

Decision No. 22216

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 RALPH HEPLE to purchase of PICKWICK)
 STAGES SYSTEM operative rights for)
 the transportation of passengers and) Application
 property between Santa Cruz and) No. 16514
 Capitola and between Santa Cruz and)
 Twin Lakes.)

BY THE COMMISSION -

OPINION and ORDER
ON
SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION

ORIGINAL

In this supplemental application, as amended by letter dated January 19, 1931, Ralph Heple, operator of an automotive passenger stage service between the City of Santa Cruz and Capitola, asks for an order of the Commission authorizing him to reroute his service in the City of Santa Cruz. The proposed rerouting does not involve any fare change. The route proposed to be followed is as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Short and Front Streets; thence south on Front Street to Soquel Avenue; thence west on Soquel Avenue to Pacific Avenue; thence north on Pacific Avenue to Water Street; thence east on Water Street to Morrisey Avenue; thence north on Morrisey Avenue to Fairmont Avenue; thence east on Fairmont Avenue to Pacheco Avenue; thence south on Pacheco Avenue to Soquel Avenue; thence east on Soquel Avenue to Lower Soquel Road, continuing on Lower Soquel Road (also known as Fairview Avenue east of Rodeo Creek) to Soquel Landing Road; thence south on Soquel Landing Road to Stockton Street; thence east on Stockton Street to Capitola Avenue; thence on Capitola Avenue to San Jose Avenue.

Applicant Heple declares as support of his application that he is now operating over a dirt road which is in poor condition; that the proposed rerouting will enable him to use paved streets, save considerable mileage and reduce the time between terminals, all without detriment to the traveling public. He also claims that it will enable him to operate more economically. The service as now operated, he states, does not produce out-of-pocket costs.

Attached to the application and made a part thereof are copies of several letters from Santa Cruz and Capitola civic organizations, and several individuals endorsing the proposed change. From the letter from the Mayor of Santa Cruz the following is quoted:

"Being very familiar with the present and proposed routes of this line, it is my opinion that this change will better the service, as the present route operates over dirt streets that are in poor condition and through a locality where there is very little patronage if any.

The proposed route would eliminate the poor streets and shorten the distance to Capitola, where the greatest volume of business is obtained, and still serve our needs within the City of Santa Cruz."

We are of the opinion that this application should be granted. A public hearing does not appear to be necessary.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Ralph Heple be and he is hereby authorized to reroute his Capitola-Santa Cruz auto stage service over and along the following route:

Beginning at the intersection of Short and Front Streets; thence south on Front Street to Soquel Avenue; thence west on Soquel Avenue to Pacific Avenue; thence north on Pacific Avenue to Water Street; thence east on Water Street to Morrisey Avenue; thence north on Morrisey Avenue to Fairmont Avenue; thence east on Fairmont Avenue to Pacheco Avenue; thence south on Pacheco Avenue to Soquel Avenue; thence east on Soquel Avenue to Lower Soquel Road, continuing on Lower Soquel Road (also known as Fairview Avenue east of Rodeo Creek) to Soquel Landing Road; thence south on Soquel Landing Road to Stockton Street, thence east on Stockton Street to Capitola Avenue; thence on Capitola Avenue to San Jose Avenue,

instead of over the route laid down for said service in Decision No. 22492 of this Commission.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th day of

January, 1931.

C. L. Seaver
Leon O'Connell
W. H. Van
W. B. Hayes
Fred G. Stewart
COMMISSIONERS.