

# Transfer to the PACIFIC ELECTRIC

By Wilson Bryant

The self-proclaimed largest electric interurban railroad in the world, at its peak the Pacific Electric Railway operated over 700 miles of trackage in a system that spread out in all directions from Los Angeles, CA. Organized independently by Southern Pacific Railroad president Henry Huntington in 1901, the Pacific Electric gained control of several existing trolley lines, and then embarked on an ambitious program of construction that created a vast network of suburban and interurban routes.

In 1911, the Southern Pacific obtained majority ownership in the company's stock, and the various subsidiaries were consolidated into the Pacific Electric Railway. A line to San Bernardino was constructed and a modernization program was implemented, making the PE one of the most extensive and well-run interurban operations in the nation. Freight service was also offered, in connection with owner Southern Pacific, and over 1000 passenger trains per day departed from the Los Angeles hub.

Like many other trolley lines, the depression had a negative impact on the revenues of the Pacific Electric. However, service levels remained high throughout the 1930's, and it was not until the early 1940's that cars began to cease running on lighter density lines. After a brief resurgence of traffic during World War II, many routes were sold to bus lines, and in 1957, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority was formed to assume all remaining operations. The last passenger train ran on April 8, 1961 on the Long Beach Line.

For several years, the Pacific Electric Railway continued to operate freight trains for its parent Southern Pacific, using diesels as motive power. The company was finally merged into the SP on August 13, 1965. Today, some former Pacific Electric lines remain in service on Southern Pacific successor Union Pacific, but the days of interurban electric cars scooting past on a seven minute headway are only a memory. Small pieces of memorabilia, such as timetables and transfer tickets are all that remain. In the following pages, enjoy a brief trip back to the days when you could still transfer to the Pacific Electric Railway.

EFFECTIVE SEPT. 4, 1944

TIME TABLE 11



## RAIL SERVICE



**LOS ANGELES TERMINAL**  
Sixth and Main Sts. (Northeast Corner)

### Pasadena Short Line

### Pasadena - Oak Knoll Line

Subject to Change Without Notice

**ROUTE IN LOS ANGELES**  
Inbound to Los Angeles—west on Aliso St., south on San Pedro St. and west on Sixth St. to Main St.  
Outbound from Los Angeles—From Sixth and Main Sts. (Northeast Corner), north on Main St., east on First St., north on Los Angeles St., and east on Aliso St.

Schedule 11-11 20M-8-15-44

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Passenger Traffic Manager  
Los Angeles

Above, a 1944 timetable from the Pasadena Short Line and Oak Knoll Lines, which operated until 1950 & 1951. At left is a 1950 transfer from the Los Angeles Transit Lines, which was absorbed by the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority in 1958. Below is a transfer for service on the Newport extension of the Long Beach Line, on which service ended by 1950. All from the author's collection.

010802	L. A. T. L.	FORM T-J OUT	P. E.	<b>J</b>	EAST ON SEVENTH	SIGHT LINE	<b>OUT</b>	1-X 12-X
<b>INNER ZONE TRANSFER</b>								
<b>TUE., FEB. 28 - '50</b>								
EMERGENCY	12 20 40	11 20 40	7 20 40	6 20 40	5 20 40	4 20 40	3 20 40	2 20 40
NEXT A.M.	12 20 40	11 20 40	7 20 40	6 20 40	5 20 40	4 20 40	3 20 40	2 20 40
			7th & Main	7th & Grand	Jefferson	Vermont	Albany	10th
			7th & Main	7th & Grand	Jefferson	Vermont	Albany	10th

THIS COUPON WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED AS PER CONDITIONS PRINTED ON BACK OF THIS TRANSFER. CONDUCTOR OR OPERATOR ONLY WILL DETACH AFTER NOTING TIME PUNCHED AND DATE.  
**NOT GOOD IF DETACHED**

<b>Pacific Electric Railway Co. ZONE TRANSFER</b>												Form T. S.-3	<b>K</b>
Good for one continuous trip to the zone limit of fare paid, only if presented at first transfer point within time punched, subject to tariff regulations and other conditions indicated by punch marks and as printed on reverse side. <b>NON-TRANSFERABLE.</b>													
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	ISSUING LINE	Day of Month
40/1	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	IN	1
40/2	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	S	2
40/3	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	OUT	3
40/4	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	L. B. - Hunt. Park Motor Coach	4
40/5	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	Seal Beach	5
40/6	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	Belmont Shore	6
40/7	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	E. 3rd - Broadway	7
40/8	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	Redondo Ave.	8
40/9	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	Newport Line Local	9
40/10	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	W. Ocean - American	10
40/11	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	Pine E. 7th St.	11
40/12	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	Long Beach - San Pedro	12
40/13	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	Do mingu ez	13
40/14	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	Gardena	14
40/15	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	Long Beach - San Pedro	15
40/16	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	A	16
40/17	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	B	17
40/18	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	C	18
40/19	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	X	19
40/20	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	Y	20
40/21	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	Z	21
40/22	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	N	22
40/23	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	S	23
40/24	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	E	24
40/25	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	em	25
40/26	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	er	26
40/27	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	gen	27
40/28	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	cy	28
40/29	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	Car	29
40/30	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	lo	30
40/31	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	Car	31
40/32	20/8	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	To East Long Beach	
40/33	20/9	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	To Long Beach	
40/34	20/10	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	To Seal Beach	
40/35	20/11	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	To Seal Beach	
40/36	20/12	20/1	20/2	20/3	20/4	20/5	20/6	20/7	20/8	20/9	20/10	To Seal Beach	

Below is a transfer for local service on the Hollywood and Glendale lines, for transfer between the PE and LATL. At right is an interzone transfer between stops on the Northern and Southern districts, which includes provisions for the collection of school and reduced fare tickets. Author's collection.

P. E. Ry. JT-1		155789	
AI		P.E. Ry., L.A.T.L. COUPON	
When attached to contract, this COUPON is good on certain P. E. Ry., and L. A. T. L. lines at connecting points to INNER ZONE. Subject to transfer rules as shown on back of contract.			

  

P.E. Ry.	L.A.T.L.	1-X	2-X
LOCAL AND JOINT TRANSFER			
ISSUED ON INNER ZONE FARE			
Day of Month	1	2	3
ISSUING LINE	4	5	6
OUT	7	8	9
HOLL YWOOD BLVD.	10	11	12
UNI VERSITY M. C.	13	14	15
Highland Ave. V. M. C. LINE	16	17	18
SANTA MONICA BLVD.	19	20	21
WEST - FRAN KLIN	22	23	24
ECHO PARK	25	26	27
SAN FERNANDO V ALLEY S	28	29	30
BEVERLY-SO NSET	31		
B RENTWO OD			
FA IRFAX A VE.			
L. A. Sta. Monica V. B. H.			
SU NSET BL VD.			
WIL SHIRE BL VD.			
Sta. Monica B. H. Local			
G LENDAL E			
VE NICE BL VD.			
SAN VICENTE BLVD.			
SIERRA VISTA -WATTS			
EMERY PA RK			
GARFIELD A VE.			
BAL DWIN P ARK			
LINE I			
GOOD AS SHOWN ON BACK.			
Not Good After	1 2 3 4 5 6	7 8 9 10 11 12	20 P.M. 40
EM. ABC XYZ			

8 38—200M—F600,000 - F799,999

**PACIFIC ELECTRIC RY. INTERMEDIATE COUPON**

FORM TNS-2 F716023

This coupon when attached to contract will be honored on PACIFIC ELECTRIC Intermediate local lines necessary to reach destination as shown by punch mark in contract.

VOID IF DETACHED

**PACIFIC ELECTRIC RY. L. A. ZONE TRANSFER**

Good for one continuous trip in one general direction as indicated on back.

ISSUING LINE	S	6c FARE
WATTS-SIERRA VISTA N. of 6th St.	IN	ZONE OUT
		4
WATTS-SIERRA VISTA S. of 6th St.		3
So. Pasa. Road Mont. M. C.		2
Hill Ave. High. M. C.		1
EMERY PARK		16 Ride
WEST DIST.	IN	Z OUT
		1
N S E W		2
EM ERG EN CY		10 Ride
CAR TO CAR		
ABC FINAL TRANS.	IN	ZONE OUT
SCHOOL TICKET, ADV. CASH COUPON, ETC., EQUIVALENT TO		1
10c		2
Collected in zone punched		3
Good through 3 adjoining zones		4
SCHOOL TICKET, EQUIVALENT TO	IN	ZONE OUT
15c		1
or an CASH FARE except from Zone 1		2
Collected in zone punched		3
Good through 4 adjoining zones		4

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40



IN EFFECT OCT. 23, 1944

TIME TABLE 9

**PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAIL LINES MOTOR COACH**

**RAIL SERVICE**

LOS ANGELES TERMINAL  
Subway Terminal, 423 South Hill Street

**VENICE SHORT LINE**

Los Angeles  
Vineyard  
Culver City  
Venice  
Ocean Park  
Santa Monica

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Sunday schedules will be operated on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Schedule 9-13 30M—10-16-44

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At right, the Venice Short Line was a popular alternative route to the Santa Monica Air Line from 1902 until 1950. 1944 timetable from the author's collection. At upper right is a Pacific Electric Railway switch lock, courtesy of Railroad Memories Auctions.

Below is a transfer for the various lines of the Northern District, including the 60 mile interurban route to San Bernardino. At right is a transfer from the lines of the Western District, which was formerly part of the Los Angeles Pacific electric system prior to the 1911 merger. Author's collection.

**Pacific Electric Ry. Co.**  
**SUBURBAN TRANSFER**  
**FORM T. N. 4**

Good for one continuous trip in same general direction to station or zone punched, subject to tariff regulations, if presented at proper transfer point within time punched.

**ISSUING LINE**

IN	OUT
PASADENA SHORT LINE	
PASADENA OAK KNOLL	
SIERRA MADRE LINE	
MONROVIA - GLENDORA	
ALHAMBRA - SAN GABRIEL	
GARFIELD AVE. M. C.	
SO. PASA.-HI. PARK-MONT. RD.	
PASA. - ALH. S. P. STA. M. C.	
SAN BERNARDINO	
POMONA - CLAREMONT M. C.	
LINE ONE	

DATE	IN	OUT
Pasa. (Union & F. Oaks)		
Pasa. Zones 1-2	1	17
Pasadena Jr. College (East Campus)	2	18
South Pasadena Local Fare Zone	3	19
Mission & Fair Oaks	4	20
Arroyo Verde Road	5	21
Rollin Street	6	22
La Cresta or La Senda	7	23
Fletcher Ave.	8	24
San Marino	9	25
Monterey Rd. (Oak K. Line) Calif. St. & S. Madre Ave. or Rose Station	10	26
Sierra Madre	11	27
La Presa	12	28
Arcadia	13	29
Monrovia	14	30
Alhambra Local Fare Zone	15	31
Alhambra (Stoneman)	16	
Alhambra (Vega St.)	17	
Shorb Rd. Jct.	18	
Temple City	19	Emergency
Pomona	20	Limit 1
La Verne	21	Valley & Garfield
Rosemead & Colorado	22	

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Form TW-6  
**C 800105**  
**SUBURBAN AND JOINT TRANSFER**

**PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY - Western District**

JAN	JUL	P. E. RY.	LINES
FEB	AUG	Transfer Point	TO
		LOS ANGELES	Windward Ave.
		Echo Pk. & Sunset	Lincoln Blvd.
		Glendale & Park	Bergamont
		Bonnie B. & Sunset	Venice B. S.
		HOLLYWOOD Zone 3 Limits	Playa Del Rey
		Vt. & Hollywood	Culver Jct.
		Vt. & S. M. Blvd	Redondo Beach
		Vine & Hollyw'd	Coyote Ave.
		Hi' land & Hollyd	Universal City
		LaBrea & Holly'd	North Hollywood
		LaBrea-S.M. Blvd	Van Owen St.
		Crescent Jct.	Whitsett Ave.
		West Hollyw'd	Murietta Ave.
		Doheny Dr.	Firminant Ave.
		BEVERLY HILLS	Amestoy Ave.
		Carolwood Dr.	Reseda & Vent.
		Canyon & Sunset	Fermo
		Canyon & Wilshire	Circle Drive
		Vineyard	VAN NUYS
		Robertson Bl.	N. Sherman Way
		Fox Film Studio	Lanark St.
		Westwood Blvd.	Broadmoor
		WEST LOS ANGELES	Plummer
		Bundy Drive	S. F. Mission
		UNIVERSITY	SAN FERNANDO
		Westw'd & Wilsh.	Hanna
		Cambridge	Haskell Ave.
		26th St. Brent.	White Oak Ave.
		BROADWAY STA.	Reseda
		SANTA MONICA	Mapleton
		OCEAN PARK	De Soto Ave.
		VENICE	CANOGA PARK
		Limit No. 1	
		Emergency	

L. A. MOTOR	COACH	WILSHIRE	RE LINE
FROM	Transfer Point	TO	FROM
Santa Monica-Ocean Pk.		Wilshire & Canyon Dr.	
Venice Zone		Wilshire & Fairfax	
Broadway & Ocean-S.M.		LaBrea Ave. at Wilshire, Third or Olympic	
Federal & Wilshire		LOS ANGELES	
Wilshire & San Vicente		Sunset & Canyon Dr.	
University of California		La Brea & SM or Hollyw'd	
Wilshire & Westwood		Vt. & S.M. or Hollyw'd	
Wilshire & S.M. Blvd.			

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EFFECTIVE MAY 31, 1944  
**TIME TABLE 8**

**PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAIL AND MOTOR COACH**

**LOS ANGELES TERMINAL**  
 Main St. Station, 616 So. Main St.

**COVINA RAIL LINE**  
 Los Angeles - El Monte - Baldwin Park - Covina

**LOS ANGELES-POMONA VIA COVINA MOTOR COACH LINE**  
 Los Angeles - Baldwin Park - Covina - San Dimas - Pomona

**AGENTS**  
 LOS ANGELES—Main St. Station, 616 So. Main St. Phone TU. 7272.  
 LOS ANGELES—Civic Center, Philip Morici, Inc., 122 West First St.  
 EL MONTE—215 So. Tyler . Ph. Sudlong 89679.  
 COVINA—225 E. Badillo, Phone 16461.  
 SAN DIMAS—(P. E. Sta.)—309 N. San Dimas Ave. Phone 1651.  
 LA VERNE—Orange & D St. Phone 1247.  
 POMONA—4th and Garey. Phone 894.

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 Schedule 8-17 20M-6-13-44

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At right, timetable for service on the San Bernardino Line, cut back to Covina in 1941. Author's collection. Above right, Pacific Electric Railway Adlake lantern, photo courtesy of Railroad Memories Auctions.