Decision No. 38262

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of  )
F. M. SNELL, dba SAN BERNARDINO HIGHLAND )
PATTON MOTOR COACH LINE for permission to )   Application No. 26871
change route from Mountain View Avenue   )
to Arrowhead Avenue.                     )
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F. M. SNELL, propria persona

WILLIAM GUTHRIE, for San Bernardino Valley Transit
Company, protestant

W. H. WIDDELL, for Base Line Commercial Club,
interested party

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Applicant requests authority to reroute a part of his San Bernardino-Highland-Patton Line from Mountain View Avenue between 4th Street and Base Line Street one block to the west along Arrowhead Avenue.

The application was publicly heard at San Bernardino on August 22, 1945, before Examiner Chiesa and having then been duly submitted it is now ready for decision.

Applicant urges that the proposed route change will eliminate a hazardous traffic condition on Mountain View Avenue which is due to the lack of stop signs and that bus travel will be safer on Arrowhead Avenue because it is a stop street; that improved service will result because of fewer boulevard stops on Arrowhead Avenue.

Applicant testified that since 1939 his buses have been involved in two serious accidents on Mountain View Avenue: one

occurred approximately one year ago at 6th Street as the result of a collision with an automobile crossing Mountain View Avenue. This accident did not result in loss of life. However, applicant's insurance carrier was required to pay approximately $800 for damages to applicant's bus and approximately $4,400 to others as damages to property and for personal injuries. The other accident referred to occurred several months ago at 5th Street and resulted in damages to applicant's bus of approximately $85 with no personal injuries. The latter accident does not appear to have been unusually serious. He also testified that the proposed route along Arrowhead Avenue would eliminate the necessity of making one or two boulevard stops depending on the direction of travel. Applicant's insurance agent substantially corroborated the testimony as to the two accidents. However, on cross-examination this witness could not specifically recall any other accidents on Mountain View Avenue involving applicant's buses.

San Bernardino Valley Transit Company operates a bus service on D Street which is parallel to and one block west of Arrowhead Avenue. It has protested the granting of this application on the ground that the proposed rerouting would adversely affect its business to the extent of $10 to $25 per day and upon the further grounds that traffic is much heavier on Arrowhead Avenue than on Mountain View Avenue and therefore traffic hazards are greater; that San Bernardino police records show that since 1936 there have been 77 accidents on Arrowhead Avenue and 59 accidents on Mountain View Avenue between 4th Street and Base Line Street; that 65% of the passengers picked up and discharged by buses on protestant's San Bernardino-Colton line on D Street, between 4th Street and Base Line Street, originate or are destined to points

east of D Street and as Arrowhead Avenue is the next street east
a considerable loss of patronage could be expected.

Upon review of the evidence of record as set forth above,
which we find to be the true facts in this proceeding, we conclude
that it would not be in the public interest to grant this applica-
tion.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above-entitled
proceeding, the matter having been duly submitted, the Commission
being fully advised, and findings and conclusions having been made
as set forth in the foregoing opinion,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

That the application of F. M. Snell, Application No.
26871, be, and it is hereby, denied.

The effective date of this order shall be the 20th day
from and after the date hereof.

Dated at _San Francisco_, California, this _2nd_
day of _October_, 1945.

[signatures]

COMMISSIONERS