

Decision No. 10933

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application
of D.B. MAURICE for Certificate
of Public Convenience and Necessity
to Operate Inbound Stages from
Inglewood to Redondo, service via
Hermosa Avenue from Hermosa to
Redondo.

Application No. 8076.

D.B. Maurice, Applicant, in propria persona
R.E. Wedekind and W.E. Sharpe, for Pacific
Electric Railway, Protestants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

D.B. Maurice, operating under the fictitious name of the West Coast Rapid Transit Company, has applied to the Railroad Commission of the State of California for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate inbound stages from Inglewood to Redondo Beach by rerouting so that, between Hermosa Beach and Redondo, said stages traverse Hermosa Avenue.

A public hearing was held by Examiner Williams at Los Angeles.

Applicant now operates into Hermosa Beach by a detour of half a mile from Camino Real over Pier Avenue to Hermosa Avenue, and returns by the same route to Camino Real and thence to Redondo. The trip over Pier Avenue requires a climb of a steep hill on the return. To avoid this, applicant seeks to follow the beach, at level grade, over Hermosa Avenue to his regular terminus in Redondo Beach.

This routing parallels the service of protestant, Pacific Electric from Hermosa Beach to Redondo Beach, but as applicant stipulated to receive or discharge no passengers from Hermosa Beach to Redondo Beach, except incoming through passengers from beyond Hermosa Beach, protestant, Pacific Electric withdrew its objections.

Applicant further stipulated that he would procure, and file as a part of this proceeding, official expressions by the Chambers of Commerce of Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach. The former unqualifiedly expressed satisfaction with the new routing in a communication signed by J.E. Kibler, its President. Redondo Beach, however, in communication signed by H.R. Pomeroy, Commercial Secretary, expressed opposition, urging that Hermosa Beach passengers be transferred at Camino Real and Pier Avenue to local stages of applicant. It is contended that either the detour to Hermosa Beach or the re-routing along Hermosa Avenue will require five to ten minutes additional time in transporting Inglewood passengers to Redondo Beach. It is also stated by protestant that "according to figures filed by West Coast Rapid Transit Company, not over one per cent of the traffic from Inglewood is destined for Hermosa Beach". There is no testimony before the Commission as to what percentage is destined for Hermosa Beach.

It is our conclusion that transferring passengers for Hermosa Beach, at Camino Real, is not desirable either from the standpoint of efficient transportation or respect for a city of the class of Hermosa Beach; further, that the rerouting as proposed is an improvement over the present method of detouring and retracing, involves practically no loss of time and does furnish back country transportation directly to both Hermosa Beach and Redondo Beach. It is our

further conclusion that the application should be granted.

ORDER

D.B. Maurice, operating under the fictitious name of the West Coast Rapid Transit Company, having applied to the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate inbound stages of applicant's Inglewood line by way of Hermosa Avenue, a public hearing having been held, the matter having been duly submitted and now is ready for decision,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require the operation by applicant of his inbound (to Hermosa Beach) Inglewood lines over the following route:

From Pier Avenue, Hermosa Beach to Redondo Beach by way of Hermosa Avenue,

And that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and the same hereby is granted, on the condition

That such operation is in lieu of return route from Pier Avenue and Hermosa Avenue to Camino Real, provided for by Decision No. 9343, and nothing else.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of September, 1932.

H. B. Maurice
James Martin
Charles H. Loebl

Commissioners.