

Decision No. 39802**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 SHORELINE TRANSIT, INC. (to extend)
 passenger stage service from Topanga) Application No. 28010
 Post Office to Summit, and to reduce)
 local express rates. ()

O P I N I O N

Shoreline Transit, Inc. was authorized to inaugurate a stage service for the transportation of passengers, baggage and small express shipments between Santa Monica, Malibu, Topanga Post Office and intermediate points, by Decision No. 39324, dated August 13, 1946, in Application No. 27558.

The carrier now requests authority to extend its Santa Monica-Topanga line from Topanga Post Office, the present northern terminus, to Summit, a distance of 5 miles, including the intermediate points of Sylvia Park and Veteran Springs. Local fares of five cents are proposed between Topanga Post Office and Summit. Through fares of 40, 45 and 50 cents are offered from Santa Monica to Sylvia Park, Veteran Springs and Summit, respectively. A 12-ride weekly commutation fare of \$4.20 is also offered, to apply between Santa Monica and the three last-named points. Three morning schedules will be rendered each way daily except Sundays and holidays between Santa Monica and Veteran Springs, located 1.4 miles south of Summit on Topanga Canyon Road. Two of the three daily afternoon schedules proposed will terminate at Summit. Extra weekend schedules are also offered between Santa Monica and Veteran Springs.

Service will be provided with present equipment, consisting of three reconditioned 26-passenger Model CY Mack coaches.

Applicant alleges that the proposed service will supply needed transportation to persons who otherwise would have to walk, hitch-hike, or use their own vehicles to travel to or from points not presently served. No other carrier furnishes service along the route.

Applicant has also asked permission to establish a minimum charge of 25 cents for the transportation of express packages not exceeding 25 pounds in weight, in lieu of the prescribed minimum charge of 47 cents now named in its tariff. It is alleged that the present minimum charge is too high to permit any revenue to be derived from that service. While the proposed charge will be less than that prescribed by outstanding Commission orders, it appears that applicant's operations are comparable to those of carriers heretofore authorized to depart from the established basis of such charges for shipments weighing 25 pounds or less. Under the circumstances, applicant's request appears to be reasonable.

In our judgment there is a public need for the extension of service proposed by applicant, and the application accordingly will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

An application therefor having been filed, and it having been found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to Shoreline Transit, Inc., authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 24 of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers and their baggage and express, between Topanga Post Office, on the one hand, and Sylvia Park, Veteran Springs and Summit, on the other hand, and points intermediate to said points, as an extension of and to be consolidated with applicant's present operations between Santa Monica, Malibu, Topanga Post Office, and intermediate points, authorized by Decision No. 39324, dated August 13, 1946, in Application No. 27558, subject, however, to the following condition:

- a. The transportation of express shall be incidental to the transportation of passengers and shall be limited to a weight of 25 pounds a shipment, on passenger carrying vehicles.

(2) That Shoreline Transit, Inc., be and it is hereby authorized to publish, for the transportation of express shipments weighing 25 pounds or less, to be transported on passenger carrying vehicles only, rates and charges less than the minimum rates and charges prescribed by Decision No. 31606, as amended, in Case No. 4246, but not less than those stated in Exhibit "D" attached to and made part of the application herein.

(3) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, applicant shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

- a. Applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed 30 days from the effective date hereof.
- b. Within 60 days from the effective date hereof and on not less than 5 days' notice to the Commission

and the public, applicant shall 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, appropriate tariffs and time tables.

- c. Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify them by further order, applicant shall conduct operations pursuant to the certificate herein granted over and along the following routes:

Beginning at Topanga Post Office, thence northerly along Topanga Canyon Road (California State Highway No. 27) via Sylvia Park and Veteran Springs, to Summit.

Applicant may turn its motor vehicles at termini or intermediate points either in the intersection of the street, or by operating around a block, in either direction, 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 30th day of December, 1946.

Harold P. Kule
Justus F. Craven
Wesley H. Powell
A. F. Johnson
 COMMISSIONERS