

Transfer to the PACIFIC ELECTRIC

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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

H. O. MARLER
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.	J	010802
INNER ZONE TRANSFER			EAST ON SEVENTH	J	L. A. T. L.
TUE, FEB. 28 - '50			SIGHT LINE	TUE, FEB. 28 - '50	
			FROM	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.	
EMERGENCY	12 20 40	11 20 40	7th & Main	1-X 12-X	NOT GOOD IF DETACHED
NEXT A.M.	12 20 40	11 20 40	7th & Grand		
	8 20 40	7 20 40	7th & Olive		
	9 20 40	8 20 40	7th & Vermont		
	4 20 40	3 20 40	7th & Alamo		
	5 20 40	4 20 40	7th & Alamo		
	6 20 40	5 20 40	7th & Alamo		
	7 20 40	6 20 40	7th & Alamo		
	8 20 40	7 20 40	7th & Alamo		
	9 20 40	8 20 40	7th & Alamo		
	10 20 40	9 20 40	7th & Alamo		
	11 20 40	10 20 40	7th & Alamo		
	12 20 40	11 20 40	7th & Alamo		

Pacific Electric Railway Co. ZONE TRANSFER												Form T. S.-3		K			
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. NON-TRANSFERABLE.																	
ISSUING LINE												IN		S		OUT	
Day of Month												1		2		3	
To Seal Beach												To Seal Beach		To Seal Beach		To Seal Beach	
To Long Beach												To Long Beach		To Long Beach		To Long Beach	
To East Long Beach												To East Long Beach		To East Long Beach		To East Long Beach	
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Long Beach-San Pedro												Long Beach-San Pedro		Long Beach-San Pedro		Long Beach-San Pedro	
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Gardena												Gardena		Gardena		Gardena	
Pine E. 7th St.												Pine E. 7th St.		Pine E. 7th St.		Pine E. 7th St.	
W. Ocean-American												W. Ocean-American		W. Ocean-American		W. Ocean-American	
Newport Line Local												Newport Line Local		Newport Line Local		Newport Line Local	
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E. 3rd - Broadway												E. 3rd - Broadway		E. 3rd - Broadway		E. 3rd - Broadway	
Belmont Shore Beach												Belmont Shore Beach		Belmont Shore Beach		Belmont Shore Beach	
L. B. Hunt. Park Motor Coach												L. B. Hunt. Park Motor Coach		L. B. Hunt. Park Motor Coach		L. B. Hunt. Park Motor Coach	
Seal Beach												Seal Beach		Seal Beach		Seal Beach	
If punched above good Within Long Beach Local Fare Zone												If punched above good Within Long Beach Local Fare Zone		If punched above good Within Long Beach Local Fare Zone		If punched above good Within Long Beach Local Fare Zone	
If punched below good Within San Pedro-Wilmington Local Fare Zone												If punched below good Within San Pedro-Wilmington Local Fare Zone		If punched below good Within San Pedro-Wilmington Local Fare Zone		If punched below good Within San Pedro-Wilmington Local Fare Zone	
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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	ISSUING LINE	OUT	IN
1	HOLL YWOOD BLVD.		
2	UNIVERSITY M. C.		
3	Highland Ave. V. M. C.		
4	SANTA MONICA BLVD.		
5	WEST - FRANKLIN		
6	ECHO PARK		
7	SAN FERNANDO VALLEY M. C. LINE		
8	BEVERLY-SUNSET		
9	BRENTWOOD		
10	FAIRFAX AVE.		
11	L. A. Sta. Monica V. M. C.		
12	SUNSET BLVD.		
13	WILSHIRE BLVD.		
14	Sta. Monica B. H. Local		
15	GLENDALE		
16	VENICE BLVD.		
17	SAN VICENTE BLVD.		
18	SIERRA VISTA - WATTS		
19	EMERY PARK		
20	GARFIELD AVE.		
21	BALDWIN PARK		
22	LINE I		
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Not Good After	1	2	3	4	5	6
	7	8	9	10	11	12
	A.M.		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.

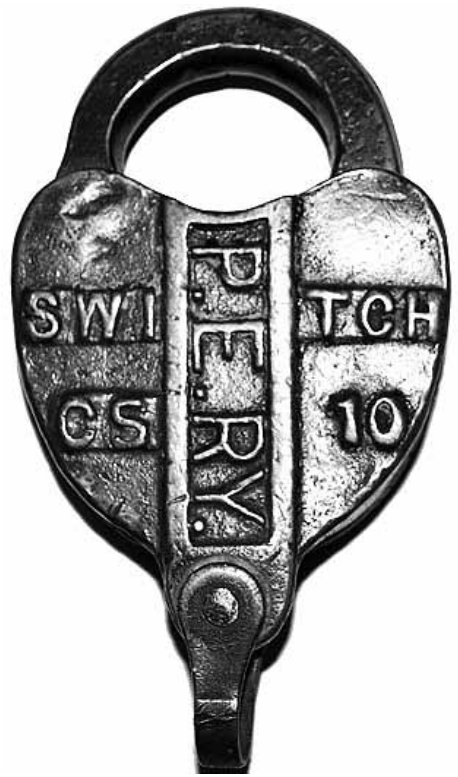
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PACIFIC ELECTRIC RY. L. A. ZONE TRANSFER

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 4
WATTS-SIERRA VISTA S. of 6th St.	IN	ZONE 3
So. Pasa. Road Mont. M. C.	IN	ZONE 2
Hill Ave. High. M. C.	IN	ZONE 1
EMERY PARK	IN	ZONE 16 Ride
WEST DIST.	IN	ZONE 1
N S E W	IN	ZONE 2
EMERGENCY	IN	ZONE 10 Ride
CAR TO CAR	IN	ZONE 1
ABC FINAL TRANS.	IN	ZONE To Fax & S.M. Blvd. <input type="checkbox"/>
SCHOOL TICKET, ADV. CASH COUPON, ETC., EQUIVALENT TO	IN	ZONE 1
10c	IN	ZONE 2
Collected in zone punched	IN	ZONE 3
Good through 3 adjoining zones	IN	ZONE 4
SCHOOL TICKET, EQUIVALENT TO	IN	ZONE 1
15c	IN	ZONE 2
or an CASH FARE except from Zone 1	IN	ZONE 3
Collected in zone punched	IN	ZONE 4
Good through 4 adjoining zones	IN	ZONE 4

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

H. O. MARLER
Passenger Traffic Manager
Los Angeles

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	FEB	AUG	MAR	SEP	APR	OCT	MAY	NOV	JUN	DEC
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31					

P. E. RY.		LINES	
Transfer Point	TO	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 OCEAN PARK		Mapleton	
VENICE		De Soto Ave.	
Limit No. 1		CANOGA PARK	
Emergency			

L. A. MOTOR	COACH	WILSHIRE	RE LINE
FROM Transfer Point	TO	FROM Transfer Point	TO
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

H. O. MARLER
 Passenger Traffic Manager
 Los Angeles

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.