



City of Montebello

January 8, 2008

Ken Lutkus
Pacific Metal Fab
S-1 Guard

Dear Mr. Lutkus:

You inquired about the City's experience with the S-1 Gard's Montebello Bus Lines has on its fleet of buses, which consist of RTS 40' and 35', Gillig 40' low-floor's and New Flyer 40' hybrid low-floors.

Montebello Bus Lines (MBL) installed the S-1 Gard's back in 2000 and continue to specify the S-1 Gard on all new bus procurements, for the purpose of providing added safety to our customers. Although all engineered safety devices can not protect persons in every situation, it is MBL's belief that if the S-1 Guard saves one person it has done what we hoped it would and that is minimize the possibility for the rear tires of the bus from running over a person.

Mr. Lutkus, we seldom have a need to do any maintenance on the S-1 Gard and as you are aware the only vehicle that required replacement parts is the RTS, that is because of it's characteristics; however, the Gillig's and New Flyer buses have proven to be maintenance free. MBL will be replacing the 1988 through 1992 RTS buses, with 40 New Flyer hybrids, and all the new buses will arrive with the S-1 Gard, whereby eliminating the parts replacement on the RTS buses.

Enclosing, MBL is satisfied with this added safety precautionary device that is on all the City's buses and we believe that whatever we can do as a responsible service provider to make our customers a little safer we will seek to do that.

Sincerely,

Tom Barrio

Vehicle Maintenance Manager
Montebello Bus Lines

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