PRESENTING...

THE EXPERIMENTAL FREEWAY TRAIN

A NEW CONCEPT IN METRO MOBILITY

AC TRANSIT
EXPERIMENTAL FREEWAY TRAIN
DATA

Length ................. 59 ft., 10 in.
Width .................. 6 ft.
Height .................. 10 ft., 10 in.
Weight ................. 35,720 lbs.
Capacity ............... 77 seats
Engine ............... Cummins Turbo-charged Diesel, 6 cylinder, 262 hp.
Transmission .......... Allison Torqmatic, Series HT 70

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AC Transit takes particular pleasure in presenting the experimental FREeway TRAIN—the first articulated bus of its kind in the nation to be tested in public transit.

Improvements in this new duo-bus represent a deliberate effort to depart from the long prevailing standards of the transportation industry, and to provide a greater level of comfort and service comparable to the private passenger automobile.

Seating 77 passengers, the FREeway TRAIN is able to carry more passengers on a single trip, making better use of crowded roadway space while reducing costs of operation.

The articulated duo-bus swivels in the middle—the rear axle steering with the front axle—permitting short turns and efficient maneuverability.

Designed to provide increased satisfaction to present customers and to attract new passengers to public transit, the many innovations include:

- Padded bucket seats.
- Subdued music provided by a high fidelity system of 28 speakers individually volume-controlled.
- An observation lounge almost totally glass-enclosed with tables especially fitted to accommodate a foursome at cards.
- Overhead compartment for hats, topcoats and dispatch cases.
- Newspaper vendor racks where latest editions may be purchased.
- Large picture windows for relaxing and high-level scenery viewing.
- Three-tier lighting for reading and indirect aisle and ceiling illumination.
- Exceptional riding smoothness achieved by individual wheel “Torsilastic” suspension.
- Mounted wall clock for added passenger convenience.
- Inlaid sponge rubber flooring.
- Two-way instant radio communication between the operator and transit dispatch headquarters.

Passengers may walk from one section of the FREeway TRAIN to the other while underway to purchase newspapers, check the time, or enjoy facilities of the lounge. They will have a super-high view of their travel route—looking out and down on nearby cars and trucks, ships on the bay or a city at their feet.

AC Transit’s latest experiment in efficient, convenient public transit is powered by a new 262-horsepower diesel engine. A new transmission includes a retarder that helps braking action, insuring greater safety as well as speed and power.

Your Transit District welcomes any comments you may have concerning the FREeway TRAIN. Please address correspondence to the Office of the General Manager, 508 16th St., Oakland 94612. Your suggestions during this period of experimental testing will be most appreciated.

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