

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 34708

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application	)	
of D. B. MAURICE, doing business	)	
as SUNSET STAGES, for Certificate	)	
of Public Convenience and Necessity	)	Application No. 24379
to operate passenger service as a	)	
common carrier within the City of	)	
Redondo Beach.	)	

Collamer A. Bridge, for applicant

William E. Mc Fadden, City Attorney, and  
Bernice Venable, City Councilwoman, for the  
City of Redondo, in support of  
application

Scott Vaughn, for the Huntington Land and  
Improvement Company, in support  
of Application.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

D. B. Maurice, applicant, seeks authority to extend service from Knob Hill Drive to Avenue "I" on Elena Street, and to reroute the present service between Pacific Avenue and Elena Street, in the city of Redondo. The application as originally filed requested an extension of service from Knob Hill Drive to Avenue "C" on Elena Street. During the progress of the hearing applicant amended the application to extend the service as above set out. Applicant's present half-hourly service terminates at Pacific Avenue and Emerald Street, and if the application is granted the half-hourly service will be extended to Avenue "I".

Public hearing was held at Redondo, California, on September 5, 1941, before Examiner Cameron, at which time evidence was received, the application was submitted and it is now ready for

decision.

There was no protest to this application, and the evidence is without conflict. Many of the officials of the City of Redondo, including Mayor Isaac A. Hawkins, and a large number of citizens residing in the Knob Hill area testified on behalf of applicant. The evidence may be briefly stated as follows:

Applicant is now the owner of certificates of public convenience and necessity issued to him and the nature and extent of said operative rights are referred to in Decision No. 34237, dated May 27, 1941. Applicant's financial statement and schedule of operation and tariffs are on file with the Commission. Many witnesses who frequently used applicant's service stated that the present service is inadequate to serve the area south of Knob Hill Drive, which is the terminus of applicant's present service. The present route between Pacific Avenue and Elena Street on Pearl Street does not afford passengers an adequate service to the shopping district located on Torrance Boulevard. Since applicant's present operative rights were authorized by the Railroad Commission more than two hundred residences have been constructed between Knob Hill Drive and Avenue "I". Most of these residents do their shopping in the business district that has recently developed on Torrance Boulevard. Many passengers living in the district between Knob Hill Drive and Avenue "I" are engaged in the aircraft industry near Inglewood and at the present time either drive or are driven in automobiles to Knob Hill Drive and Elena Street, the bus terminal.

The Council of the City of Redondo received numerous complaints in reference to the inadequacy of applicant's present service and after investigation adopted a resolution urging

applicant to file this application. Applicant testified he desired to establish a service to suit the needs of the residents in this area and that a half-hourly service over the altered and extended route could be maintained without any change in fares.

Upon a full and careful consideration of the evidence, we are of the opinion and find that public convenience and necessity require the establishment of a passenger stage service by D. B. Maurice, doing business as Sunset Stages, from Pacific Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, east on Torrance Boulevard to Elena Street, and thence south on Elena Street to Avenue "I" in the City of Redondo, which will be a rerouting of applicant's present service between Pacific Avenue and Elena Street and an extension of applicant's present service from Knob Hill Drive to Avenue "I" on Elena Street. The application as amended will be granted.

O R D E R

Based upon the foregoing opinion and findings set forth therein, it being found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to D. B. Maurice, doing business as Sunset Stages, to establish and operate an automotive service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2½ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers between the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Torrance Boulevard and the intersection of Elena Street and Avenue "I" and intermediate points in the city of Redondo, as an extension and enlargement of the operative rights heretofore

acquired by said Maurice under authority of the Commission's Decision No. 34237 and in lieu of the authority heretofore granted by the Commission's Decision No. 18779 on Application No. 10196; provided that neither applicant Maurice, nor his successors or assigns, shall ever claim before this Commission or any court or other public body a value for the authority hereby granted in excess of the actual cost thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the operation of passenger stage service pursuant to the foregoing certificate D. B. Maurice shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

1. Applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted with a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days from the effective date hereof.
2. Applicant shall comply with the rules of the Commission's General Order No. 79 and Part IV of General Order No. 93-A by filing, in triplicate, and concurrently making effective tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission within sixty (60) days from the effective date hereof and on not less than ten (10) days' notice to the Commission and the public.
3. Applicant is authorized to turn its motor vehicles at termini or intermediate points, either in the intersection of the streets or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersection in either direction and to carry passengers as traffic regulations of the political subdivision may require.
4. Subject to the authority of the Railroad Commission to change or modify it at any time by further order, applicant shall conduct such passenger stage service over and along the following route:

Beginning at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Torrance Boulevard, thence east on Torrance Boulevard to Elena Street, thence south on Elena Street to Avenue "I", all within the city of Redondo, California.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California,  
this 29th day of October, 1941.

M. B. BARK  
Ray L. Keeby  
Justus F. Gallen  
Frank D. Horvath  
Richard R. ...  
Commissioners