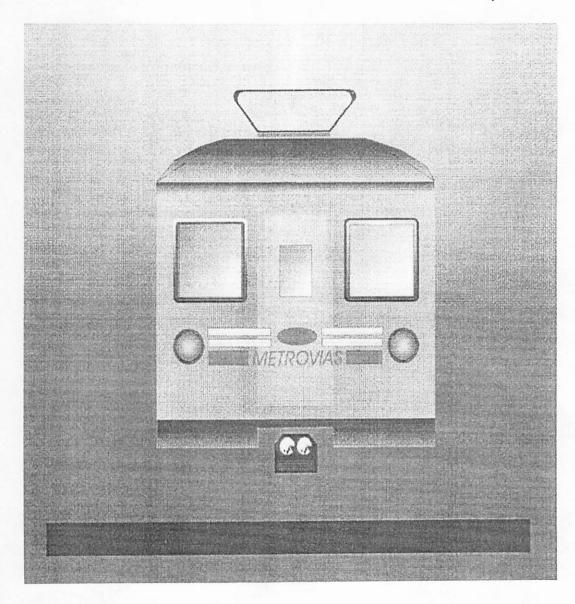
# The Metrovías Experience

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#### THE METROVIAS EXPERIENCE



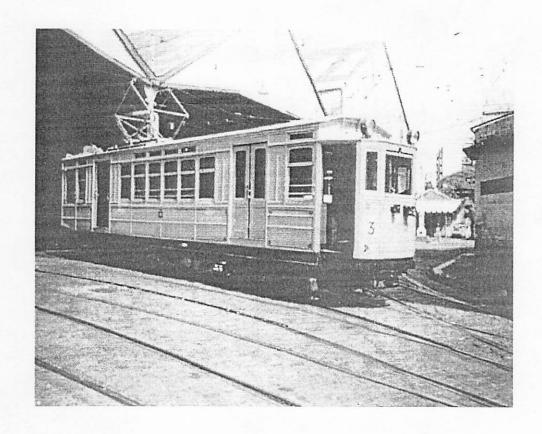
- The First Privatization of a Subway System in South America
- The Original Operating Consortium:
  - Roggio S.A.
  - Cometrans S.A.
  - Burlington Northern RR
  - Morrison Knudson
- . Controlling Entities:
  - Application Authority (Federal)
  - SBASE (City)

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## **System Characteristics**



- 6 Subway Lines & 1 Commuter Line (Approx.. 70 Kms)
- Over 500 Vehicle Fleet
- 5 Line Maintenance Facilities & 1 Main Back Shop
- Average Frequencies:
  - Pre-Takeover Over 5 Minutes
  - Post-Takeover Less Than 3 Minutes
- Ridership:
  - Pre -Takeover 145 Million/ Yr..
  - Post-Takeover 190 Million/ Yr..
- 20 Year Contract Term



## **Pre-Takeover Activities**



- Formulate Budget
- Establish Policies and Procedures
- Negotiate Union Contract
- Interview Personnel
- Conduct Medical / Psychological Exams
- Conduct Inventory
- Plan Material Purchases
- Negotiate Contracted Services

## **Takeover Activities**



- Hire / Train All Personnel
- Initiate Material Processing
- Institute Token Change
- Finalize Administrative Procedures
- Train Operating Personnel

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# Day One - Who's got the Keys?



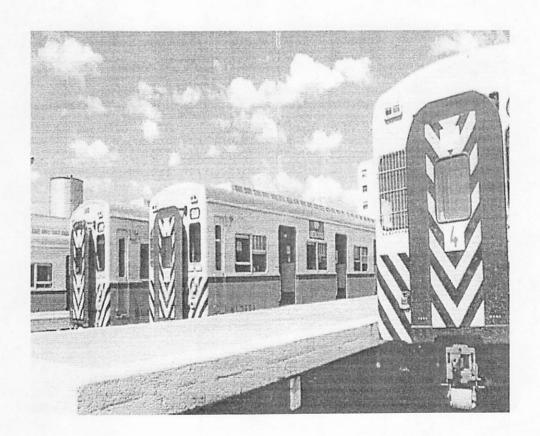
#### • Operations Transition (Labor Pains):

- Suspended Operations First Weekend
  - » Change All Locks
  - » Turnstile Coin Mechanisms
  - » Fleet Inspection
  - » ROW Inspection
  - » Inspect Work/Passenger Areas
  - » System Test
  - » Employee Communications Meetings

# First Train



- Urquiza Line
  - Train #3008 Departs Fd. LaCroze On-time at 4:18 AM
- Subways
  - All Subway Service Begins On-time at 5:00 AM



#### Service Problems



- . Day One (Giving Birth):
  - Logistical Problems
    - » Opening Stations
    - » Moving People
    - » Providing Change
- · Early Days (Infancy):
  - Extensive Lines at Token Booths
  - Insufficient Number of Coaches for Scheduled Service
  - Access to Service Areas for Cleaning
  - Covering Absences Quickly
  - "Turn Around Time" at Bank

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### Service Problems



- First Six Months (Growing Pains)
  - Inexperience
    - » Maintenance
    - » Operating
    - » Support
  - Displaced Workers ("Beat the Drums Slowly")

# **Unanticipated Crises**



#### **Materials Problems**

Interrupted Cycle Prior to Takeover

Lead Times

**Vendor Difficulties:** 

Vacation Schedule

Late Delivery

**Poor Quality** 

**Surpressed Demand** 

Intensive/Extensive Maintenance Programs

Reluctance to Invest in the Future

Cash Flow

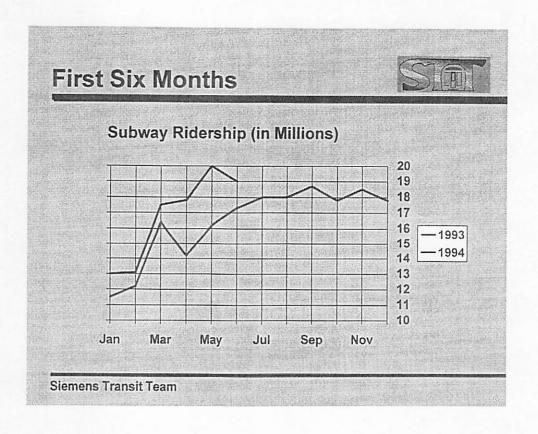
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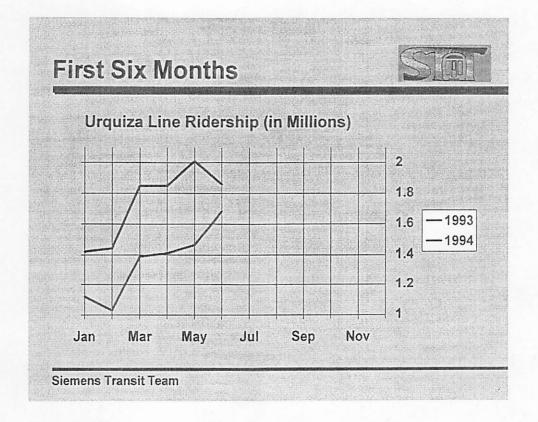
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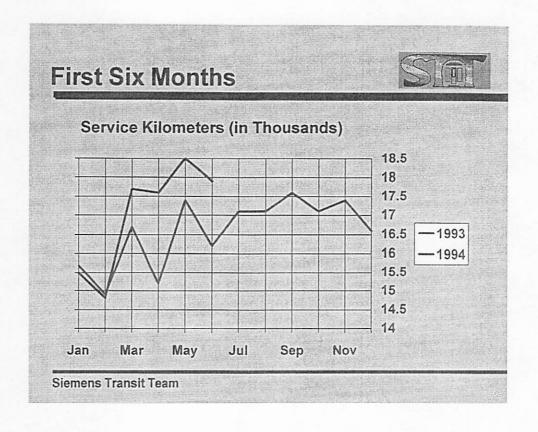


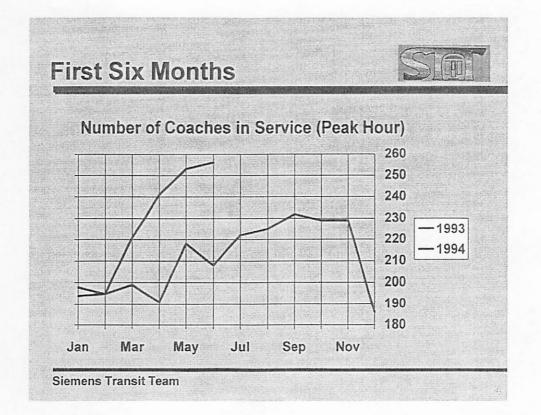
- Pre-Metro (Trolley Service)
  - Two of Twelve Cars Available for Service
- · Power Cable Failure Line A
- · Compressor Failures Line C
- · Flood
- Derailments







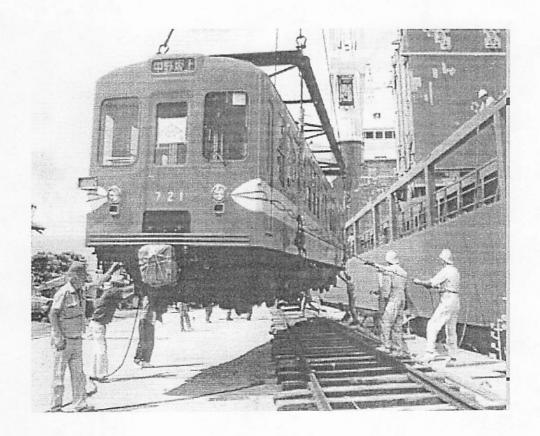




# Where Are They Now



- Improved and Improving
  - Line A
    - » Power Problems Partially Resolved
      - Temporary Repairs to Cables
      - Procurement of Replacement Substation (Portable)
    - » Increased Availability from 49 to 80 Coaches
    - » Running 3 Additional Trains Over Base Schedule
  - Line B
    - » Procured 113 Used Coach Replacement Fleet from Japan



## Where Are They Now



- Line C
  - » Fleetwide Compressor Replacement
  - » Increased Availability from 28 to 64 Coaches
  - » Modified Married Pairs to Operate as Single Units to Facilitate 5-Car Train Operation (25% Capacity Increase)
- Line D
  - » Resolved Electronic Problems
  - » Bogie Problems Controlled
  - » Increased Availability from 36 to 60 Coaches
  - » Purchased 8 New Married Pairs

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## Where Are They Now



- Line E
  - » Increased Availability from 24 to 54 Coaches
- Per-Metro
  - » Resolved Electronic Problems
  - » Bogie Problems
  - » Increased Availability from 3 to 12 Coaches
- Urquiza Line
  - » Resolved Various Mechanical Problems
  - » Increased Availability from 87 to 94
  - » Track Renewal Program Instituted