

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 35009

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)	Application No. 17984
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a)	(50th Supplemental)
corporation, for an In Lieu Certifi-)	(Slight change in route of
cate of Public Convenience and)	L.A. Santa Monica via
Necessity.)	Beverly Hills Motor Coach
	Line).

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PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a)	
corporation, for authority to termi-)	Application No. 24730
nate the operation of its West 16th)	
Street-San Vicente Boulevard Local)	
Rail Service at Genesee Street.)	

BY THE COMMISSION:

OPINION AND ORDER

On January 23, 1942, Pacific Electric Railway Company filed application requesting authority to effect a minor rerouting of its Los Angeles-Santa Monica via Beverly Hills motor coach line (westbound only) in the vicinity of Genesee Street and Olympic Boulevard, and to terminate its San Vicente Boulevard local passenger rail line at Genesee Street instead of at Ogden Drive, all in the City of Los Angeles. Concurrently with said changes it is proposed to move the existing car stop and passenger shelter station from the present rail terminus to the east side of San Vicente Boulevard at Genesee Street.

The changes proposed are necessitated by plans of the City of Los Angeles to change traffic signals at the intersection of Olympic and San Vicente Boulevards and to open a crossing to through traffic over applicant's tracks at Genesee Street. Olympic Boulevard, a heavily traveled vehicular artery, crosses San Vicente Boulevard and applicant's tracks at an acute angle. That intersection, together with other intersecting streets in the immediate vicinity, results in a serious traffic control situation which the city hopes to relieve by installation of synchronized signals and construction of

the grade crossing at Genesee Street.

To facilitate the most satisfactory utilization of the facilities proposed and hold traffic conflict at a minimum it is desirable to relocate the westbound motor coach route so as to operate along Olympic Boulevard to San Vicente, thence along that boulevard over the present route. This rerouting will place the outbound and inbound routes on the same streets and eliminate one left and one right turn on outbound movements, and at the same time eliminate all motor coach stops within the signalized area.

These changes will make it necessary for passengers transferring between the local rail line and the through motor coach line to walk about 400 feet between San Vicente and Olympic Boulevards along Genesee Street. For one full week day a traffic check indicated only 54 passengers transferring from the rail line to the motor coach line, westbound.

The proposed changes appear to be desirable, the plan has been approved by the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles, and it appears that the application should be granted without public hearing. It being found as a fact that public interest so requires,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company be and it is hereby authorized to:

- (1) Relocate the terminus of the San Vicente Boulevard end of the Hollywood-Vineyard local passenger rail line on San Vicente Boulevard from Olympic Boulevard to the east side of the Genesee street grade crossing;
- (2) Relocate the passenger shelter station from the present to the proposed terminus;
- (3) Discontinue passenger service on that portion of the Los Angeles-Santa Monica via Beverly Hills Motor Coach Line along that portion of the westbound route as follows:

From the intersection of Olympic Boulevard and Genesee Street, along Genesee Street to San Vicente Boulevard, thence along San Vicente Boulevard to Olympic Boulevard;

and substitute in lieu thereof a westbound service along Olympic Boulevard between Genesee Street and San Vicente Boulevard;

subject to the condition that five (5) days' notice shall be given to the Commission and the public, and that no change shall be made in the existing rates of fare.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of February, 1942.

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Commissioners