New bus schedule board helps Riders complete transit trips
Information board at Hayward BART
Shows departure times of bus lines

Bus passengers waiting at the central Hayward BART station will know what times their coaches leave because of an experimental bus schedule board designed by AC Transit.

The board was planned as a prototype and opinions of riders will be sought to determine what additional bus departure informational signs should be made by AC Transit for other BART stations.

The first board was installed in the free waiting area at BART/Hayward, which has become a major transportation center, with passengers transferring from bus to bus as well as train to bus. AC Transit has 18 lines going into and leaving the station.

On the board, lines are grouped by bus departure points outside the main entrance. Each of the four bus stop poles has been topped with a colored disk and letter symbols which correspond to disks, symbols and line information on the board inside.

By looking for bus line numbers and matching colored disks, riders can tell what times their coaches leave and where to board without having to leave the protected portion of the waiting area.

Transbay riding on upswing; New lines being added

Transbay traveling on AC Transit buses is on the upswing, showing a steady switch on the part of the public from cars to public transportation.

June showed an 8.4 percent increase in transbay riding, compared to June, 1972, while both April and May showed boosts of 7.4 percent.

East Bay riding generally has held steady.

As a result of increases in transbay riding, AC Transit plans to add two new transbay lines as well as adding buses to existing lines.

Line W-2, between West Alameda and San Francisco, will be inaugurated as soon as increased traffic justifies the new line.

A second new line, Line Y, offering direct service between the Emeryville Marina and San Francisco, also will go into effect as soon as patronage justifies inauguration.

Many modes—More frequent bus service may cut down on use of cars to reach BART stations such as Hayward, according to marketing study.

The cover—New schedule board shows destinations, departure times of all buses, and key to boarding points.
Richmond drivers set new safety record; Become first winners of District trophy

Richmond Division drivers, who set an all-time District safe-driving record during June, did it again in July and bettered their month-old mark by nearly 1000 miles.

The June record was 21,793 safe-driving miles per accident. In July the record went to 22,744 miles.

Richmond Division will keep the trophy until one of the other two divisions tops its record, then new plates will be engraved and the trophy will pass to the possession of the division with the best safe-driving record.

All three divisions topped the safe-driving goal during July.

In addition to Richmond's new all-time mark, Seminary drivers averaged 15,812 miles-per-accident and Emeryville drivers scored 13,704 miles.

The monthly goal for each division currently is 1,325 safe-driving miles per accident.

Death takes pensioners Ferris, Pearman in July

Two AC Transit pensioners died during July.

Levens W. Ferris, who had been a bus driver from Nov. 28, 1945, until his retirement Mar. 1, 1966, died July 20 at the age of 72.

He lived at 1114 Evelyn St., Albany, and is survived by a daughter, Shirley.

Paul E. Pearman died July 12 at the age of 54. His career as a service employee began Apr. 13, 1945, and ended with his retirement July 1, 1968.

Pearman lived at 4028 San Juan St., Oakland, and is survived by his widow, Angie.

Japanese students use AC Transit bus For two-week tour of California

An AC Transit bus was a "home on wheels" for 23 Japanese students and their adult leaders from July 25 through Aug. 8 when the group toured California from the Bay Area to Disneyland and back.

Arriving by air from Tokyo, the group was met by driver H. R. "Rocky" Shore whose uncle, Walter Shore, had arranged the trip. Both accompanied the nine young men, 14 young women and two adults.

One of the first things the young people saw when they landed in San Francisco was a sign, in Japanese, on the side of the bus. The sign read: "AC Transit Welcomes you to California." The destination sign on the front of the bus also was in Japanese and read: "Chartered Bus." An American flag and the flag of Japan were posted on the bus for the trip.

"Rocky" Shore drove the bus for the entire trip, which included stops at farms and colleges in California's Central Valley and tours of Disneyland and the Monterey area.

The young people all plan to enter agricultural college in Japan in the fall and were here to study American farming methods.
BIGGEST "TOUR-NOUT" - Nearly 350 people joined these travelers on AC Transit's Summer Fun Tour to Marine World on July 28. It was the single largest group in the seven year history of the tours.

Fun tours extended to December
Because of enthusiastic response

Enthusiastic responses from riders has prompted AC Transit to extend its Summer Fun Tours on a limited basis through Dec. 15.

"To everyone connected with the tours, keep them up," writes Mrs. Dorothy G. Schatz of Washington, D.C. While visiting in the East Bay, Mrs. Schutz went on six tours and commented, "I can't resist writing to all of you to compliment you on your daily tours."

And from Gloria Bowie of Oakland, "Beautiful, breathtaking scenery. Many, many thanks to AC Transit and staff."

The tours, which began on June 9, were scheduled to end Sept. 16. Beginning Sept. 19, however, tours will be operated Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays through mid-December with the exception of days when the Oakland Raiders play home games.

Among the points of interest scheduled on the Fall Fun Tours are the State Capitol in Sacramento, Villa Montalvo, Fremont Pathfinder Days, the Oktoberfest in Pleasanton, Santa's Village, Frontier Village, the Renaissance Pleasure Faire in San Rafael, and various wineries and historical sites.

For reservations and information on the Fall Fun Tours, call 654-7578.

Warren E. Robinson
To attend seminar

Warren E. Robinson, AC Transit's transportation engineer, will attend a six-week long management seminar in Pittsburg, Penn., next month.

Robinson will join other transit industry people from around the United States and several foreign countries in the intensive program to study new concepts in transit management.

The course begins Sept. 12 and, following 100 hours of classroom study during four weeks at Carnegie Mellon University, the group will spend two weeks touring North American and European transit systems.

The course is being sponsored by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration and Carnegie Mellon University.
At an adjourned regular meeting July 25, the Board of Directors:
• Authorized advertising for bids on roof for bus washer at Richmond Division, on motion of Director Nakadegawa.
• Authorized minor reroutings of Lines 60, 69, L and L-1, on motion of Director Berk.
• Authorized inauguration of two new lines; Line W-2—West Alameda-San Francisco and Line Y—Emeryville Marina-San Francisco, on motion of Director Berk. (See story, Pg. 3)

At a regular meeting August 8, the Board of Directors:
• Awarded contract for 15 two-way radios to Motorola, Inc., subject to review of specifications and bid documents by management, on motion of Director Rinehart.
• Awarded contracts for office furniture and equipment to lowest responsible bidders, on motion of Director Copeland.
• Changed layover point and authorized minor reroutings for Line W-1, 63 and 79 serving Bay Farm Island, on motion of Director Berk.
• Extended sightseeing tours, on a limited basis, to Dec. 15, on motion of Vice-president Fuji. (See story, Pg. 6)
• Authorized attendance of Board members at meeting of California Toll Bridge Authority, on motion of Director Copeland.
• Adopted Resolution 396 governing travel and personal expenses of Directors, officers and employees, on motion of Director Copeland.

Transbus models show
Bus designs of future
An exhibit of three models of proposed buses of the future will be on display in the Bay area during September. The prototype models demonstrate new features such as: year-around temperature control; larger, glare-proof tinted windows; smoother rides; padded bulkheads; wider doors and seats and more leg room for passengers.