

Decision No. 35324

**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
WALTER VANDERVORT for a certificate )  
of public convenience and necessity )  
to operate as a common carrier of )  
passengers between Moffett Field, )  
California, on the one hand, and (1) )  
Mt. View, Los Altos, Mayfield, Palo ) Application No. 24902  
Alto, and intermediate points; (2) )  
Mt. View, Palo Alto, and intermediate )  
points; (3) Mt. View, Sunnyvale, )  
Santa Clara, San Jose, and intermediate )  
points; on the other hand. )

BY THE COMMISSION:

**O P I N I O N**

Walter Vandervort, applicant herein, now provides a passenger stage service between Redwood City and Palo Alto along Middlefield Road subject to certain limitations as more particularly described in Decision No. 25081 which created the operative right. Applicant Vandervort herein seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the establishment and operation of a passenger stage service between Moffett Field, on the one hand, and Mountain View, Los Altos, Mayfield, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, San Jose and intermediate points, on the other hand.

Applicant proposes to provide a daily service.  
Proposed one-way, round-trip and commutation fares are as set

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(1) Mayfield is a suburb of and located entirely within the corporate limits of Palo Alto.

(2)  
forth in the margin.

As justification for the authority sought applicant alleges substantially as follows:

That he has been requested by various United States Army officers of the Air Corps to establish a transportation service for the accommodation of civilian employees of Moffett Field who reside at various points along the peninsula between San Jose, and Palo Alto; that Robert E. Beauchamp, Captain, Air Corps Provost Marshall, Karl L. Lange, Commander, U.S.N.R., Sunnyvale Unit U.S. Naval Air Station, and Arthur B. Freeman, Acting Administrative Officer of Moffett Field have written this Commission directing its attention to the lack of service to and from Moffett Field and the necessity therefor; that applicant has made a survey from which he has ascertained that at the present time

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Proposed Fares

	<u>One Way</u>	<u>Round Trip</u>
Between Moffett Field and Palo Alto, California	\$ .15	\$ .25
Los Altos, California	.15	.25
Mountain View, California	.10	.15
Between Moffett Field and San Jose, California	.25	.45
Santa Clara, California	.20	.30
Sunnyvale, California	.15	.25

Commutation Fares

\* Five round-trip weekly commutation book  
between Moffett Field  
and

San Jose, California	\$2.10
Santa Clara, California	1.40

\* Weekly commutation books good only during  
calendar week purchased.

there are approximately 250 such civilian employees residing at points adjacent to or within a radius of 20 miles of Moffett Field all of whom require transportation to and from Moffett Field; and that there is not at the present time any public transportation service operating to and from the Administration Center of Moffett Field for the service of civilian employees, the enlisted men and officers or the public visiting or having business at Moffett Field.

The only other carrier serving the territory involved is Pacific Greyhound Lines. The Commission is in receipt of a communication from this carrier stating it would not offer any objection to the granting of the authority sought. Under applicant's proposal service would be provided to and from the administration center of Moffett Field which service is not being performed by any other carrier.

In view of the alleged circumstance, we are of the opinion and so find that public convenience and necessity require the establishment of the proposed service. No public hearing is necessary.

#### O R D E R

Application having been made as set forth in the foregoing opinion and 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 Walter Vandervort authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a

passenger stage corporation, as defined in section 27 of the Public Utilities Act, between Moffett Field, on the one hand, and Mountain View, Los Altos, Mayfield, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, San Jose and intermediate points, on the other hand, provided that Walter Vandervort his successors or assigns, may never 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 the passenger stage service pursuant to the foregoing certificate Walter Vandervort shall comply with and observe the service regulations as hereinafter set forth:

1. Applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within 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 one (1) day's notice to the Commission and the public.
3. Subject to the authority of this Commission to modify them at any time by further order, applicant shall provide passenger stage service over and along the following routes:

Route 1

Beginning on Alma Street near Southern Pacific Depot at Palo Alto, thence southeasterly along Alma Street to California Avenue, thence southwesterly to El Camino Real, thence southeasterly to San Antonio Avenue, thence southerly on San Antonio Avenue to Hawthorne Avenue to El Monte Avenue to Fremont Avenue to Miramonte Avenue to Castro Street (Mountain View), thence via Castro Street and Moffett Boulevard to Moffett Field.

Route 2

Beginning on University Avenue near the Southern Pacific station at Palo Alto, thence northeasterly on University Avenue to Middlefield Road, thence southeasterly on Middlefield Road to Charleston Road, thence along Charleston Road, Rengstorff Avenue, Alma Street or the prolongation thereof, and Castro Street at Mountain View, thence via Castro Street and Moffett Boulevard to Moffett Field.

Route 3

Beginning at Market and Santa Clara Streets at San Jose, thence along Santa Clara Street El Camino Real to Castro Street at Mountain View, thence along Castro Street and Moffett Boulevard to Moffett Field.

- 4. Applicant is authorized to turn its motor vehicle at termini, either in the intersection of the street or by operating around blocks contiguous to such intersection in either direction, and to carry passengers as traffic regulations of the municipality may require.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1942.

Justus J. Casper  
Ray H. Rice  
H. B. Baker  
Francis R. Hayward  
Richard L. Lusk  
 COMMISSIONERS