

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 40672

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SUNSET STAGES, a corporation, to alter and extend existing service and for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate passengor service as a common carrier within the County of Los Angeles.	) ) ) ) ) )	Application No. 28021
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Ratzer and Bridge by Collamer A. Bridge, for applicant.  
Vernon P. Spencer, for Inglewood City Lines, protestant.

O P I N I O N

Applicant operates a passengor stage service, under authority heretofore granted by this Commission, between Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Manhattan Beach, Los Angeles Municipal Airport, Lawndale, Hawthorne, and Inglewood.

By this application authority is requested to establish service as a common carrier for the transportation of persons in the County of Los Angeles and the City of Inglewood by extending one of the present routes from the intersection of Redondo Beach Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue easterly along Redondo Beach Boulevard to Crenshaw Boulevard, a distance of 1.6 miles, thence north-erly along Crenshaw Boulevard to Manchester Avenue, in the City of Inglewood, a distance of 5.3 miles.

A public hearing was held on February 20, 1947, at which time the matter was submitted for decision.

The record shows that the proposed extension would afford a direct transportation service for several thousand persons to a fast-growing business and amusement area at the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and Manchester Avenue, known as Morningside Park, for many employees of the Northrup Aircraft factory located on Crenshaw Boulevard between Rosecrans Avenue and Imperial Highway, and for persons desiring to travel to the south Santa Monica Bay beaches. At applicant's proposed terminus at Manchester Avenue passengers will be able to transfer to all points east, west, or north on lines of Inglewood City Lines or Los Angeles Transit Lines.

At present there is no public transportation available along the proposed extension except that Inglewood City Lines operates a portion of one of its routes along Crenshaw Boulevard between 135th and 157th Streets. This carrier, protestant, and applicant stipulated at the hearing that (1) applicant would not transport local passengers along Crenshaw between Manchester Avenue and Century Boulevard, a distance of one mile; (2) applicant would not object to the proposed extension of protestant's line along Imperial Highway from Yukon Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard, a distance of a half mile; and (3) that protestant would apply to this Commission to abandon its present service along Crenshaw Boulevard south of 135th Street. It appears from the evidence of record that the proposals embodied in said stipulation will result in an improved transportation service and will also benefit the respective carriers.

Protestant stated that it had recently filed an application with this Commission requesting permission to serve the area immediately east of Crenshaw Boulevard between Manchester Avenue

and Century Boulevard, and that pursuant to its agreement with applicant said application would be amended to conform with the proposals<sup>(1)</sup>.

Inglewood City Lines having withdrawn its protest, the application is not opposed by other carriers.

Several city officials and representatives of civic organizations and business firms testified in support of the application.

Applicant's Executive Vice-President testified that four new 27-passenger Ford transit-type buses will be delivered to applicant within a week and that service could be established immediately. A thirty-minute schedule is proposed between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and midnight. Three 5-cent fare zones are proposed, between Hawthorne and Manchester Avenues, with fare breaks at 154th Street and at Imperial Highway, which may be revised as a result of a pending application for increase in fares (Application No. 28093) and Inglewood City Lines' proposed amendment to its application. The establishment of service as proposed herein will not result in increased fares.

Upon consideration of the entire record in this proceeding we are of the opinion and find that public convenience and necessity require the establishment of common carrier service for the transportation of persons as proposed. The application will be granted.

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----(1) Application No. 28225 was filed February 20, 1947; amendment to application was filed February 24, 1947.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above-entitled proceeding, the Commission now being fully advised in the premises and having found 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 Sunset Stages, a corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a "passenger stage corporation", as defined in Section 2½ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of persons, between the intersection of Hawthorne Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard and the intersection of Crenshaw Boulevard and Manchester Avenue and intermediate points, as an extension and enlargement of, and to be consolidated with, its present operative rights, subject to the following condition:

- (a) No passenger shall be transported whose origin and destination are along Crenshaw Boulevard between Century Boulevard and Manchester Avenue, both points inclusive.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, the following service regulations shall be complied with:

- (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, Sunset Stages shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following described route:

Beginning at the intersection of Hawthorne Avenue and Redondo Beach Boulevard, thence along Redondo Beach Boulevard, Crenshaw Boulevard, to its intersection with Manchester Avenue.

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 twenty (20) days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1947.

Harold P. Hills  
Justice F. Coakley  
Robert H. Powell  
A. B. Johnson  
Wm. H. Potter  
 COMMISSIONERS