

Decision No. 28859

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF
THE GRAY LINE, INC. (San Francisco)
for permission to consolidate into
one unified operation and service
fifteen sight-seeing tours, and for
an "in lieu" certificate.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 20401.

Richard T. Eddy for Applicant.

H. C. Lucas and T. Finkbohner for Pacific
Greyhound Lines and California Parlor
Car Tours, interested parties.

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION

Applicant herein operates fifteen (15) sightseeing tours under various certificates granted by this Commission. The focal point of all the tours is San Francisco or Oakland. Applicant now asks for certain alterations in its routings and also for the consolidation of its rights by one certificate in lieu of all the preceding certificated and prescriptive rights. In connection with this, applicant also asks authority to operate the tours in either direction over the tour routings and also to substitute sedans or limousines at its option whenever the demand for a tour is six (6) tickets or less. The reversal of tour operation often is justified by seasonal conditions.

Applicant also seeks an "in lieu" certificate to consolidate certain of its tours in whole or in part with other tours to meet the requirements of the public at certain times. Some of the tours traverse the same trunk routes but may by slight change, subject to the desire of the passengers, combine with portions of other routes to meet the passengers' requirements as to points of interest.

Applicant also seeks authority to route certain of its tours over the San Francisco-Oakland and Golden Gate Bridges in lieu of the ferries now used. For this purpose applicant after proper arrangements have been made with the authorities controlling each of the bridges should file an application, supplemental herein, requesting the authority of the Railroad Commission for an appropriate rerouting of those tours affected to permit service over the bridges in lieu of the ferries. Applicant also requests the right to consolidate portions of tours for special purposes and at special rates, using only the routings authorized. This may be done by filing rates on a rate basis in accordance with the tariff requirements of the Commission for all tours so consolidated.

After applicant explained that no new rights were being sought and that the main purpose of the application was to provide a flexible operation either separately or by combination of its sight-seeing tours, protest was withdrawn.

Applicant has prepared a new list of routings of all its

tours by numbers and this appears satisfactory and in public interest. An order therefor granting^{an} "in lieu" certificate authorizing the operation of the routes as proposed by applicant in its Amended Exhibit "A" will be granted by proper order.

O R D E R

The Gray Line, Inc., a corporation, having made application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, in lieu of all its existing operative rights and merging and consolidating its rights as rerouted, a public hearing having been held and the matter having been duly submitted,

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require the merging and consolidation and rerouting, as hereinafter set forth, of the sightseeing tours of applicant, Nos. 1 to 16, inclusive, as established by operation in good faith before August 1927 (Nos. 1 to 9 inclusive) and as granted subsequently by certificate granted by

Decision No. 19178, dated December 23, 1927 on Application No. 14039;

Decision No. 20417, dated October 31, 1928, on Application No. 14039;

Decision No. 20422, dated November 1, 1928, on Application No. 15022;

Decision No. 22229, dated March 20, 1930, on Application No. 15022;

Decision No. 20422, dated November 1, 1928, on Application No. 15022;

Decision No. 26821, dated February 26, 1934, on Application No. 15022;

Decision No. 21426, dated August 3, 1929, on Application No. 15446;

Decision No. 27972, dated February 27, 1935, on Application No. 19825;

Decision No. 28458, dated December 21, 1935, on Application No. 20238;

(and as shown by Routes Nos. 10 to 16, inclusive) into one unified operation, subject to all the privileges, duties, limitations and restrictions as herein set forth, over and along the following routes:

TOUR NO. 1 - Leave Gray Line Depot, (731 Market Street) to Civic Center; to Mission Dolores; Twin Peaks; through St. Francis Wood to Golden Gate Park; Cliff House, Warren Harding Boulevard through Lincoln Park, Lincoln Highway, Sea Cliff Terrace; through Presidio, Marina, Van Ness Avenue and back to Depot.

TOUR NO. 2 - Leave Gray Line Depot, Civic Center, through Golden Gate Park, Cliff House; through Presidio to Van Ness Avenue, back to Depot.

TOUR NO. 3 - Leave Depot, Grant Avenue, Washington Street, walk through Chinatown, Grant Avenue and California Street (Rejoin car); Telegraph Hill, Fisherman's Wharf, Return to Depot.

TOUR NO. 4 - Leave Depot, Bay Shore Boulevard, Broadway (Burlingame), Occidental Avenue (Hillsborough), Half Moon Bay Highway, Sky Line Boulevard, Half Moon Bay Highway, Half Moon Bay; State Highway 1 to San Gregorio, State Highway 5, Sky Line Boulevard, La Honda, Woodside Road to Portola Drive, Portola Drive to Stanford, Tour of University Campus; University Avenue to Palo Alto, Middlefield Road, Atherton Avenue, 101 Highway to Junipero Serra Boulevard, Daly City thence to Depot.

TOUR NO. 5 - Leave Depot (San Francisco) to Hyde Street Ferry to Berkeley Causeway, University Avenue to University of California, through University Grounds to Tunnel Road, Sky Line Boulevard, Moraga, Piedmont, Mandana; through Lakeshore Park; Around Lake Merritt, thence to 7th Street, to Oakland Mole Ferry to Depot (San Francisco).

and,

TOUR NO. 6 - Leave Depot, to Embarcadero and Vallejo Ferry to Vallejo; through Vallejo to Highway 40, to Napa Junction, Calistoga Road, through Napa, Saint Helena, Calistoga, Petrified Forest Road to Highway 101, to Santa Rosa, Petaluma, San Rafael, Sausalito Ferry to Foot of Hyde Street, thence to Depot.

TOUR NO. 7 - Leave Depot, to Golden Gate Ferry, to Sausalito, U. S. Highway 101 to Manzanita, Mill Valley Road to Dolan's Corners, Bolinas Road to Rock Springs Ranch, Summit Toll Gate to Muir Woods, and return to Toll Gate, Stinson Beach Road to Tamalpais Toll Gate, Rock Springs, Summit of Mt. Tamalpais, Return to Rock Springs, Ridge Crest Toll Road, Alpine Road to Fairfax, San Anselmo, Ross, San Rafael, San Quentin, Greenbrae, U. S. Highway 101 to Sausalito, Golden Gate Ferry to Depot. (San Francisco).

TOUR NO. 8 - Leave Depot, San Jose Avenue to Daly City, 101 Highway to Palo Alto, through Stanford Campus back to 101 Highway, to Sunnyvale; Santa Cruz Highway through Saratoga, Los Gatos, Felton; Big Basin Road to Big Trees and return to Big Basin Road thence Watsonville, Del Monte, Seventeen Mile Drive via Monterey, Carmel, Del Monte; Salinas Highway to Salinas, Highway 101 through San Juan, Gilroy, San Jose, Santa Clara, Bay Shore Highway to Depot.

TOUR NO. 9 - Leave Depot, Bay Shore Boulevard, Mills Field, Palo Alto, to Stanford University, through Stanford Campus; thence Highway 101 to San Mateo (Fourth Avenue), Detour through San Mateo and Hillsborough, returning to Highway 101, Thence via Highway 101 to Junipero Serra Boulevard, to Daly City returning to Depot.

TOUR NO. 10 - (Crabtree Travel Bureau, 1755 Broadway-Oakland), via Telegraph Avenue to Berkeley, through University of California Campus, Prospect Avenue to Alvarado Road, Tunnel Road (Berkeley) Sky Line Boulevard, Moraga Road, Piedmont, Mandana - Oakland, Lake Shore Avenue, Lakeside Park, Circle Lake Merritt to Broadway to Starting Point No. 1755 Broadway.

TOUR NO. 11 - Leave Depot, Bay Shore Highway, Mills Field, Burlingame, Hillsborough, State Highway No. 101 to Redwood City, Woodside Road to Woodside, Searsville Lake, Portola Valley, Palo Alto; Tour through Stanford University, Palo Alto to Middlefield Road, to Redwood City Highway 101, San Mateo, San Francisco Bay Toll Bridge, Mount Eden, Hayward; to Foothill Boulevard, Oakland, Around Lake Merritt, Piedmont (via Mandana Boulevard), Sky Line Boulevard to Lookout Point, Berkeley (Via Tunnel Road), through University Grounds, University Avenue to Golden Gate Ferry Return to Depot, (San Francisco).

TOUR NO. 12 - Leave Depot, Golden Gate Ferry to Sausalito; Highway 101 to Manzanita, Mill Valley, To Muir Woods Toll Gate, Into Muir Woods and return, via same route as outbound.

TOUR No. 14 - Leave Depot, Potrero Street, Bay Shore Highway, Mill's Field, Burlingame (Broadway); to 101 Highway to Sunnyvale, Saratoga Road to Saratoga, Los Gatos, Santa Cruz; to Big Trees, Felton, Ben Lomond, Brookdale, Boulder Creek; Sky Line Boulevard to Saratoga, Cupertino, Los Altos, Palo Alto, through University Grounds; 101 Highway to Junipero Serra Boulevard, Daly City; from Daly City to Depot.

TOUR NO. 15 - Leave Depot, Oakland Pier Ferry; Oakland - East 14th Street to Hayward, to Highway 99 through Tracy, Manteca, Merced, Los Banos; Thence via Pacheco Pass to Hollister, to San Juan, Salinas, Del Monte, Monterey, Carmel; Seventeen Mile Drive, Highway 1 to Watsonville, Santa Cruz; State Highway 5 to Felton to Big Trees, Brookdale, Boulder Creek, Saratoga Road Junction, Saratoga, Sunnyvale; 101 Highway to Palo Alto, to Junipero Serra Boulevard to Depot.

TOUR NO. 16 - Leave Depot, to Ferry, Oakland (7th Street), through Oakland visiting Lake Merritt, Lakeside Park, to Piedmont (via Mandana Boulevard); to Oakland (via Moraga Road); Sky Line Boulevard to Berkeley (via Tunnel Road); Through Berkeley to University of California; University Avenue, San Pablo Avenue, through Albany and El Cerrito; Cutting Boulevard to Richmond; San Rafael Ferry to Point San Quentin, Greenbrae Cut Off, Past San Quentin Prison to Alto, Mill Valley; to Ridgecrest Toll Gate; Into Muir Woods and return to Toll Gate, Ridgecrest Boulevard to Spring Gate Ranch, Bolinas Road to Dolan's Corners; Mill Valley Road and Highway 101 to Sausalito Golden Gate Ferry to Hyde Street, and to Depot.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity therefor, in lieu of all previous rights, which hereby are revoked and annulled, be, and the same is hereby, granted the Gray Line, Inc., subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Applicant shall file its written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed fifteen (15) days from date hereof, stipulating in said acceptance that said certificate is accepted in lieu of all preceding prescriptive and/or certificated operative rights, together with all the privileges, duties, limitations and restrictions herein authorized and imposed.
- (2) The authority herein granted confers on applicant the right to combine or consolidate tours, in whole or in part, and to establish new or different tours over any or all of the routes and to establish excursions over the routes herein granted, provided, the fifteen (15) tours herein authorized shall be operated over the routes therefor, as set forth above. Excursion routes and rates shall be filed in conformity with the tariff requirements of the Commission, but no change of routing shall be made henceforth without specific authority from the Commission, except within the limits of a single city, where applicant may adjust its routes over such streets and highways as municipal traffic regulations may permit, provided, that such adjustment shall not eliminate any point held out to the public by said carrier as a point of scenic and tourist interest.
- (3) Applicant shall commence the service herein authorized within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from the effective date hereof, and shall file in triplicate and concurrently make effective on not less than ten (10) days' notice to the Railroad Commission and the public a tariff or tariffs constructed in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's General Orders and containing rates and rules which in volume and effect, shall be identical with the rates and rules shown in applicant's C.R.C. Nos. 16, 17 and 18 now on file with the Commission, in so far as they conform to the certificate herein granted, or rates and rules satisfactory to the Railroad Commission, including a rule that limousines or sedans may be used, at applicant's option, on any or all tours for which six (6) tickets or less have been sold.

- (4) Applicant shall file, in duplicate, and make effective within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days after the effective date of this order, on not less than five (5) days' notice to the Railroad Commission and the public, time schedules covering the service herein authorized in a form satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.
- (5) The rights and privileges herein authorized may not be discontinued, sold, leased, transferred nor assigned unless the written consent of the Railroad Commission to such discontinuance, sale, lease, transfer or assignment has first been obtained.
- (6) No vehicle may be operated by applicant herein unless such vehicle is owned by said applicant or is leased by applicant under a contract or agreement on a basis satisfactory to the Railroad Commission.
- (7) Tour No. 10 may be operated seasonally approximately June 1 to September 15 of each year.
- (8) Tour No. 15 is to be a three-day all expense tour between San Francisco and Merced and Del Monte for the transportation of passengers and their hand baggage, with a night stop-over at Yosemite and at Del Monte (transportation between Merced and Yosemite Park and transportation and accommodations in and at Yosemite to be provided for through Yosemite Park and Curry Company by connection at Merced and with through and/or joint rates, which are hereby authorized).

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 8th
day of June, 1936.

M. B. Linn
Leon S. Whidely
W. A. Linn
William Linn
James R. Linn
Commissioners.