

Decision No. 23733

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
WEST SIDE TRANSIT CO., a corporation,
to abandon its local operations with-
in the corporate limits of the City
of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles,
State of California.

Application No. 17256.

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N. M. Todd for Applicant.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled proceeding West Side Transit Co., a corporation, has petitioned the Railroad Commission for an order authorizing it to immediately abandon all its local bus service within the corporate limits of the City of Long Beach, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Satterwhite at Los Angeles, the matter was submitted, and it is now ready for decision.

The evidence shows that the West Side Transit Co. for many years last past has operated a local bus service within the corporate limits of the City of Long Beach under and by virtue of permits granted by that community. The West Side Transit Co. has also operated an interurban bus service between Long Beach and Los Angeles, serving Watson, Davidson City, Torrance, Moneta, Western City and Manchester Avenue under the authority of this Commission's Decision No. 17581, on Application No. 11812, dated

November 8, 1926. This Commission also in its Decision No. 12982 on Application No. 14523, dated June 13, 1928, authorized the West Side Transit Co. to publish and file a joint one-way passenger fare between points located on the motor bus route aforesaid, and points located on the motor bus routes of the B. & E. Transportation Company and the Lang Transportation Company, all points being within the corporate limits of the City of Long Beach.

On the 3d day of March the City of Long Beach granted to Mike Lang, Howard Lang and Jean Lang, co-partners, operating under the firm name of Lang Transportation Company, a city wide franchise authorizing said co-partnership to operate a local bus service throughout the corporate limits of the City of Long Beach, and over and along the routes substantially covered by the local operations of this applicant. The Lang Transportation Company has now commenced its operations under the rights granted it by the aforesaid franchise, including the operation of a bus service, substantially upon the route heretofore operated by said applicant.

By reason of the granting of the aforesaid franchise and the commencement of active operations thereunder by the Lang Transportation Company, this applicant desires to abandon all its local operations within the corporate limits of the City of Long Beach, but desires to continue its interurban service as described in this Commission's Decision No. 17581.

The record shows the Lang Transportation Company has agreed to pay this applicant a consideration for the abandonment of its local operations within the City of Long Beach, and by reason of the granting of said local franchise and the operation of all local bus service by the Lang Transportation Company, the residents of the City of Long Beach, including the residents in the vicinity served by applicant's present operations, will receive adequate transportation and will not be

injured or inconvenienced by the abandonment by applicant of its local bus operations.

In view of the fact that the Lang Transportation Company, under the city wide franchise granted it by the City of Long Beach, has actually commenced to serve the territory now served by applicant in connection with its local bus operations, and it appearing that it would be highly unprofitable, with a duplication of service, for the West Side Transit Company to continue with its local bus operations, and after consideration of the evidence in this application, we are of the opinion that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above entitled proceeding, evidence having been submitted by the applicant, and the Commission being fully advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant, West Side Transit Company, a corporation, be and it is hereby authorized to immediately abandon all its local bus service within the corporate limits of the City of Long Beach as heretofore operated and authorized in connection with said decisions No. 17581 and No. 18982 referred to in the foregoing opinion.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of

June, 1931.

C. S. Seaver
Leon Whidby
M. J. Carr
W. B. Hays
Fred G. Peterson
Commissioners.