

Decision No. 13838.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application
of D. B. Maurice for certificate of
public convenience and necessity to
operate Passenger service between
Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and
Manhattan Beach, Calif.)

) Application No. 10196
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C. A. Bridge, for applicant

BY THE COMMISSION:

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O P I N I O N

D. B. Maurice, operating under the fictitious name of the West Coast Rapid Transit Company, has made application to the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate passenger service between Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach, Los Angeles County.

A public hearing herein was conducted by Examiner Williams at Los Angeles.

Applicant proposes to give service between the three cities by use of two modern passenger vehicles of sixteen passenger capacity, operating between termini from 6 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. every twenty minutes in each direction, and after 10:30 p.m. half-hourly until 11:30 p.m. The distance between the termini at Redondo Beach and the terminal proposed in Manhattan Beach is 4.2 miles. The fare to be charged from Redondo Beach to Hermosa Beach is 5¢ and from Hermosa Beach to

Manhattan Beach 5¢ with a through fare between termini of 10¢.

The three cities are contiguous along the shore of the Pacific Ocean. Redondo Beach has a population of approximately 11,000, Hermosa Beach approximately 6,300, and Manhattan Beach 4,000. Until recently local service every twenty minutes was given by a shuttle car by the Pacific Electric Railway. This service has been abandoned by this carrier and there is no means of transportation between the three cities. Pacific Electric Railway does maintain hourly service incident to its through operation between Los Angeles and Redondo Beach via Playa Del Rey.

It is the testimony of Carlos H. Salinas, President of the Hermosa Chamber of Commerce, and Louis H. Heath, a lumber dealer and trustee of the City of Hermosa Beach, that this hourly service is inadequate for the needs of the population of the three cities. The application was not opposed by the Pacific Electric Railway or any other interested carrier.

It is apparent from the record that public interest requires the establishment of a connecting transportation service between the three communities and that the applicant, who now conducts an efficient service between Redondo and Inglewood via Hermosa Beach, is in a position to perform the service as proposed. Upon the record herein we find it is the fact that public necessity and convenience require the service proposed by applicant and that a certificate therefor should be granted.

O R D E R

D. B. Maurice, operating under the fictitious name of West Coast Rapid Transit Company, having made application to the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and

necessity to operate an automobile passenger service between Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and now being ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation proposed by applicant over and along the following route:-

Beginning at Emerald Avenue in the City of Redondo Beach, thence north along Hermosa Avenue to 26th Street in the City of Hermosa Beach, thence east along 26th Street to Manhattan Avenue, thence north to Center Street in the City of Manhattan Beach,

and that a certificate of public convenience and necessity therefor be and the same hereby is granted subject to the following conditions:-

- I. - That applicant, D. B. Maurice shall file within fifteen (15) days from date hereof his written acceptance of the certificate herein granted, and shall file within thirty (30) days of the date hereof, duplicate tariff of rates and time schedules, in accordance with General Order No. 51 of the Railroad Commission, and shall begin service within sixty (60) days from date hereof.
- II. - That applicant, D. B. Maurice shall not sell, lease, assign or discontinue the service herein authorized, unless such sale, lease, assignment, or discontinuance shall have been authorized by the Railroad Commission.
- III. - That no vehicle shall be operated by applicant unless such vehicles are owned by said applicant, or are leased under an agreement satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of

July 1924.

Cl. Seaver
W. H. Brundage
Irving Martin
J. T. Whitting