

Decision No. 13442

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
 PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY for)
 authority to abandon and remove tracks :
 on East Washington Street, partly) Application No. 9633
 within and partly without the City of)
 Pasadena, and known as its East Washing-)
 ton Street Line. :

Frank Karr, by C.W.Cornell, for Applicant.

R. Morgan Galbraith for Pacific Southwest Trust
and Savings Bank, Guardian of Helen Louise
and Mary Elizabeth Galbraith, Minors; T. D.
Brigden and Davison Baker, Protestants.

SHORE, Commissioner:

O P I N I O N

Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing the abandonment and removal of its tracks and appurtenances on East Washington Street between Lake Avenue, in the City of Pasadena, and the terminus of its East Washington Street Line at Tierra Alta in the County of Los Angeles. The line proposed to be abandoned is approximately 9455 feet in length and is more particularly shown on a blue print map marked "C.E.H. 7152" attached to and forming a part of the application herein.

A public hearing was held in Los Angeles at which time the matter was duly submitted and it is now ready for decision.

Applicant relies as justification for the granting of the application upon the following alleged facts:- that the line proposed to be abandoned is in poor and dilapidated condition; that the City of Pasadena is preparing to pave East Washington Street which paving will require the reconstruction and repair of the tracks at an expense to applicant estimated at \$38,000; that there is not sufficient patronage on the line justifying the estimated reconstruction and repair cost; that applicant now operates motor bus service on East Washington Street between Marengo Avenue and Pepper Drive and that said bus service is sufficient to accommodate the patrons of the line herein proposed to be abandoned; and that the public convenience and necessity no longer require the continued maintenance and operation of the line nor is its continued use necessary in the conduct of the business of the applicant.

By this Commission's Decision No. 12151 of May 29, 1923 on Application No. 9045 authority was granted for the substitution of motor bus service in lieu of street car service on certain of applicants' lines in and adjacent to the City of Pasadena, such substituted service to be operated as an experiment prior to any authority being sought for the permanent abandonment of street car service and the removal of tracks. The line herein sought to be abandoned is one of a number of lines where the substituted motor bus service was installed.

At the hearing on this application there was no protest against the granting of the application provided that continued service by motor bus would be rendered in lieu of the street car service as formerly given. It appears that the bus service has been given on East Washington Street to Pepper Drive and

that the bus service can and should be extended to the end of the line at Tierra Alta in Los Angeles County, a distance of approximately 1500 feet beyond the present terminus of the motor bus line.

The City of Pasadena by its Ordinance No. 2204 as adopted by its Board of Directors on March 11, 1924 has consented to the abandonment of street car service and removal of tracks on East Washington Street between Lake Avenue and the easterly city limits of Pasadena, as evidenced by a certified copy of Ordinance No. 2204 filed as an exhibit at the hearing.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, the matter having been duly submitted and the Commission being now fully advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, Pacific Electric Railway Company, a corporation, be and it hereby is authorized to discontinue its street car service on East Washington Street from Lake Avenue, Pasadena, to the end of the line at Tierra Alta in Los Angeles County and to abandon and remove its tracks and appurtenances located on said street, provided, however, that this order shall not become effective until said applicant will have installed and commenced the operation of a motor bus line in lieu of the street car service heretofore operated and continue to operate such motor bus service until the further order of this Commission.

The foregoing Opinion and Order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the Opinion and Order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 21st day of April, 1924.

C. A. Seaver
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COMMISSIONERS