

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 39061

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 Asbury Rapid Transit System, a corpora- )  
 tion, for authority to operate a motor )  
 coach transportation service as a com- ) Application No. 27331  
 mon carrier for compensation between )  
 that section of the City of Los Angeles )  
 known as Roscoe, on the one hand, and )  
 that section of the City of Los Angeles )  
 known as North Hollywood, on the other )  
 hand, and all intermediate points. )

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 C. W. Cornell, for Pacific Electric Railway Company,  
 interested party; T. M. Chubb, Assistant Chief Engineer  
 for K. Chas. Bean, Chief Engineer of Board of Public  
 Utilities and Transportation, City of Los Angeles, in-  
 terested party; Lloyd Gregg, for San Fernando Valley  
 Associated Chambers of Commerce, interested party.

O P I N I O N

In the above-numbered application, Asbury Rapid Transit System seeks the Commission's authority to operate a motor coach service between Roscoe and North Hollywood in the San Fernando Valley area of the City of Los Angeles.

Hearing in the matter was held before Examiner Ager at Los Angeles on May 21, 1946, at which time it was duly submitted and is now ready for decision.

The record shows that, over a period of many years, requests have been received by applicant for the establishment of a service, such as is proposed in the instant proceeding. During the war period it was necessary that compliance with these requests be deferred because of restrictions imposed by the Office of Defense Transportation, as well as inability on the part of applicant to procure equipment necessary for the institution of the service. These obstacles have now been removed, and studies by applicant indicate that the time is

propitious for the inauguration of the line.

Substantial residential and industrial development has taken place in the area tributary to the proposed route, particularly in the vicinity of Van Owen Street and Vineland Avenue, and Sherman Way and Vineland Avenue. A business district is to be developed in the area north of Glenoaks Boulevard at the north end of the proposed route, and heavy residential development has taken place in the entire area during the war period.

A service between Roscoe and North Hollywood is now available by transfer from applicant's San Fernando Road Line to its Magnolia Boulevard Line in the City of Burbank, but this necessitates the use of a circuitous route of twelve miles, as opposed to the six-mile route, as proposed in the instant proceeding. Further than this, no service is available to those persons residing along or in the vicinity of Vineland Avenue, between the two termini.

The evidence shows that since 1923, the population immediately tributary to the Roscoe area has increased from approximately 1,000 to 15,000, and that these people are dependent upon the department stores, theaters, etc., in North Hollywood or Burbank for their shopping and recreational facilities. The record shows further that a school, located at the intersection of Vineland Avenue and Oxnard Street, has an attendance of 790 students, and that no public transportation is available for their use. Also, this school has experienced difficulty in obtaining teachers because of the lack of public transportation. The Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles has favorably endorsed the proposal.

Applicant has equipment available at the present time for the operation of the service and other units are on order, which will insure its continuity and perpetuation.

No opposition developed to the proposal, and a careful review of the record leads to the conclusion that the establishment of the service, as proposed, will be in the public interest. A certificate of public convenience and necessity will be granted.

ORDER

A public hearing having been held in the above-entitled matter, the Commission now being fully advised in the premises and finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to Asbury Rapid Transit System, a corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a "passenger stage corporation" as defined in Section 2½ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers between Roscoe and North Hollywood, in the City of Los Angeles.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, Asbury Rapid Transit System shall comply with and observe the following regulations:

(a) 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.

(b) Applicant shall, within sixty (60) days from the effective date hereof and upon not less than one (1) day's notice to the Commission and the public, establish the service herein authorized and 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, tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission.

(c) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify such at any time, Asbury Rapid Transit System shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following described route:

Commencing at the intersection of Sunland Boulevard and Penrose Street in Roscoe, thence via

Sunland Boulevard, Vineland Avenue, Burbank Boulevard and Lankershim Boulevard to Camarillo Street, returning via the reverse of the going route to the point of commencement.

Applicant is authorized to turn its motor vehicles at termini and intermediate points, in either direction, at intersections of streets or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersection, or in accordance with local traffic rules.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14 day of June, 1946.

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Commissioners