

Decision No. 17442

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
Los Angeles Railway Corporation, a
corporation, for a certificate de-
claring that public convenience and
necessity require the exercise of
rights under street railway franchise
in Leonis Boulevard, City of Vernon,
Los Angeles County.

Application No. 13139.

S. M. Haskins, for Applicant, also as
special counsel for the Central
Manufacturing District and City of
Vernon.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is a proceeding brought before the Commission under Section 50, sub-sections (b) and (c) of the Public Utilities Act, wherein the Los Angeles Railway Corporation asks that this Commission make its order declaring that the public convenience and necessity require the exercise of the rights granted to it by a franchise from the Board of Trustees of the City of Vernon, which authorizes the construction of a street railway track at grade along Leonis Boulevard in the City of Vernon, Los Angeles County, California.

A public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Williams in Los Angeles on September 25th, 1926.

Applicant herein proposes to construct, as an extension to its street car system, a double track electric street railway in Leonis Boulevard between Pacific Boulevard and Downey Road, a distance of approximately 1.2 miles, all in the City of Vernon. This proposed extension connects with applicant's existing tracks in

Pacific Boulevard. Between Pacific Boulevard and the easterly line of Tract No. 6452, it is planned to lay the tracks in a private right-of-way in Leonis Boulevard. Applicant has secured a franchise (Ordinance No. 381) from the City of Vernon, to construct and operate its railway line along the center line of Leonis Boulevard from the easterly line of Tract No. 6452 to the easterly line of Downey Road. However, applicant, through its attorney, S. M. Haskins, has subsequently filed a stipulation with the Commission, advising that inadvertently there was a typographical mistake in the franchise and application with respect to the east terminus of the proposed extension and agreeing that this Commission may limit the exercise of the franchise to that portion thereof west of the west line of Downey Road. This modification eliminates any objection that might be raised to allowing the construction of the street railroad across Downey Road, which is an important highway artery.

This line serves an industrial district which is now partially developed and which is now not adequately served with local transportation. It was shown that about 250 people are employed at the Union Stock Yards and about 1100 at the Central Manufacturing District, both of which industries are located immediately east of the terminus of this proposed extension.

From the evidence adduced in this matter, it appears that public convenience and necessity require that this application be granted, and it will be so ordered.

O R D E R

Los Angeles Railway Corporation, having applied to the Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to exercise the rights afforded by that certain franchise granted by the Board of Trustees of the City of Vernon, referred to in the

foregoing opinion, public hearing having been held and the matter now standing submitted, ready for decision, for the reasons set forth in the foregoing opinion:

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that public convenience and necessity require the exercise by the Los Angeles Railway Corporation of privileges and franchises granted by said Ordinance No. 381 of the Board of Trustees of the City of Vernon, Los Angeles County, California.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Los Angeles Railway Corporation be and it is hereby authorized to exercise the rights, privileges and franchise granted to it by said Ordinance No. 381, provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed as authorizing any rights of said franchise east of the westerly line of Downey Road.

The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders in the matter as to it may seem right and proper.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 11th day of October, 1926.

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Commissioners.