PUBLIC FUND SUPPORT FOR RTD ASSURED WITH SIGNING OF SB 325

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 declared 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 Senator Pro-Tem James R. Mills and co-authored by Assemblyman Wadie P. Deddo, chairman of the lower house’s Transportation Committee, and Senator Al fred E. Alquist.

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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.”

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A Letter From The General Manager

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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 Districts 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.

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Natural Gas Bus Goes To Fair

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transit service also holds a 20-year safe driving award pin. He
treated all his riders as if they were VIP’s and did not let the
presents the award plaque. Nesbitt a 24-year veteran of public
Burbank, was honored by the District's Board of Directors as
COURTESY SALUTE—RTD Operator Virgil O. Nesbitt (left), of
Burke, was honored by the District’s Board of Directors as
RTD’s October “Operator of the Month.” Director Jay B. Price
was the District’s natural gas bus. Shown discussing a major ecol-
larity have properly recog-
the continuance of the pres-
the measure in order to assure
The business community’s
viewpoint was expressed, by
other than Phillip 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 pres-
area-wide rapid transit system.

“...we see SB 325 as
necessary, and long overdue,
towards furnishing the funds to
provide truly balanced trans-
portation for people and goods
throughout the area.”
In Los Angeles County, the
vailability of funds will ben-
RTD and municipally-con-
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 inno-
vative projects, such as the El
Marto-Los Angeles Busway,
an effort now being imple-

In including gasoline as
among the items subject to the
general sales tax, the Legisla-
ture changed the formula for
allocating the 5 per cent sales
tax.
Henceforth, the state will
receive 36¾ per cent of all re-
ceipts. Counties will receive
1.14¼ 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 re-
served of the blood is
Scared more blood if
the blood bank is to
continuous in good work.

Anyone interested in
giving blood should con-
tact a local American
Cross Center or the Los
Angeles Regional Blood
Center at 1130 South
Vermon Avenue.
When donating, tell
the Red Cross repre-
sentative that you are a
member of a participat-
ing 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.
The first three 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 Marieland), 177
(Dodge Stadium) and 178 (Alexandria Stadium).
LINE DIVISION NAME OF LINE
2 1 Brooklyn & Hooper Ave.
3 1-7 West Sixth & Central Ave.
4 6-7 Melrose Ave.
5 3-5 Howthorne - Union Station
6 3-5 South Vermont - Highland Park
7 2-3 Sunset Blvd. - South Broadway
8 5-5 West 56th St. - North Main St.
9 1-5 West Jefferson - Huntington Park - Sierra Madre - Glendora
10 4-4 West 48th St. - Inglewood - Prairie Ave.
11 9 San Gabriell 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 San- sanovia Cutoff - S. Ventura
16 8 North Hollywood - Sun Valley - Conejo Park
17 9 Newhall - Reseda Blvd. - East L.A.
18 2 East Jefferson - Coliseum St.
19 10 Glendale - Montrose - La Canada
20 10 East Glendale - Kennedy Rd.
21 7 Culver City - Hollywood
22 10 Alhambra - East Colorado
23 10 Griffiths Park
24 8 Los Angeles - San Fernando
25 3 West Ninth St. - North Figueroa
26 10 West Pico - East First St.
27 4 Yermo-Santa Barbara-La Cienga
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
35 8 Bellflower
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 10-12 Sunset Blvd. - Temple St.
43 10 3 Street 8
44 2-7 Avenue 50 & El Paso Drive
45 2-7 Beverly Blvd. - West Adams-Western
46 2-3 Santa Ana - Laguna Hills - Leisure World
47 5-5 East Florence - Stanson Ave.
48 2-7 Whittier Blvd. - East Fourth Street
49 2-9 Santa Pedro St. - South Figueroa St.
50 5-10 Florence Ave. - Soto St.
51 4-4 Los Angeles - International Airport - Redondo Beach
52 9 Los Angeles - Alhambra - Temple
53 9 Los Angeles - El Monte - Pomona
54 11-12 South Vermont - Inglewood-Bellflower
55 11-12 Los Angeles-Newport Beach-Balboa
56 10 Long Beach - Lakewood
57 10 Alvarado Street
58 11-12-22 Long Beach - Riverside
59 9-11-13 Los Angeles - Pomona - Riverside - Santa Bernardo - Redlands
60 9-12 East Los Angeles-Mission Valley
61 12-1221 Eastbound
62 12-1221 Westbound
63 9 Los Angeles - El Monte via Garvey Ave.
64 9-12 Pasadena - Pomona
65 10 Sierra Madre Blvd. - Riverside Drive
66 12 Huntington Park - Long Beach - San Pedro
67 9 Sierra Madre Branch of Line - 68
68 9-11-13 Pomona - Sierra Madre-Monrovia
69 9 Sierra Madre-Monrovia
70 9-11-13 Pomona - Sierra Madre-Monrovia
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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."
141 Lines Serve RTD

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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 Venica Blvd. - Echo Park Ave.
76 6 Beverly Hills-UCI-Palos Verdes
77 2 Maywood - Bell
78 10 Talmadge St. - Hyperion Ave.
79 10 Alhambra-South Pasadena-Highland Park
80 8 Emery Park
81 8 Ventura Blvd. - Chatsworth - Canoga Park - Burbank
82 13 Grand Ave. - Sreete Ave. - Branch of Line - .99
83 2-6-7 Whishire Blvd.
84 4 Western Avenue
85 4 Crenshaw Blvd. - Vina St. - La Brea Ave.
86 8 Los Angeles - Burbank - North Holly- wood - 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 9 Watts - Sierra Vista
93 8 Los Angeles - Van Nuys - Pacoima
94 6 Santa Monica Blvd.
95 2 Vernon Ave. - Vernon Ave.
96 4 South Normandie Ave.
97 13 Hardman Center - Case Blanca - Fairmount Park
98 8 Century Blvd.
99 4 Redondo Beach - Crenshaw Blvd.
100 4 Arlenton Blvd. - El Nido
101 4 Manhattan Beach - Yukon Ave.
102 4 Inglewood Ave. - Prairie Ave. - Branch of Line - 103
103 4 North American Aircraft - Inglewood - International Airport
104 4 Inglewood - Fifth Ave.
105 18 Highland Park - North Los Angeles
106 9 Pasadena - Rosemead - Monrovia
107 9 North Fair Oaks Ave. - North Lake Ave.
108 18 North Lincoln Ave. - North Hill Ave.
109 12 Ballinger - Huntington Park
110 9 Whittier - Huntington Park
111 2-10 Compton - Whittier
112 9 Compton - Lynwood
113 10 Compton - Imperial Highway
114 9 Compton - Artesia - La Mirada
115 9 Whittier Local
116 9 Whittier - East Washington Blvd.
117 9 L. A. County - Palos Verdes
118 9 Leisure World - Los Angeles Freeway Flyer
119 12 San Fernando Valley - Roscoe Blvd.
120 8 Los Angeles - Burbank - North Holly- wood - Van Nuys Flyer
121 3-4 El Segundo Blvd.
122 12 Long Beach - Anaheim - Fullerton
123 12 Los Angeles-South Bay-Rolling Hills-Marineinond Flyer
124 12 Ninth St. - Averill Park
125 12 Long Beach - Marineland
126 6 Marina Del Rey Cammeyer Freeway
127 12 Barton Hill
128 12 Point Fermin
129 10 Goffey St.
130 10 Hawaiian Gardens - Artesia - Downey - Lakewood
131 9 West Covina - La Puente
132 9 El Monte - Durfee Ave. - Pack Rd.
133 9 El Monte-Marcado Ave.-Coyweg Rd.
136 9 Pico Rivera - Passons Blvd.
137 12 Imperial Hwy.-El Segundo-Norwalk
138 8 Fulton Ave. - Woodman Ave.
139 2 Kern Ave.
140 20 Ford Blvd.
141 20 City Terrace
142 20 South Los Angeles - Pacific Palisades
143 1-2-3-10 Dodger Stadium - Downtown Flyer
144 11-12 Anaheim Stadium
145 200 3 Downtown L.A. Mini-Bus Service
146 201 3 Park-ride Service

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

RETIREMENTS

Climbing many years of work in the fields of public transportation, the following District employees recently retired:

HOLMES D. CROSBY
Supervisor
Emp. 12-13-46/RETIRED: 1-2-71
Years of Service: 25

LUCIAN GRANT
Operator
Emp. 10-30-36/RETIRED: 10-31-71
Years of Service: 35

ALBERTO GRIJALVA
Foreman I
Emp. 12-18-46/RETIRED: 11-1-71
Years of Service: 27

JOHN R. HILL
Assistant to General Superintendent of Maintenance & Equipment
Emp. 7-1-39/RETIRED: 11-3-71
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 is 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:

33 1/3 % 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 agencies have gained by the passage of Senate Bill 325 and the recognition by the community of a job well done. Cordially,

Jack R. Gistrap

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
Palos Verdes Estates
MOVIELAND WAX MUSEUM
PALACE OF LIVING ART
Buena Park
MAGIC MOUNTAIN
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