

Decision No. 26432

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application
of A. J. LUNDBERG, C. C. VARGAS,
H. P. BELL, J. P. POTTER and
PAUL GOLDSMITH, for permission to
abandon motor bus service in the
City of San Leandro, County of
Alameda, State of California.

Application No. 15162.

Erobeck, Phleger & Harrison, by Frank S. Richards,
for Applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding, the above named applicants request permission to abandon their motor bus operations in the City of San Leandro. A public hearing was held before Examiner Rowell at San Leandro on November 5, 1928.

This motor coach operation was authorized by the Commission on May 2, 1928, by Decision No. 19,704 in Application No. 14,659. Attached to this application was a certified copy of an agreement entered into between applicants and the Merchants Division of the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce whereby said Merchants Division agrees for a period of six (6) months to bear any operating deficit accruing by virtue of this service and that thereafter if the operation prove unprofitable said Merchants Division would not oppose the granting of an application for its discontinuance.

Following is a table showing the results of operation from May 3, 1928, to October 31, 1928:

Receipts,	\$917.46
Operating Expenses,	<u>3,470.23</u>
Operating Deficit,	\$2,552.77
Amount Paid by Merchants Division,	<u>\$1,280.25</u>
Unpaid Deficit,	\$1,272.52

The results of the operations show that the revenue derived amounts to a little over 7 cents per bus mile, whereas the operation costs, as agreed to in the above mentioned agreement, is 26.69 cents per bus mile, which results in a deficit of approximately 19.6 cents per bus mile.

The Merchants Division of the San Leandro Chamber of Commerce, in its letter to the Commission dated October 26, 1928, states that the service is not being patronized to the extent anticipated and asks that permission be granted for the abandonment of the service at an early date.

It was testified that said Merchants Division is not willing to reimburse the applicants for the deficit anticipated by the continued operation of the service.

Some opposition developed to the proposal to abandon this service. Three witnesses testified that the residents of the area served would be inconvenienced. On the other hand, it is apparent that a service of this character, earning only 7 cents per bus mile, is not sufficiently patronized to warrant its continuance.

After a review of the evidence, the Commission is of the opinion that this application should be granted and that said operations should be discontinued.

ORDER

A. J. Lundberg, C. C. Vargas, H. P. Bell, J. P. Potter

and Paul Goldsmith having made application for the abandonment of the motor bus line in the City of San Leandro, as hereinafter described, a public hearing having been held, the Commission being apprised of the facts, the matter having been submitted and now being ready for decision,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that permission and authority be and the same is hereby granted to C. J. Lundberg, C. C. Vargas, H. P. Bell, J. P. Potter and Paul Goldsmith to abandon and cease the operation of their motor coach line in the City of San Leandro, County of Alameda, California, and over the route described as follows:

BEGINNING at Estudillo Avenue and East 14th Street, thence over and along Estudillo Avenue to Foothill Boulevard, thence over and along Foothill Boulevard to Dutton Avenue, thence over and along Dutton Avenue to Superior Avenue, thence over and along Superior Avenue and Hollywood Boulevard to Durant Avenue, thence over and along Durant Avenue to Kenilworth Avenue, thence over and along Kenilworth Avenue to Victoria Court to Broadmoor Circle, thence along Bancroft Avenue to Dutton Avenue, thence over and along Dutton Avenue to East 14th Street to Hepburn Street, thence along Hepburn Street to Washington Avenue, thence along Washington Avenue to Ward Street, thence along Ward Street to place of beginning.

The authority herein is subject to the following conditions:

(1) Applicant shall notify the public by putting notices in its busses for at least two days prior to the abandonment of said service.

(2) Applicant shall notify this Commission the date

upon which the service is abandoned.

For all other purposes, the effective date of this order shall be five days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of November, 1928.

C. L. Seavey

Thos. D. Rowlett

M. J. Carr
Commissioners.