

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 28129.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of Pacific Electric Railway Company to consolidate stations at Culver City and in connection therewith to make certain changes in passenger landings and shelter stations.

Application No. 18937.

In the matter of the application of Railway Express Agency, Inc., to consolidate stations at Culver City.

Application No. 18941.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O R D E R

Pacific Electric Railway Company filed Application No. 18937 with this Commission, requesting authority to make certain changes in its freight and passenger facilities at and in the vicinity of Culver City, County of Los Angeles, and Railway Express Agency, Inc. filed Application No. 18941 requesting authority to establish a consolidated station in the new Pacific Electric station, to be known as Culver City Station, and to abandon the present express stations at Vinton Avenue, Palms and at Main Street, City of Los Angeles (near Culver City).

The boundary line between Culver City and the City of Los Angeles is located a short distance east of Pacific Electric Railway Company's Venice Short Line, so that the facilities involved herein are all located in the City of Los Angeles; however, are utilized by patrons in both cities.

Pacific Electric Railway Company proposes the following changes:

- (1) Construct new passenger, express and freight station at the junction of the Venice Short and Del Rey Lines.
- (2) Abandon two freight stations on the Santa Monica Air Line, located at Vinton Avenue and Durango Avenue.
- (3) Abandon passenger and express station at Main Street, Culver City.
- (4) Abandon present passenger stop and shelter at Culver Junction.
- (5) Abandon passenger stop at Ivy Street, Venice Short Line.
- (6) Establish new passenger stop at National Boulevard on the Venice Short Line.
- (7) Construct passenger shelter in the location of the present station building at Main Street, Culver City.

Pacific Electric Railway Company, in its application, alleges that as a result of a condemnation suit for the widening of Venice Boulevard, a portion of the station on its Venice Short Line at Main Street was condemned; that improvement work on Venice Boulevard is about to commence, which will require the removal of said station; that the volume of freight, passenger and express business in this district does not justify, and public convenience and necessity do not require, the maintenance of the various stations which are to be abandoned; that the construction of a new station at the junction of the Venice Short Line and the Del Rey Line will adequately serve the public; that the changes in passenger landings and shelter stations are made in order to more nearly meet the needs and convenience of the public and that the changes proposed herein are the outcome of conferences and discussions attended by officials of Pacific Electric Railway Company and representatives of the business interests and Chamber of Commerce of Culver City.

Palms Station (Vinton Avenue), proposed to be abandoned, is located approximately one mile west of the proposed new station;

Main Street Station is located 1100 feet south of the proposed new station and Durango Avenue freight station is located approximately 600 feet west of the proposed station.

Applicant proposes to abandon the Main Street Station; however, will construct a passenger shelter at said point and will retain same as a passenger stop.

All passenger trains will stop at the new station so applicant proposes to abandon the passenger stop at Culver Junction, located 650 feet north thereof. Applicant also proposes to establish a new passenger stop at National Boulevard, which is approximately 1600 feet north of the proposed station, and to abandon the passenger stop at Ivy Street, which is 550 feet north of National Boulevard.

The Railway Express Agency, Inc. requests authority to establish a consolidated station in the new station proposed by Pacific Electric Railway Company at the junction of its Venice Short Line and Del Rey Line, to be known as Culver City Station, and to abandon the express stations now located in the Pacific Electric stations at Vinton Avenue, Palms and at Main Street, in the City of Los Angeles (near Culver City). Railway Express Agency, Inc. proposes to include the Palms business district in the Culver City free pick-up and delivery district, there being no pick-up and delivery service in Palms at present.

The Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles has advised, in writing, that it has no objection to the granting of this application.

It appearing that a public hearing is not necessary herein and that the application is reasonable and should be granted, subject to certain conditions, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

I. That Pacific Electric Railway Company is hereby authorized to:

- (a) Construct new passenger, express and freight station at the junction of the Venice Short and Del Rey Lines.
- (b) Abandon two freight stations on the Santa Monica Air Line, located at Vinton Avenue and Durango Avenue.
- (c) Abandon passenger and express station at Main Street, Culver City.
- (d) Abandon present passenger stop and shelter at Culver Junction.
- (e) Abandon passenger stop at Ivy Street, Venice Short Line.
- (f) Establish new passenger stop at National Boulevard on the Venice Short Line.
- (g) Construct passenger shelter in the location of the present station building at Main Street, Culver City.

II. That Railway Express Agency, Inc. is hereby authorized to establish a consolidated station at the proposed Pacific Electric station, to be known as Culver City Station, and to abandon concurrently therewith its express agency at the stations at Vinton Avenue, Palms and at Main Street, in the City of Los Angeles (near Culver City), subject, however, to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicants shall, in conformity with the rules of this Commission, change or cancel their respective records and tariffs in accordance with the authority herein granted.
- (2) Applicants shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice prior to the abandonment of the stations at Main Street, Durango Avenue and Vinton Avenue, authorized herein, by posting notice in a conspicuous place in each of said stations.
- (3) Pacific Electric Railway Company shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice of the abandonment of existing and the establishment of new passenger stops, authorized herein, by posting notice in all cars serving said stops and at each stop, where possible to post such notice.

- (4) Applicants shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify the Commission of the abandonment herein authorized and of their compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (5) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one (1) year from the date hereof, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.
- (6) The Commission reserves the right to make such further orders in this matter as to it may seem right and proper and to revoke its permission if, in its judgment, public convenience and necessity demand such action.

The authorization herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15<sup>th</sup> day  
of July, 1933.

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Commissioners.