

Decision No. 39476

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BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of Application of }  
PASADENA CITY LINES, INC., for }  
authority to discontinue its }  
Foothill Boulevard motor coach } Application No. 27674  
route operating along Foothill }  
Boulevard between Lincoln and }  
Lake Avenues in the City of }  
Altadena. }

Cosgrove, Clayton, Cramer and Diether, by Leonard A. Diether, for applicant; H. Burton Noble, for City of Pasadena, A. E. Fenton, for Altadena Chamber of Commerce, interested parties.

O P I N I O N

By Decision No. 38642, dated January 29, 1946, applicant was authorized to establish and operate a passenger stage service in Altadena, along Lincoln Avenue between Harriet Street and Foothill Boulevard, thence along Foothill Boulevard, Lake Avenue, Mariposa Street, El Molino Avenue to its intersection with Foothill Boulevard. The establishment of said service was requested on a trial basis; however, the certificate of public convenience and necessity was granted without reservation.

Applicant now requests authority to discontinue said service along Foothill Boulevard, alleging that patronage on said line is insufficient to justify its continuance because revenues are considerably less than cost of operation.

A public hearing was held in this matter before Examiner Chiesa on August 26, and September 23, 1946, and the application was submitted for decision on the latter date.

The evidence shows that operation of the Foothill Boulevard cross-town line was commenced on February 18, 1946, and that operating revenues and expenses for the period of February 18 to August 31, 1946, were as follows:

MONTH	OPERATING REVENUE	OPERATING EXPENSES	OPERATING LOSS	COACH MILES OPERATED
1946				
February 18th to 28th	\$104.45	\$ 296.47	\$ 192.02	830
March	221.00	773.15	552.15	2, 147
April	210.45	751.02	540.57	2, 150
May	207.36	748.00	540.64	2, 150
June	187.05	740.79	553.74	2, 075
July	165.31	763.50	598.19	2, 158
August	146.53	817.39	670.86	2, 237
TOTALS	\$1, 242.15	\$4, 890.32	\$3, 648.17	13, 747
Per Coach Mile - Cents	9.03	35.57	26.54	

It was also shown that during the 166-day period 24,841 passengers were carried, or an average of 150 passengers per day. On the basis of 50 one-way trips operated each day, applicant averaged three passengers per trip. Labor costs were \$16.08 per day or 32 cents per trip, while revenue per trip was 15 cents.

It was expected that, beginning with the current school year, September 16, 1946, revenues might increase sufficiently to justify the continuance of the service. However, during the

school week of September 16 to 20, the average daily revenue was \$9.28 or \$6.80 per day less than the cost of the driver. There is evidence in the record indicating that the expected amount of school traffic has not materialized due to the transportation which is provided by the school board. School busses to the John Muir School, located on Lincoln Avenue, operate cross-town along Orange Grove Avenue, Washington Street, and New York-Calaveras-Ventura Streets. The latter line is approximately a half mile south of Foothill Boulevard. Other school cross-town busses are operated to the Eliot School situated near the intersection of Calaveras Street and Lake Avenue.

The evidence clearly shows that patronage on the Foothill Boulevard line does not justify continuance of the present service and, therefore, applicant's request merits favorable consideration.

There was no appearance in protest of the application and the City of Pasadena supported applicant's position on the ground that continuing losses would adversely affect service on other lines.

Upon this record the Commission finds that the proposed discontinuance of service is justified and, therefore, the application will be granted.

O R D E R

A public hearing thereon having been had, the matter submitted, and it having been found that the public interest

so requires,

IT IS ORDERED:

That Pasadena City Lines, a corporation, be, and it hereby is, authorized to discontinue and abandon service as a "passenger stage corporation" over and along the following street, highway or route:

Along Foothill Boulevard between Lincoln Avenue and El Molino Avenue.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October, 1946.

Harold P. Kels

Justus F. Gallen  
Frank C. ...

A. J. ...

COMMISSIONERS