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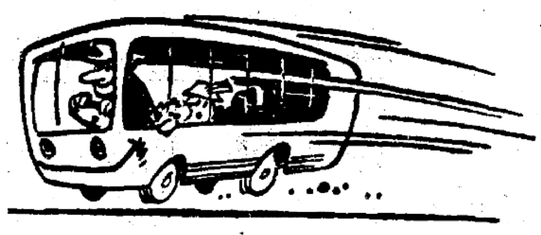
Big changes coming for  riders

By BOB LANE

Some of the most dramatic improvements in public transportation in King County in decades are on their way.

Metro Transit is responsible.

First, on Wednesday of next week Metro Transit will inaugurate new routes and improved schedules and routing throughout the county and in Seattle.

METRO TRANSIT buses will travel more than 1 million additional miles a year to provide the improved service for what it is calling a "New Day" in public transit.

Then, on September 9, Metro Transit will introduce its free "Magic Carpet" service in the downtown Seattle business district, begin using a new method of fare collection and introduce new, more informative bus-zone signs in the central business district.

"Magic Carpet" is the name applied to the free bus service that will begin in the downtown area in a limited fashion on Sunday, September 9, and then go into full-scale operation September 10.

Bus patrons will be able to board virtually any Metro Transit bus in the downtown area and ride to a destination in the central business district without paying a fare.

The "Magic Carpet" service will be available in the area bounded by the waterfront, Stewart Street, Sixth Avenue and South Jackson Street.

INTRODUCTION of the free zone required the development of a new system of collecting fares.

There will be no change in fare collection for persons riding into the downtown area — they will continue to pay their full fare when they board the bus.

The difference comes on the trip home.

Outbound passengers will pay their fares when they get off the bus. Now they pay the 20-cent base fare when boarding downtown and the required zone fare when they leave the bus.

Transfers will be used to identify those bus patrons whose journey will take them through the downtown area. Persons beginning an outbound trip from outside the "Magic Carpet" zone also will be given identifying transfers.

The free zone is based partly on a suggestion by Mayor Wes Uhlman. The City Council provided $64,000 to offset the revenue from Metro's Dime Shuttle service, which will be discontinued Friday, September 7.

The Dime Shuttle, begun by the Seattle Transit System in 1954, has been one of the most popular ways of getting around in downtown Seattle.

Metro Transit also will begin using some new terms in describing types of transit service.

THE MOST common will be Flyer buses, those in express service on freeways.

There will be a Green River Flyer, along with Flyers from Federal Way and Burien, the East Side, a Meridian Avenue Flyer — and more.

Metro also will begin to use the term Limited to describe special-service buses.

There will be the Husky Limited, which will offer scheduled service from throughout King County to the University of Washington Stadium for Husky football games.

There may be a State Fair Limited — for trips to the Western Washington Fair at Puyallup. And there will be ski limiteds next winter, for runs to the mountain passes.

The long-familiar Blue Streak name will be phased out next year, to be succeeded by Flyer titles.

And there will continue to be express buses, those which offer non-stop service on arterials.

ALL downtown transit stops will have new signs for the September 10 beginning of "Magic Carpet."

The signs will feature maps showing a bus patron the spot at which he is standing and the route buses stopping there follow in moving through the downtown district.

"Magic Carpet" should bring faster bus operations downtown because riders will be able to board coaches and trolleys through both front and rear doors.

Metro Transit has had to modify its newer General Motors and Flexible coaches to permit the driver to open the rear doors. They now are opened by a disembarking passenger.

SALLEY said modification to the Flerible buses, those bearing numbers in the 500s, is more difficult and work on all of them may not be completed by September 9. Signs will mark those rear doors which will not be open for the first days of "Magic Carpet" service.

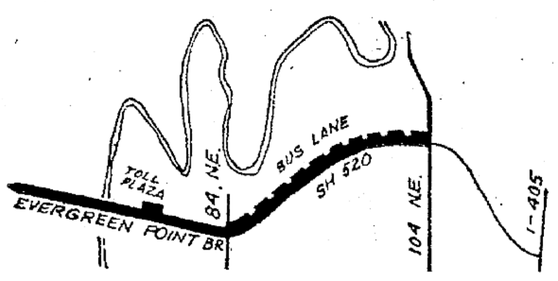
During September Metro Transit also plans to open several small park-and-ride lots, at which bus patrons may park their cars while riding a bus to work or shopping.

They will serve Burien, Kent, Redmond, Bellevue-Kirkland and, later, the Green Lake area of North Seattle.

East Side bus-only lane to open

A new bus-only lane on the approaches to the toll plaza of the Evergreen Point Bridge will help Metro Transit speed new service from the East Side to Seattle beginning Wednesday.

The Highway Department is completing work on the bus-only lane on the north side of Highway 520 between 104th Avenue Northeast and 84th Avenue Northeast.



The Highway 520 bus lane, shown on the map, will run between 84th and 104th Avenues Northeast.

BUSES will run in a wide lane on the shoulder created by narrowing each of the westbound lanes by one foot.

Metro Transit bus operations across the bridge will increase considerably Wednesday at Metro introduces its "New Day" in public transit — a widespread improvement in service and the scheduling of new routes and improvement of others.

The bus-only lane will be reserved for transit coaches from 6:30 a. m. to 9:30 a. m.

THE lane also will improve the operation of a park-and-ride lot to be opened next month by Metro in a section of the East Side Drive-in Theater on 108th Avenue Northeast.

Metro buses will travel an additional 3,500 miles each week day to meet new schedules. On Saturdays the increase will be about 2,400 added miles per day, while on Sunday buses will travel about 1,200 miles more, Carle Salley director of Metro Transit, said.

NEW SCHEDULES describing the added and improved service will be on buses Tuesday.

For the first time in this area Transit schedules will be dated.

Those issued for the new service will be in effect from Wednesday through January 25.

"We are working to make service stable so people can rely on the schedules," Salley said.

Metro will not change the routes or timing of bus service during the lift of a schedule, except to add increased buses if they are needed to meet public demand.

"If the buses we have scheduled are overloaded we can add a modest number of coaches . . ." Salley said.

IMPROVEMENT of scheduling and the reduction of coaches needed for Seattle school service will enable Metro to provide the "New Day" features without leasing additional motor coaches, Salley added.

Metro now leases 39 buses, most of them from California systems.

"New Day" Service improvement include:

For the East Side—There will be four new routes, 254 Redmond - Rose Hill, 255 Kirkland-Kingsgate, 256 North Kirkland, and the 235 Bellevue - Kirkland. Four other routes will be improved, including a doubling of service on the increasingly - popular 252 Bellevue - University District.

Five East Side routes will use the Evergreen Point Bridge for express runs to Seattle.

Seattle and North King County—Changes will be made in the 5 Phinney Blue Streak service, the 28 Eighth Avenue Northwest line, the 16 Meridian, the 48-23rd Avenue and 316 Edmonds.

The Phinney loop will be eliminated and Phinney buses will run to Shoreline Community College, with the abandoned Phinney route west of Greenwood Avenue North picked up by No. 28 buses.

FLYER SERVICE will be provided along North 85th Street, and Aurora Avenue North, with transfer connection to the 5 Phinney, 6 Stoneway and 30 Ballard-University routes.

The 16 Meridian buses will extend their run from North 145th Street to the King County line during commuter hours; they also will serve a Metro park-and-ride lot beneath the Freeway at Northeast 65th Street when it opens later this year.

The 316 Edmonds routing will be revised and will include a stop closer to the ferry terminal. The 316 timetable also will include the schedule for the Edmonds-Kingston ferry.

The No. 48 shuttle line will be extended to Harbor Island.

South King County — Metro will provide new local service in eKnt and Auburn and will begin operating a 150 Green River Flyer to provide commuter-hour express service to Seattle from Kent, Auburnand Renton.

A 136 Burien Flyer will be added to the schedule. It will serve a new park-and-ride lot at the former Gov-Mart parking lot in Burien.

Another new route, the 433 Federal Way Flyer, will make commute-hour trips from Dash Point Road to Seattle along Highway 99 and the Freeway.

New schedules will be available on buses early in the week.

Additional information may be obtained from Metro Transit information operators at 583-4800.

Proposed county health division draws fire

A proposal to create a division within the Seattle-King County Health Department to administer four existing health agencies drew much opposition yesterday.

In testimony before the County Council Health and Safety Committee, concern was expressed that the agencies would lose their autonomy and hence some effectiveness in dealing with mental health and retardation, drug abuse and alcoholism.

THE PROPOSAL is to create a division of health, disabilities and mental-health services. A division manager would be appointed, and the division would provide staff support services in administering the agencies.

Dr. Lawrence Bergner, department director, supported the concept, saying that his many duties and responsibilities now preclude him from working effectively with the agencies.

But representatives of the agencies and others said they believed that the role of the agencies would be diminished. The boards now exist separately to work in special fields.

Councilman Ed Heavey, in particular, took issue with the proposal. He said the division might become just another layer of government, and suggested that an administrative assistant to Dr. Bergner might accomplish the same objectives as the division proposal.

AN ORDINANCE to create the division was before the committee, but the committee postponed indefinitely action on the legislation.

Heavey said the ordinance needs to be clarified. "I see nothing in this ordinance that defines the role of the boards," he said at one point.

In reply, Dr. Bergner said, "I believe we have made a distinction between the functions of the staff and the boards."

Some of the opposition centered around the belief that agencies dealing with separate health aspects would be forced to work too closely together. There also was concern that funds intended for one agency might go to another.

"The mental-health people are not equipped by either knowledge or education to deal with the alcoholic in the confronation stage or early treatment of alcoholism," said Eric Bergman, who said he has been involved in the field of alcoholism for 20 years.

Katie Dolan, who described herself as an activist in working with the mentally retarded, asked whether the ordinance really was necessary. She said that services might be diminished if the division is formed.

An Auburn attorney, Alva Long, said the division might become just another superagency. He suggested that the division staff would control the agencies.

Support for the formation of the division was stated by Mrs. Willard Wright, past chairman of the mental-retardation board, although she said a more prudent move might be to form an entirely new department for the agenices.

General Roberts makes local tour

Lt. Gen. E. B. Roberts, who this month took command of the Sixth Army, visited Fort Lewis and Camp Murray yesterday.

Roberts looked at Fort Lewis' two newest headquarters, R. O. T. C. Region IV, and a Reserve Readiness Group that directs Army Reserve training in the Pacific Northwest. At Camp Murray he visited the Washington National Guard headquarters.

Roberts is based at The Presidio of San Francisco.

Socialist-party office robbed

An organizer for the Socialist Workers Party reported that the party headquarters here was ransacked and a strong box containing lists of supporters broken into Tuesday night.

Police said an adjacent grocery was burglarized, apparently at the same time, leading them to believe the break-ins were not politically motivated.

The headquarters, inside a book store, are at 5257 Unniversity Way N. E.; the grocery is at 5255 University Way N. E.

"We are most concerned to see if this was a political act," said Helen Meyers, state organizer for the party.

Another party official reported that about $55 was taken from the strong box. The mailing lists and lists of supporters were not taken.

Police said burglars kicked in the rear doors to both buildings during the night. Yock Ping Lock, grocer, said the thieves ransacked the cash register and a rear room, escaping with about $30, several cases of beer and some cigarets.

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