

LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE MODEL SURVEY

Since 1981, Light Rail Systems have been built in the United States. Starting with the "Tijuana Trolley" in San Diego in 1981 with 14 Siemens-Duewag vehicles, many major cities from Atlanta to Washington D.C. and some smaller ones have instituted these systems. Last year, U.S. Light Rail vehicles had over 305,000,000 boardings.

What is surprising is that except for the Boeing cars that ran for awhile in Boston and San Francisco in the 1970s and 1980s, no operating model of any U.S. light rail vehicles has been made since. Manufacturers making cars have included AnsaldoBreda, Bombardier, Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles (CAF), Kawasaki, Kinki-Sharyo, Nippon-Sharyo, Siemens, Skoda, and United Streetcar.

Custom Traxx in concert with Bowser Manufacturing is evaluating the possibility of developing and producing a model light rail vehicle in HO scale. The model would have lights, DCC and sound. Because tooling costs may be as high as \$100,000, this requires considerable evaluation prior to such a commitment. Cars may cost as much as \$250 (DCC Ready) or \$350 (DCC/Sound). As part of the evaluation required, we have prepared this little survey to assist us.

1. Would you consider the purchase of an HO scale model Light Rail Vehicle? Yes _____ No _____

2. If no, why not? _____

3. If yes, which of the following vehicles would you consider purchase?

[Note: Cars would be available DCC-ready and DCC with sound]

a. Los Angeles Nippon Sharyo (Blue and Expo Lines - 100-168) _____

b. San Diego S70 (3001-3011 & 4001-4065) _____

c. Los Angeles Siemens SD460 (Blue, Expo and Green Lines - 200-250, 301, 302) _____

d. San Francisco Breda (1400-1500 series) _____

e. Sacramento Siemens U2A (101-136) _____

f. San Diego SD100 (2001-2052) _____

g. San Jose Kinki Sharyo (900-999) _____

h. Toronto Bombardier CLRV (4000-4196) _____

j. SEPTA Kawasaki Single End (9000-9111) _____

k. Los Angeles Breda (Gold Line - 701-750) _____

l. Toronto Bombardier ALRV (4200-4251) _____

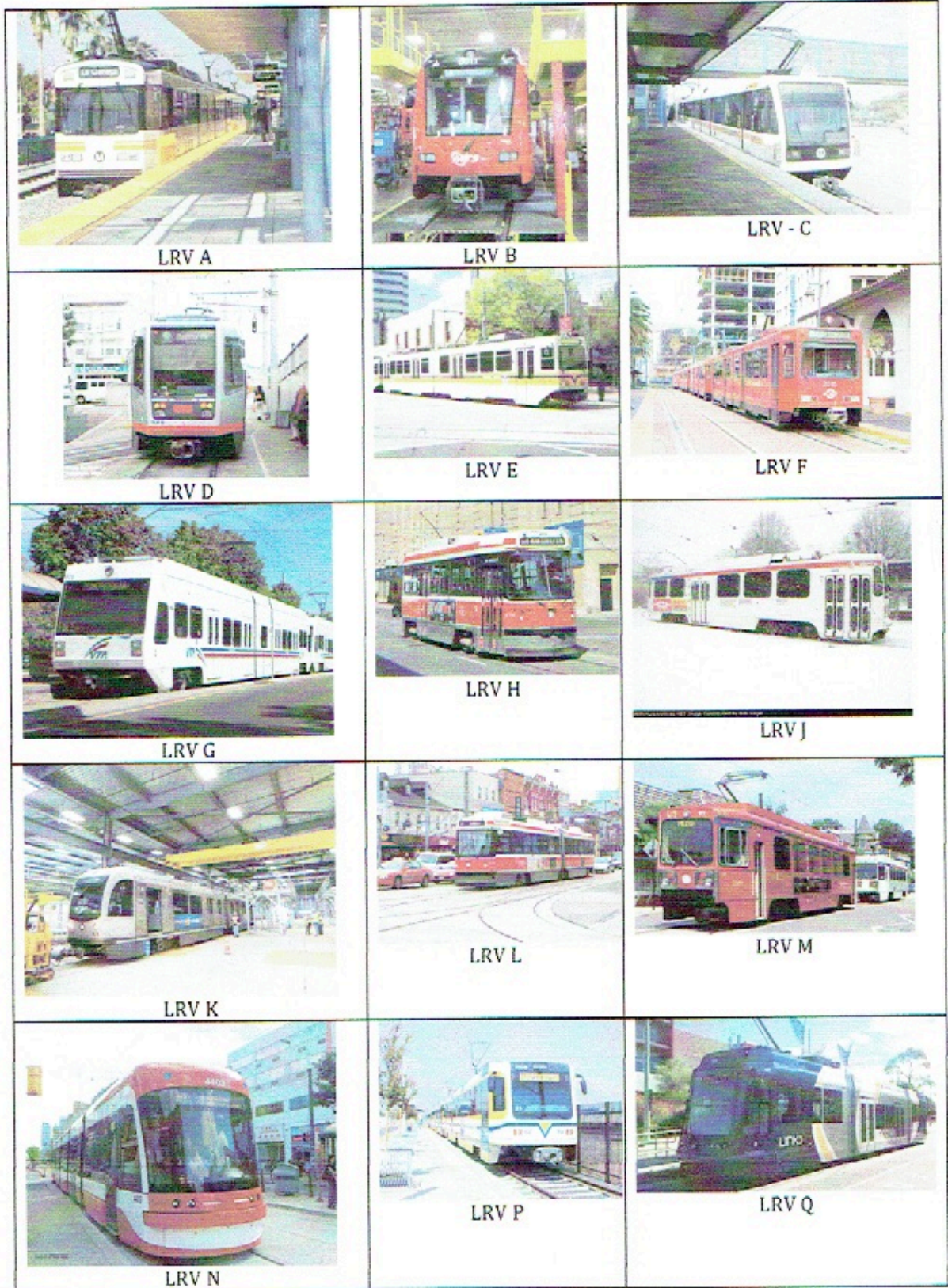
m. SEPTA Kawasaki Double End (100-128) _____

n. Toronto Bombardier Flexity (4400-4603) _____

p. Sacramento CAF (201-240) _____

q. Tucson United Streetcar / Skoda (101-108) _____

n. OTHER _____



If you would like to be notified on the progress in making HO scale LRV models, please provide the following:

Name: _____ Email _____