

Decision No. 38300

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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In the Matter of the Application of)
 TANNER MOTOR LIVERY, LTD., a corpo-)
 ration, for a certificate of public)
 convenience and necessity to operate) Application No. 26561
 as a common carrier for hire, trans-)
 portation service between downtown)
 Santa Barbara, California, and the)
 Goleta Airport at Goleta, California.)

TUDOR GAIRDNER, for applicant.

J. F. GOUX, for Mae A. Marton, protestant;

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Applicant requests authority to render service as a "passenger stage corporation" as that term is defined in Section 2-1/4 of the Public Utilities Act, between the city of Santa Barbara and the Goleta Airport, a distance of approximately ten and a half miles.

The matter was publicly heard at Santa Barbara on May 25, 1945, before Examiner Chiesa, and having been duly submitted is now ready for decision:

Applicant is an established passenger stage operator between various points in Southern California. It proposes to operate a de luxe type service, using limousines, to transport commercial air-line passengers to and from the terminal building within the Goleta Airport and its terminal in downtown Santa Barbara. One intermediate stop is proposed, at La Vay's Cafe, located on U.S. Highway 101 near the intersection of Fairview Avenue, approximately one and a half miles from the airport terminal. Proposed fares are

one dollar one way from Santa Barbara to the airport terminal and twenty-five cents one way from La Vay's Cafe to the airport, with half-fare rates for children. No regular schedules are proposed, the service being offered on an "on call" basis when and as air liners arrive and depart. The evidence shows that applicant now conducts a taxicab and "for hire" limousine service at Santa Barbara which is available to air-line passengers using the Goleta Airport.

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Protestant Mae A. Marton now operates a bus service between Santa Barbara and Goleta, and intermediate points, including La Vay's Cafe and the Main Gate to the Goleta Airport, located on U.S. Highway 101 about a half mile west of said cafe. This line practically parallels applicant's proposed route between downtown Santa Barbara and Cienigita Road from which point the routes are identical to Fairview Avenue. The schedule on this line is on a 1½-hour headway between 6:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and 1-hour headway from 3:00 p.m. to midnight. She operates several large buses and charges a fare of twenty cents one way and thirty-five cents round trip to La Vay's Cafe and the Main Gate which is now closed to passenger traffic.

The evidence shows that for the months of February, March, and April, 1945, United Air Lines, operating one north-bound and one south-bound trip a day, handled an aggregate of 450 passengers at the Goleta Airport. Applicant's Santa Barbara manager testified that of this number his company transported, by taxicab or limousine, an aggregate of 205 of said air-line passengers.

(1) As Mae A. Spreitz, doing business as Spreitz Transportation, she acquired said operative right by Decision No. 27401.

to or from said airport. This is an average of 68 passengers a month both ways, or a little over one passenger a day each way. Applicant made no showing as to estimated operating revenue or expenses. The limited nature of the operation indicates that it would not be compensatory and no evidence was introduced to show that any loss entailed by the proposed operation would not cast a burden on the other operations of applicant.

There is no evidence in the record that other commercial air lines now use the Goleta Airport. Two public witnesses testified that the proposed service is needed and desirable; however, one witness "assumed" that the present service "is adequate now" and the other witness had "no personal knowledge of the situation".

Although there is no certificated bus operation between the intersection of Fairview Avenue and U. S. Highway 101 and the Fairview Avenue Gate, we believe, upon the showing made herein, that the establishment and operation of the proposed service is not justified at this time. Taxicabs and "for hire" limousines between Santa Barbara and the airport terminal are available to air-line passengers.

In view of the evidence as set forth above, which we find as true facts in this proceeding, the conclusion follows that public convenience and necessity do not at this time require the establishment and operation of a passenger stage service as herein proposed.

The application will be denied.

ORDER

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 ORDERED as follows:

That the application of Tanner Motor Livery, Ltd., a corporation, Application No. 26561, be, and it hereby is, denied.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of October, 1945.

Howard Anderson
James F. Cooney
Franklin D. Brown
Walter Russell
 COMMISSIONERS