

Decision No. 31200

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY for)
authority to abandon passenger service)
on alternate route between South Los) Application No. 22005
Angeles and Strawberry Park via Delta,)
and to abandon track between 117th)
Street, Delta, and Strawberry Park.)

C. W. Cornell for Applicant

BY THE COMMISSION

O P I N I O N

This is an application filed by the Pacific Electric Railway Company, asking authority to abandon passenger service on its alternate route between South Los Angeles and Strawberry Park via Delta, and to abandon and remove the track on that portion of this line between 117th Street, Delta, and Strawberry Park.

This matter was the subject of a formal hearing before Examiner Ager at Los Angeles on September 23, 1938, at which time it was taken under submission and is now ready for decision.

At the present time 9 outbound schedules and 8 inbound schedules are operated over the alternate route, and a 7-day check of the travel, which is tabulated in Exhibit C attached to the application, indicates that the number of revenue passengers boarding and leaving the cars within the area where service is proposed to be discontinued, averages less than two per schedule. The record shows that the track on the alternate route is in poor condition, and that if passenger service is to be continued, an undue amount of money will of necessity be expended.

It is estimated that, based upon work which might be reasonably expected within the next five to ten-year period, an annual saving of approximately \$2200 per year will be made in maintenance

of way and structures, if this application is granted.

The testimony indicates that it would be necessary to replace approximately 28% of the ties on the alternate route, and that the abandonment as proposed herein would result in an immediate saving of approximately \$3500.

It is proposed to continue freight service as far as 117th Street, Delta, including freight service to a team track extending between 117th Street and 119th Street.

Some thought and consideration has been given to the possibility of establishing Motor Coach service in the area, and future development may warrant such service. If the application is granted, applicant intends to route all of the schedules via the Athens Way line, so that the net result will be a considerable betterment to the service in that area. There appears to be no possibility of Pacific Electric Rail service over this route ever being made compensatory.

No one appeared in opposition to the granting of this application, and a thorough review of the record leads to the conclusion that it is reasonable and should be granted.

The following Order will so provide:

O R D E R

Public hearing having been held, and the Commission being fully advised,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Pacific Electric Railway Company is hereby authorized to discontinue passenger service on its alternate route between South Los Angeles and Strawberry Park via Delta, and to abandon and remove that portion of said track from 117th Street at Delta to Strawberry Park, all in the county of Los Angeles, and to cancel in conformity with the rules of this Commission, all passenger rate tariffs and time schedules pertaining thereto.

This authorization is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The public shall be given not less than ten (10) days notice prior to the abandonment of passenger service by posting notice in all cars operating on the line, and at all stations affected.
- (2) Applicant shall remove the track shown in solid yellow on the map (Exhibit "A") attached to the application, and in so far as it lies in any public street between 117th Street, Delta, and Strawberry Park shall repair the several roadways to conform to the remainder thereof.
- (3) Applicant shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, notify this Commission in writing of the abandonment of service herein authorized, and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.
- (4) The authorization herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one year from the date hereof, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

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

Dated at San Francisco this 17th day of October, 1938.

Ray B. Whipple
Leon A. Bell
Frederick H. Bell
Ray L. Kelley
Commissioners