

Decision No. 18788.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of  
MOTOR TRANSIT COMPANY, a corporation,  
for permission:

- (1) to abandon service between the intersection of Downey Boulevard and Firestone Boulevard, and the intersection of Paramount Boulevard and Artesia Avenue;
- (2) to reroute service from Garfield Avenue and Foster Bridge Boulevard to Paramount Boulevard and Telegraph Road; and
- (3) to suspend service between the intersection of 7th Street and Boyle Avenue and the intersection of Whittier Boulevard and Montebello Boulevard via 9th Street and Mines Avenue.

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R.E. Wedekind, for Applicant.

F.J. Rice, for H. & A. Auto Lines, Interested Party.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Applicant herein seeks three service changes in order to relieve its operations of services that now, as alleged, are no longer required by the public and which are burdensome upon applicant.

A public hearing was conducted by Examiner Kennedy at Los Angeles and the matter submitted for decision.

According to the testimony of F.D. Howell, Assistant to the President of applicant, the operation conducted between Los Angeles and Downey, from Downey to the County Farm and thence to Hynes Junction (approximately three miles) has received such meager patronage that it should be no longer maintained. A check made during the week of February 27th, showed that this service transported but one passenger to the County Poor Farm and Hynes each day, except one, on which three passengers were transported. Since that time the

patronage has lessened. Many of the passengers to the County Farm are carried under charity rates. Mr. Howell testified that the Chamber of Commerce at Downey and others interested in the service had been advised but were unable, by any means, to revive patronage. Another influence which reduced patronage is the fact that the Southgate Municipal Bus Line operates to the County Farm and furnishes a connection direct to the Los Angeles Railway on Long Beach Boulevard and also Pacific Electric motor bus service between Southgate and Long Beach.

Applicant also seeks to reroute its service between Los Angeles and Downey by eliminating the schedules now passing over Garfield Avenue and Foster Bridge Road and to operate the schedules over Telegraph Avenue to Paramount Boulevard and thence to Downey. No patronage is received from the intermediate points between Garfield Avenue and the intersection of Foster Bridge Road and Paramount Boulevard. The alteration will reduce bus mileage about eight miles per day.

Applicant also seeks a suspension of its operation between the junction of Boyle Avenue and Seventh Street, thence south on Boyle Avenue to Ninth Street, thence east on Ninth Street and Mines Avenue to Montebello Boulevard and thence north to Whittier Boulevard. This operation (partly within the City of Los Angeles) is a diversion of the service maintained between Los Angeles and Whittier over Whittier Boulevard and, according to Mr. Howell's testimony, was established for the purpose of serving the Goodrich Rubber Company's tire manufacturing plant. Because of the reduction of this industry to a small-time basis, no patronage is received. In addition, service is maintained by Los Angeles Railway over the same route as far as Ford Street. The line sought to be suspended is 7.4 miles in length and by suspension will save twenty-six operating miles per day.

It also will permit applicant to reroute this schedule over Whittier Boulevard and eliminate an extra schedule now maintained by that route.

No one appeared to oppose the application. The record indicates that the requests made by applicant are reasonable and should be granted.

### O R D E R

Motor Transit Company, a corporation, having made application to alter its service in certain respects in its operations between Los Angeles and Whittier and Los Angeles and Downey as authorized by Decision No. 21300 on Application No. 13690 and supplemental and amending decisions thereto, and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that applicant be and it is hereby authorized to suspend its operations between the intersection of Seventh Street and Boyle Avenue, over Boyle Avenue, Ninth Street, Mines Avenue and Montebello Boulevard and Whittier Boulevard, provided that such suspension shall be only until further order of this Commission.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicant be and it is hereby authorized to suspend the following route:

From the intersection of Telegraph Road and Garfield Avenue, southerly on Garfield Avenue to the intersection of Garfield Avenue and Foster Bridge Boulevard, thence easterly on Foster Bridge Boulevard to the intersection of Foster Bridge Boulevard and Paramount Boulevard;

and reroute said service in lieu thereof via the following route:

From the intersection of Telegraph Road and Paramount Boulevard, southerly on Paramount Boulevard to the intersection of Telegraph Road and Foster Bridge Boulevard.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that applicant be and it is hereby authorized to abandon its operations over the following route:

From the intersection of Downey Boulevard and Firestone Boulevard, westerly on Firestone Boulevard to the intersection of Firestone Boulevard and Paramount Boulevard, thence south on Paramount Boulevard to Artesia Avenue, including a branch line into the County Farm;

and subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant shall file immediately time schedules, in duplicate, and tariffs, in triplicate, showing the alterations and elimination of service hereinbefore authorized.
2. Applicant shall post notice at its termini and in its vehicles covering each of the routes herein described at least five (5) days before the effective date of any discontinuance or suspension authorized herein.

For all other purposes the effective date of this order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of

April 1933.

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Commissioners.