

Many RTD employees and their families needed blood this year and the blood was available—in the SCRTD Blood Bank.

Today, this blood reserve is nearly depleted. More blood is needed if the blood bank is to continue its good work.

Anyone interested in giving blood should contact a local American Cross Center or the Los Angeles Regional Blood Center at 1130 South Vermont Avenue.

When donating, tell the Red Cross representative that you are a member of a participating group—the SCRTD Blood Bank, and that blood will be credited to the District's blood bank.

141 Lines Serve RTD's Four County Operating Area

There are 141 lines serving the District's four county bus service. These lines are listed below in answer to requests by employees. Also listed are the divisions from which the lines operate.

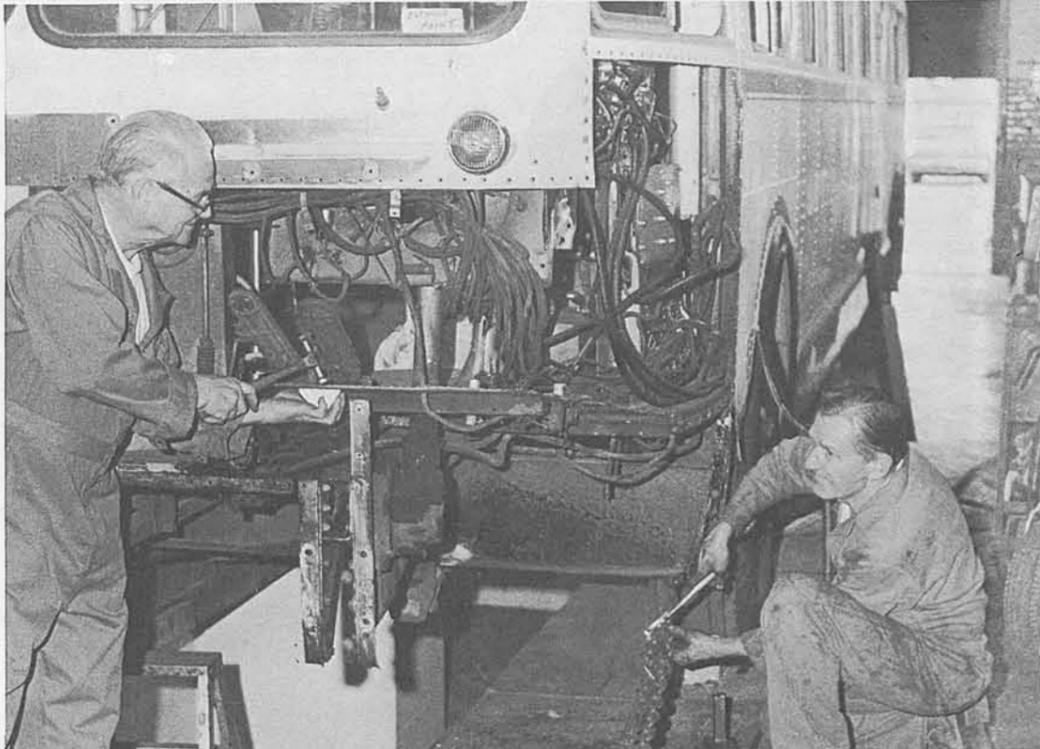
Three of the lines below are seasonal and are used only at specific times of the year, but are carried in stock. There are 127 (summer service to Marineland), 177 (Dodger Stadium) and 178 (Anaheim Stadium).

LINE	DIVISION	NAME OF LINE
2	1	Brooklyn & Hooper Ave.
3	1-7	West Sixth & Central Ave.
4	6-7	Melrose - West Olympic
5	3-5	Hawthorne - Union Station
6	3-5	South Vermont - Highland Park
7	2-3	Eagle Rock - South Broadway
8	5	West 54th St. - North Main St.
9	1-5	West Jefferson - Huntington Park - South Gate - Hollydale
10	4	West 48th St. - Inglewood - Prairie Ave.
11	9	San Gabriel Blvd. - Atlantic Blvd. - East L.A.
12	2	West Washington Blvd. - North Broadway
13	6	El Segundo - Playa Del Rey-Culver City
14	8	North Hollywood - Burbank - Valley Plaza
15	8	San Fernando - Olive View Sanatorium - U.S. Veterans Hospital
16	8	North Hollywood - Sun Valley - Canoga Park
17	9	New Ave. - Fremont Ave. - East L.A.
18	2	East Jefferson - Coliseum St.
19	10	Glendale - Montrose - La Canada
20	10	East Glenoaks - Kenneth Rd.
21	7	Culver City - Hollywood
22	10	Atwater - East Colorado
23	10	Griffith Park
24	8	Los Angeles - San Fernando
25	3	West Ninth St. - North Figueroa
26	1-10	West Pico - East First St.
27	4	Vernon-Santa Barbara-La Cienega
28	1	Whittier Blvd. - West Third St.
29	2	San Pedro St. - West Seventh St.
30	10	Evergreen Avenue
31	10-18	Hollywood - Glendale - Pasadena
32	2	Indiana St. - Washington Blvd.
33	12	Los Angeles - Compton - Wilmington
34	12	Los Angeles - Lynwood - Paramount - Bellflower
35	8	West Valley Freeway Flyer
36	12	Los Angeles - Long Beach Freeway Flyer
37	12	San Pedro-Wilmington-Los Angeles Freeway Flyer
38	9	Long Beach - Whittier - El Monte
39	10	Los Angeles - Glendale - Burbank
41	2	Alvarado Street
42	3-7	Sunset Blvd. - Temple St.
43	10	Avenue 50 & El Paso Drive
44	2-7	Beverly Blvd. - West Adams Blvd.
45	11-22	Santa Ana - Laguna Hills - Leisure World
46	5	East Florence - Slauson Ave.
47	2	Whittier Blvd. - East Fourth Street
49	2	San Pedro St. - South Figueroa St.
50	5-10	Florence Ave. - Soto St.
51	4	Los Angeles - International Airport - Redondo Beach
52	9	Los Angeles - Alhambra - Temple City
53	9	Los Angeles - El Monte - Pomona
54	4	South Gate-Inglewood-Westchester
55	11-12	Los Angeles-Newport Beach-Balboa
56	10	Los Angeles - Sunland
57	+	Race Track Operation
58	11-12-22	Los Angeles - Santa Ana
59	11-12-13-22	Long Beach - Riverside
60	9-11-13	Los Angeles - Pomona - Riverside - San Bernardino - Redlands
61	9-12	Long Beach-Atlantic Blvd.-Pasadena
62	13	Eastside Loop - Magnolia Ave. - La Sierra
63	9	Los Angeles - El Monte via Garvey Ave.
64	9	Pasadena - Pomona
65	10	Silverlake Blvd. - Riverside Drive
66	12	Huntington Park - Long Beach - San Pedro
67	9	Sierra Madre Branch of Line -68-
68	9	Los Angeles-Sierra Madre-Monrovia - Glendora
69	9	Los Angeles - Hellman Ave.
70	18	Oak Knoll Branch of Line -71-

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Edgar Johnson (left) Mechanic "A" Leadman and Bert Miller, Mechanic "A," remove an air vent from a GMC coach.



Mechanic "A's" (L to R) Jack Chapman and Jackie Byrd, straighten parts on a GMC coach.



Shop foreman Norman Radi (right) checks stock number for requisition clerk Charlie Proctor.



Oliver Walker, Mechanic "A," installs RTD logo to repaired coach.



Sheet metal workers (L to R) James Nash, Art Robey and Curtis McDaniel manufacture body parts.



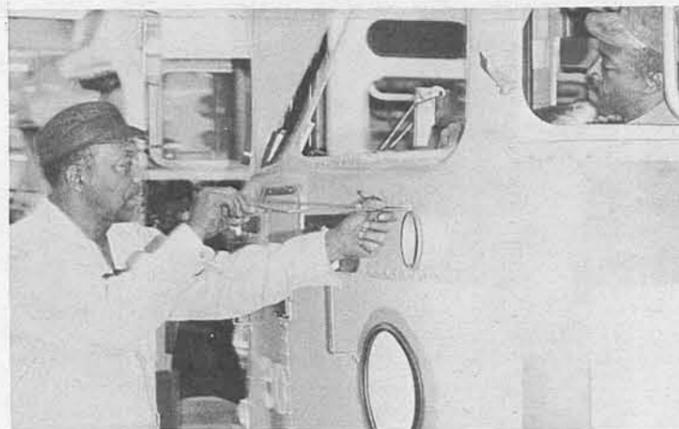
Gino Serrano, Mechanic "A," knocks residue from weld.

Body Shop

The District's "body shop" is an important segment of the maintenance facility at South Park.

It is manned by 14 mechanics and sheet metal workers who, according to Gus Gunderson, the man in charge of South Park, "can repair any piece of equipment we have."

Norman Radi, who heads the "body shop" section, has been working for the District 26 years—over twenty of them as a leadman. He speaks highly of the men working for him saying, "Each of the men here is a real professional. They know every part of these buses and there isn't any part of them they can't fix."



Charlie Moore, Mechanic "A" (left), and Clarence Morris, Mechanic "C," install directional lights on a GMC coach.



Renato Medina, Mechanic "C," grinds rub rail on a Flexible coach.



Overall panoramic view of the damaged coach area in the body shop area at South Park Shops.

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71	18	Los Angeles - Pasadena - via Fair-Oaks Ave.
72	9-11	Los Angeles - Whittier - Fullerton
73	4	Van Ness Ave.
74	8	North Hollywood - Van Nuys - San Fernando Branch of Line -16-
75	3-6	Venice Blvd. - Echo Park Ave.
76	6	Beverly Hills-UCLA-Pacific Palisades
77	2	Maywood - Bell
78	10	Talmadge St. - Hyperion Ave.
79	10	Alhambra-South Pasadena-Highland Park
80	10	Emery Park
81	8	Ventura Blvd. - Chatsworth - Canoga Park - Burbank
82	13	Grand Ave. - Streeter Ave. Branch of Line -99-
83	2-6-7	Wilshire Blvd.
84	4	Western Avenue
85	4	Crenshaw Blvd. - Vine St. - La Brea Ave.
86	8	Los Angeles - Burbank - North Hollywood - Canoga Park
87	10	Ramona Gardens - General Hospital Clinic
88	8	Van Nuys - Westwood - San Diego Freeway Flyer
89	7	Fairfax Ave.
90	8	San Fernando - Studio City - Van Nuys
91	2-7	Hollywood Boulevard
92	11	Watts - Sierra Vista
93	8	Los Angeles - Van Nuys - Pacoima
94	7	Santa Monica Blvd.
95	2	Vernon Ave. - Vermont Ave.
96	4	South Normandie Ave.
99	13	Hardman Center - Casa Blanca - Fairmount Park
100	4	Century Blvd.
101	4	Redondo Beach - Crenshaw Blvd.
102	4	Aviation Blvd. - El Nido
103	4	Manhattan Beach - Yukon Ave.
104	4	Inglewood Ave. - Prairie Ave. Branch of Line - 103
105	4	North American Aircraft - Inglewood - International Airport
106	4	Inglewood - Fifth Ave.
107	18	Highland Park - North Los Robles
108	9	Pasadena - Rosemead - Monrovia
109	18	North Fair Oaks Ave. - North Lake Ave.
110	18	North Lincoln Ave. - North Hill Ave.
111	2	Bellflower - Huntington Park
112	9	Whittier - Huntington Park
113	12	Compton - Whittier
114	12	Compton - Lynwood
115	12	Compton - Imperial Highway
116	12	Compton - Artesia - La Mirada
117	9	Whittier Local
118	9	Whittier - East Washington Blvd.
119	18	La Canada - Pasadena
120	12	Leisure World - Los Angeles Freeway Flyer
121	8	San Fernando Valley - Roscoe Blvd. - L.A. Freeway Flyer
122	8	Los Angeles - Burbank - North Hollywood - Van Nuys Flyer
123	4	El Segundo Blvd.
124	12	Long Beach - Anaheim - Fullerton
125	12	Los Angeles-South Bay-Rolling Hills-Marineland Flyer
126	12	Ninth St. - Averill Park
127	12	Long Beach - Marineland
128	6	Marina Del Rey Commuter Flyer
129	12	Barton Hill
130	12	Point Fermin
131	12	Gaffey St.
132	12	Hawaiian Gardens - Artesia - Downey - Lakewood
133	9	West Covina - La Puente
134	9	El Monte - Durfee Ave. - Peck Rd.
135	9	El Monte-Merced Ave.-Cogswell Rd.
136	9	Pico Rivera - Passons Blvd.
137	12	Imperial Hwy.-El Segundo-Norwalk
138	8	Fulton Ave. - Woodman Ave.
140	20	Kern Ave.
141	20	Ford Blvd.
142	20	City Terrace
176	2	South Los Angeles - Pacific Palisades
177	1-2-3-10	Dodger Stadium - Downtown Flyer
178	11-12	Anaheim Stadium
200	3	Downtown L.A. Mini-Bus Service
201	3	Park-ride Service

+All divisions except 1, 6, 8, 12 and 18

RETIREMENTS

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

HOLMES D. CROSBY

Supervisor
Emp. 12-12-45/RETIRED: 10-31-71
Years of Service: 25

LUCIAN GRANT

Operator
Emp. 10-30-56/RETIRED: 10-31-71
Years of Service: 15

ALBERTO GRIJALVA

Foreman I
Emp. 12-18-42/RETIRED: 11-1-71
Years of Service: 28

JOHN R. HILL

Assistant to General Superintendent of Maintenance & Equipment
Emp. 7-12-39/RETIRED: 11-2-71
Years of Service: 32

Letter From General Manager

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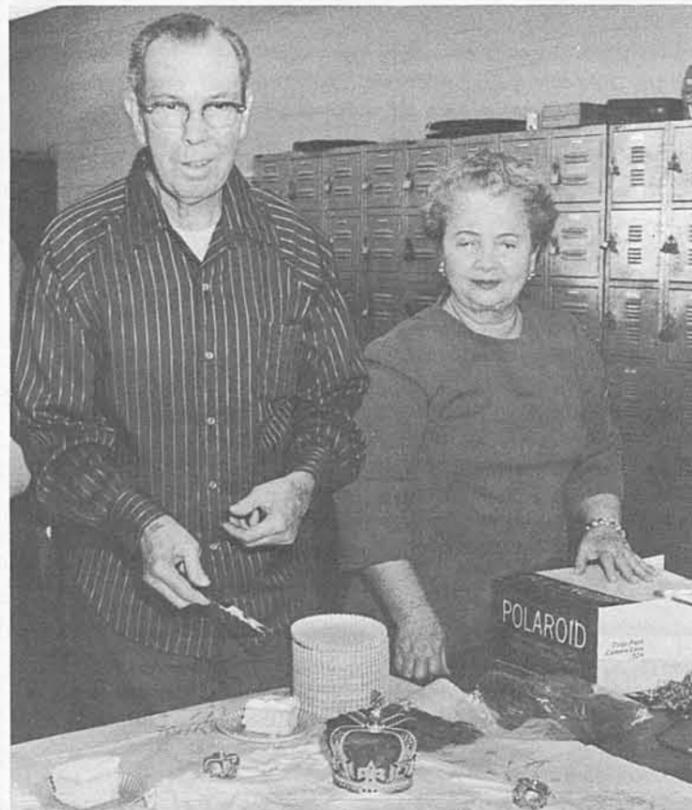
the tax on gasoline). The local 1% share of the total 5% sales tax remains the same. The 1/4% taken from the State share is made available at the local level for transportation. This 1/4% of the general sales tax is what we will be calling upon annually. In summary, the California general sales tax now will look like this statewide:

- 3 3/4 % to the State
- 1 % to cities and counties for general fund
- 1/4 % to transit in urban counties and roads in rural counties
- 5 % Total

With the passage of this Act, we have an even greater commitment to provide improved public transportation service. We have always operated under careful financial scrutiny; however, this new tax money brings with it even more demanding and stringent controls. Of course, as taxpayers ourselves we can all agree this is as it should be. All claims for tax funds under SB 325 must first be approved by the regional planning agency. The Bill further provides that at least 75% of all money claimed normally must be for capital expenditure items such as buses, equipment and facilities. Clearly, the challenge remains — we must spend our money in a wise and prudent manner.

In closing, let me say that as an employee of the District you can take great pride in the stature our agency gained by the passage of Senate Bill 325 and the recognition by the community of a job well done.

Cordially,
Jack R. Gilstrap



TOP: John J. Pujol, assistant-controller-auditor-treasurer was honored October 15 at retirement ceremonies at 1060 S. Broadway. BOTTOM: Holmes D. Crosby, supervisor, cuts his retirement cake during retirement ceremonies at Division 8. Wife Bobbie looks on.

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Discount Tickets

Discount tickets are currently available in the District's Industrial Relations Office at 1060 S. Broadway on a first come first basis.

Information on the tickets can be obtained by calling 749-6977, ext. 269 or 288.

Regularly available are:

- KNOTTS BERRY FARM
Buena Park
- DISNEYLAND 1971
Anaheim
- MARINELAND
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