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PTC PROPOSES MAJOR CENTER CITY CHANGE

The PTC and City jointly announced a "package deal" involving a new center-city loop shuttle bus and changes affecting seven center-city surface lines. By featuring in bold headlines the new 10¢ loop bus, the PTC hopes to quietly make major changes in routes affecting many regular riders. Main points are:

1. New 10¢ shuttle bus on Chestnut and Market Sts. bet. 17th & 5th Sts to operate only in non-rush midday hours (and of no value to regular riders).
2. Railroad commuters who use PTC lines at both ends of journey will be entitled to transfer from first line, although PRR or R. Co. was used as intermediary vehicle.
3. Route 20 abandoned.
4. Route 23 extended to Bigler St. and rerouted Southbound on 12th St. South of Susquehanna Ave.
5. Route 32 abandoned.
6. Route 17 converted to bus and extended to 20th & Moyamensing Ave.
7. Bus route 21 abandoned.
8. Bus route 2 extended to Hunting Park Ave. and operated via 17th & 16th Sts. to 17th & Pollock Sts.
9. Bus route 33 to operate on Market St. instead of Arch St. with minor rerouting in North Philadelphia.

The above plans are only tentative, and have been approved by the Board of Directors of PTC, but have not received the approval of the P.U.C. No dates have been set for hearings.

No further word from PTC regarding the suburban portion of Route 6 or Route 46 in West Philadelphia.

RECENT RAILROAD NEWS

Friday, March 29th was last day for operations over entire New York, Ontario & Western Rwy. In financial difficulties for many years, the line finally ran out of money and ceased operating under order of N.Y. State P.U.C.

The ICC has approved merger of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis RR into the Louisville & Nashville. Direct control of L. & N. will be by Atlantic Coast Line thru majority stock ownership.

All Erie commuter trains now terminate at Lackawanna's Hoboken Terminal leaving only Susquehanna & Northern RR of New Jersey at Jersey City station. Erie ferries across the Hudson have been discontinued, several boats having been bought by the Lackawanna R.R.

COMING EVENTS

- Sat. April 6th - Our annual "Dinner in the Diner" followed by meeting in Room 261 Pennsylvania Sta. - 30th Street at 8.30 PM. All welcome to hear George Eggers from North Jersey Chapter.
- Thu. April 19th - Meeting to feature 3 unusual rail films of White Pass & Yukon, Swedish State Rwy. and Peninsular Rwy. of India. The Election of Chapter Officers will also be held.
- Sun. May 5th - Apple Blossom Special to Winchester, Va. via PRR and WM Ry. See enclosed flyers for details. (If you have a friend who would like to go, don't hesitate to notify Bob Abrams so a flyer can be mailed.)

B & O DIESEL NUMBERS

Last month we reported on new numbers assigned to steam power of the B & O. How many alert readers noted a typographical error for the 17 "P" Class locomotives. The new numbers are 100-116.

Diesel locomotives will contain a four digit number, with following code:

FIRST DIGIT

<u>NUMBERS</u>	<u>TYPE OF SERVICE</u>
1	Pass. Road "A" Unit
2	Pass. Road "B" Unit
3	Pass. Road Switcher
4	Freight Road "A" Unit
5	Freight Road "B" Unit
6	Freight Road Switcher (4 Mtr)
7	Freight Road Switcher (6 Mtr)
8	Switcher (Under 900 H.P.)
9	Switcher (900 H.P. or over)

SECOND DIGIT

<u>NUMBERS</u>	<u>BUILDER</u>
0 and 1	Alco
2 and 3	Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton
4, 5 and 6	Electro-Motive (G.M.C.)
7	Fairbanks Morse
8	General Electric

ELECTRIC NOTES

ABANDONMENT...Three little-used lines operating to the North Side of Pittsburgh will be converted to bus due to a street widening project on E. Ohio St. The end is near for Troy Hill, Spring Garden and Spring Hill Lines. INCREASE...From Baltimore comes word that three additional cars have been trucked to serve on Sparrows Point Line (isolated from rest of rail system) to furnish increased service to Bethlehem Steel Co. plant. This line now operates over new private right-of-way as result of mill expansion. SHUTTLE...The Key System has plans for shuttle trains over Bay Bridge bet. San Francisco & Oakland (40th & Pablo) since it hasn't necessary funds to transform S.F. end to bus terminal.