

Decision No. 35823

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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, and LOS ANGELES RAILWAY)
 CORPORATION, a corporation, for an)
 in lieu certificate for their jointly)
 operated motor coach lines.)

Application No. 18820
 26th Supplemental

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

This is an application by Pacific Electric Railway Company and Los Angeles Railway Corporation, operating as Los Angeles Motor Coach Company, for authority to abandon operation on a portion of its Olympic Boulevard Line on Hill Street, north of 5th Street and to re-route portion of said line from 5th Street back to Olympic Boulevard. (1)

It is proposed to establish a common terminal for said Olympic Boulevard Line together with applicants' Wilshire Boulevard and Sunset Boulevard Lines on the westerly side of Hill Street between 5th and 6th Streets. To accomplish this, Los Angeles Railway Corporation has agreed to change the location of its downtown terminal points for the No. 2 Line and Figueroa Street Line.

(1) Applicant presently operates its so-called "Olympic Boulevard Line" over a route commencing at California and Hill Streets, thence southerly on Hill Street to Olympic Boulevard, thence westerly on Olympic Boulevard in Los Angeles and Beverly Hills to Spalding Drive. (Decision No. 32748, dated January 23, 1940, 16th Supplemental Application No. 18820.)

In support of the proposed changes applicant cites the recent directives of the Office of Defense Transportation to conserve rubber, gasoline, equipment and labor, and the necessity of avoiding duplication of service during the national emergency.

It alleges that the changes proposed will result in an annual saving of 121,070 coach miles through elimination of the operation north of 5th Street. This will mean a saving of approximately 726,420 tire miles per year. The discontinuance of the operation north of 5th and Hill Streets would require some 1000 passengers per day to transfer to other transportation facilities on Hill Street.

Applicant contends that the operation of coaches northbound on Olive Street, east on 5th Street, and south on Hill Street will result in the removal of northbound operation on Hill Street between Olympic Boulevard and California Street, thus improving to that extent the traffic conditions on Hill Street.

The establishment of a common terminal for Los Angeles Motor Coach Lines, as indicated above, would appear to afford better coordination of service. The application recites that the proposed changes in operation have been approved by the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles. No changes in fare or time schedules or type of equipment are involved.

It appears that the proposed changes are in the public interest, and that the application should be granted by ex parte order.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company and Los Angeles Railway Corporation are hereby authorized to abandon, until further order of the Commission, motor coach service on that portion of its Olympic Boulevard Line on Hill Street between 5th Street and off-terminal at California Street, in the City of Los Angeles, and to re-route the service of said line over and along the following route:

Commencing at curb loading zone on Hill Street between 5th and 6th Streets, Los Angeles, via Hill Street and Olympic Boulevard to Spalding Drive, Beverly Hills; returning via Olympic Boulevard to Olive Street, thence via Olive Street, 5th Street and Hill Street to curb loading zone between 5th and 6th Streets (Pershing Square), Los Angeles.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the operative rights hereby authorized be consolidated with and made a part of the in lieu certificate granted by this Commission's Decision No. 32748, dated January 23, 1940, in 16th Supplemental Application No. 18820.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this authorization be and it hereby is made subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicants shall give the public at least ten (10) days' notice of the abandonment authorized herein by posting notices on all coaches operating on the line involved and at all stations affected.
2. Applicants shall, within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the ten day period hereinabove referred to, advise the Commission in writing of the abandonment herein authorized and of compliance with the conditions thereof.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this ~~14~~ day of October, 1942.

Justice J. Cullen

J. P. M.

Francis R. Haven

Richard Jackson

COMMISSIONERS