

Decision No. 38642

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of PASADENA CITY LINES, INC., for authority to (a) extend its Lincoln Avenue motor coach line from Harriet Street to Foothill Boulevard; and (b) to operate a new motor coach line on Foothill Boulevard between Lincoln and Lake Avenues for a trial period of ninety days. Both routes are situated in the City of Altadena.

ORIGINAL
Application
No. 27006

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BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Pasadena City Lines, Inc. operates a general local motor coach service in Pasadena and immediate surrounding area.

In the instant application applicant requests that it be authorized: (a) to extend its Lincoln Avenue motor coach line from Harriet Street to Foothill Boulevard; and (b) to operate a new motor coach line on Foothill Boulevard between Lincoln and Lake Avenues for a trial period of ninety days. Both of these routes are located in the unincorporated town of Altadena and adjacent to the north city limits of Pasadena.

A public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Hall on January 3, 1946, at which time the matter was submitted for determination.

These two extensions are proposed for the betterment of service in the Altadena area.

EXTENSION OF LINCOLN AVENUE LINE FROM
HARRIET STREET TO FOOTHILL BOULEVARD.

The Pasadena City Lines now operates its No. 3 motor coach line along Lake Street, Colorado Street, and Lincoln Street from a point in the vicinity of Foothill Boulevard and Lake Street in Altadena, through the business district of Pasadena, and return to the intersection of Lincoln and Harriet Streets.

The present proposal is an extension of the Lincoln Avenue leg of this route from Harriet Street to Foothill Boulevard, a distance of approximately 1,000 feet.

The record shows that a great number of new dwellings have been constructed and occupied in the vicinity of Foothill Boulevard and Lincoln Street. The purpose of this proposed extension is to better serve this growing area.

All parties signified that there was a need for this extension which would entail no additional equipment and the only additional cost would be the running costs between Harriet Street and Foothill Boulevard, a distance of about 1,000 feet.

It appears that public convenience and necessity require this extension and the Order herein will so provide.

NEW MOTOR COACH LINE ON FOOTHILL BOULEVARD
BETWEEN LINCOLN AND LAKE AVENUES.

Applicant proposes to establish a motor coach line along Foothill Boulevard in the town of Altadena in order that the residents in the area might have a crosstown service as well as a service to connect with the existing service on Lincoln Avenue or on Lake Avenue.

In the vicinity of Foothill Boulevard and Lake Avenue there is developed a shopping district which is used or can be used by the people living adjacent to Foothill Boulevard.

Applicant proposes to install this service as a separate line without transfers to its city-wide system. The fare proposed is five cents and the service is to be operated with one bus on a 30-minute headway so designed as to make as close connections as possible with the meter coach lines on both Lincoln and Lake Avenues.

Numerous witnesses testified that this was a needed service for the growing territory contiguous to Foothill Boulevard to give these people a means of reaching the shopping district at Lake Avenue and Foothill Boulevard, and also to get public transportation to downtown Pasadena without the necessity of a long walk to reach the service on either Lake Avenue or Lincoln Avenue.

The granting of this part of the application was protested by the Poppyfields Association. It was their contention that the route did not give proper coverage to the Altadena area, particularly the Poppyfields area, which is located adjacent to Lake Avenue some distance north of Foothill Boulevard. It was their desire that a line be extended northerly along Lake Avenue from Foothill Boulevard as a part of the Lake Avenue line in order to avoid a transfer in going to the business district of Pasadena.

Witnesses for Poppyfield area alleged that in order to get to town they must walk to Foothill Boulevard to reach public transportation, as usually the head of the family drives the car to work in the morning and does not return until evening.

It was suggested by the protestants that this portion of the application should not be granted until a further survey of the area can be made in order that a service giving complete coverage of the territory could be made.

Applicant pointed out that due to the severe grades along Lake Avenue in order to reach the Poppyfields area, the cost to the

company would far outweigh the benefits accruing to the area at this time and that as a first step toward servicing this area the Foothill Boulevard proposal should be granted.

It would appear that the proposal does not give complete coverage to the entire Altadena area; however, the route along Foothill Boulevard could be a first step in that direction. The record indicates to us that the heaviest concentration of population in the area is tributary to the proposed route. Such a route should be operated at a 5-cent rate of fare independently of the lines on Lake Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, in order that a definite check can be made upon its revenues and so that the Commission might at the end of any period determine precisely the results of that operation. The following order will so provide.

Pasadena City Lines, Inc. is hereby placed upon notice that operative rights, as such, do not constitute a class of property which may be capitalized or used as an element of value in rate-fixing for any amount of money in excess of that originally paid to the State as the consideration for the grant of such rights. Aside from their purely permissive aspect, they extend to the holder a full or partial monopoly of a class of business over a particular route. This monopoly feature may be changed or destroyed at any time by the State, which is not in any respect limited to the number of rights which may be given.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held and the matter being under submission;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to Pasadena City Lines, Inc., a corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 23 of the Public Utilities Act:

I. As an extension and enlargement of its present operative rights, and consolidated therewith, for the transportation of passengers in the unincorporated town of Altadena, as follows:

Over and along Lincoln Avenue, between Harriet Street and Foothill Boulevard.

In providing service pursuant to the foregoing certificate, the following service regulations shall be complied with:

- (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 provisions of General Order No. 79 and Part IV of General Order No. 93-A by filing in triplicate and concurrently making effective appropriate tariffs and time schedules 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.

II. For the transportation of passengers in the unincorporated town of Altadena, as follows:

From the intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Foothill Boulevard; along Foothill Boulevard easterly to Lake Avenue; thence southerly on Lake Avenue to Mariposa Street; thence westerly on Mariposa Street to El Molino Avenue; thence northerly on El Molino Avenue to Foothill Boulevard; returning over the same route to Foothill Boulevard, the point of commencement.

In providing service pursuant to the foregoing certificate the following service regulations shall be complied with:

- (1) Rate of fare for said service shall be as follows:

Adults	5 cents)
Children	5 cents) No Transfers
- (2) Applicant shall file with this Commission a report of operating revenues and expenses on the Foothill Boulevard line for each calendar month. Said report shall be filed not later than the tenth day of the succeeding month.
- (3) 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.

- (4) Applicant shall comply with the provisions of General Order No. 79 and Part IV of General Order No. 93-A by filing in triplicate and concurrently making effective appropriate tariffs and time schedules within sixty (60) days from the effective date hereof and on not less than one (1) days notice to the Commission and the public.

The effective date of this Order shall be twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of January, 1946.

Edward C. Quinn
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Commissioners