

Decision No. 35512

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a)
corporation, for an in lieu certifi-) 51st Supplemental
cate of public convenience and) Application No. 17984
necessity.)

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Pacific Electric Railway Company, by the above-entitled application, requests authority to suspend portions of its motor coach operation between Los Angeles and Santa Monica on its Beverly-Sunset Boulevards Line and on its Beverly Hills Line, as well as to reroute such lines.

By Decisions Nos. 34030 and 35009 in Application No. 17984, applicant was authorized to transport passengers between Los Angeles and Santa Monica, via Beverly Hills, over a prescribed route. Decision No. 34409, in Application No. 17984, granted Pacific Electric Railway Company an extension of the above line permitting service between West Los Angeles and Santa Monica, via the Brentwood District, along a definite route. Decision No. 30905, in Application No. 17984, authorized applicant to operate its Beverly-Sunset Boulevards Line over a specific route.

Pacific Electric Railway Company now asks to suspend operation for the duration of the war emergency of the following portions of the routes referred to above:

Los Angeles-Santa Monica via Beverly Hills Line

From off-street terminal at California and Hill Streets, Los Angeles, via Hill Street and Olympic Boulevard to Olive Street.

Beverly-Sunset Boulevards Line

Commencing at loading zone on Hill Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets, via Hill Street, 6th Street, and Olive Street to Fifth Street; also from intersection of Fifth and Olive Streets via Fifth Street and Hill Street to loading zone between Fifth and Sixth Streets.

Applicant then requests authority to reroute said lines as follows:

Los Angeles-Santa Monica via Beverly Hills Line

From an off-street terminal on Olive Street, just south of Subway Terminal Building, located between Fourth and Fifth Streets, via Olive Street to Olympic Boulevard, thence over Olympic Boulevard and remainder of present route.

Beverly-Sunset Boulevards Line

From an off-street terminal on Olive Street, just south of Subway Terminal Building, located between Fourth and Fifth Streets, via Olive Street to Fifth Street, thence over Fifth Street and remainder of present route; return service to be over reverse of going route.

No changes in fares, schedules or equipment are proposed.

It is alleged in the application that the proposed changes will result in an annual saving of 49,308 bus miles, with consequent conservation of gasoline, oil, tires and equipment. Furthermore, the rerouting will result in consolidation of the lines at one terminal and hence will make service more efficient.

A traffic check of travel on the lines to be affected shows usage is light. Therefore, very few persons will be inconvenienced. The city of Los Angeles, through its Board of Public Utilities and Transportation, approved the proposed plan of applicant.

No need for a public hearing appears. After full consideration of the application and the evidence pertaining thereto the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require that this application be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company is authorized to suspend, for the duration of the war emergency, motor coach operation over and along the following routes:

Los Angeles-Santa Monica via Beverly Hills Line

From off-street terminal at California and Hill Streets, Los Angeles, via Hill Street and Olympic Boulevard to Olive Street.

Beverly-Sunset Boulevards Line

Commencing at loading zone on Hill Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets, via Hill Street, 6th Street, and Olive Street to Fifth Street; also from intersection of Fifth and Olive Streets via Fifth Street and Hill Street to loading zone between Fifth and Sixth Streets.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company is authorized to reroute its motor coach service as follows:

Los Angeles-Santa Monica via Beverly Hills Line

From an off-street terminal on Olive Street, just south of Subway Terminal Building, located between Fourth and Fifth Streets, via Olive Street to Olympic Boulevard, thence over Olympic Boulevard and remainder of present route.

Beverly-Sunset Boulevards Line

From an off-street terminal on Olive Street, just south of Subway Terminal Building, located between Fourth and Fifth Streets, via Olive Street to Fifth Street, thence over Fifth Street and remainder of present route; return service to be over reverse of going route.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, July 7, 1942.

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