

Decision No. 40112

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
SHORELINE TRANSIT, INC., a California)
corporation, for a certificate of)
public convenience and necessity to)
operate local passenger stage service)
as a common carrier between Topanga)
Post Office and Summit, in the County)
of Los Angeles, State of California,)
as an extension of applicant's present)
operative rights, and for authority)
to reduce certain of its local express)
rates.)

ORIGINAL

Application No. 28010
1st Supplemental

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL OPINION AND ORDER

By its First Supplemental Application herein, Shoreline Transit, Inc. asks permission to discontinue service on its Santa Monica-Topanga line until May 31, 1947, and to place that line in operation on a seasonal basis only, annually between June 1st and October 31st.

Applicant's stage service between Santa Monica, Malibu and Topanga Post Office was originally authorized by Decision No. 39324, in Application No. 27558, and was later extended from Topanga Post Office to Summit by Decision No. 39802, dated December 30, 1946, in Application No. 28010. The last-mentioned decision also authorized a reduction in express rates.

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- (1) The opinion in Decision No. 39802 states: "Local fares of five cents are proposed between Topanga Post Office and Summit." Applicant has asked for a clarification of that statement in a letter addressed to the Commission. As the fares are constructed on a zone basis (Exhibit "B", Application No. 28010), the statement is essentially correct. The local fare between Topanga Post Office and Summit, however, would be the combination of zone fares applying over intermediate points (Sylvia Park and Veteran Springs) and thus would total 15 cents.

Applicant now states that the Santa Monica-Topanga Post Office line has shown an operating loss of \$1,266.72 for the period August 19, 1946 to December 1, 1946, and it is anticipated that a minimum loss of \$1,900.60 will be incurred for the ensuing six months, based on the maintenance of existing schedules on that route. A survey of traffic possibilities along the route, it is stated, indicates that for the seven-months' period from November 1 to May 31 there will be such a falling off of patronage due to inclement weather and other causes beyond applicant's control as to render the maintenance of present or any schedules unjustifiable during that period. From June 1 to October 31, however, the line is believed to have excellent prospects not only between Santa Monica and Topanga Post Office, but as extended to Summit. Attached to the application are letters from four Topanga business men supporting the request for seasonal service on the Topanga route. No opposition to the proposal has been indicated.

Applicant's request appears to be reasonable, and it will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

Therefore, good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that Shoreline Transit, Inc. be and it is hereby authorized to discontinue the passenger stage service on its Santa Monica-Topanga Line authorized by Decision No. 39324, in Application No. 27558, and by Decision No. 39802, in Application No. 28010, and to place said service in operation on a seasonal

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- (2) Operating cost estimates, said to reflect accurately present system costs of operation of three units of equipment, including drivers' wages, were submitted by the applicant. A recapitulation of the data submitted is as follows:
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| Cost per working day (total time charges plus total mileage charges) | \$ 82.30 |
| Cost per year (cost per working day times working days per year) | \$ 30,039.50 |
| Cost per mile (cost per working day divided by miles per day) | \$.31-2/3 |

basis only, between June 1, 1947 and October 31, 1947, both dates inclusive, and annually during said period thereafter; provided, however, that the authority her-in granted shall not be exercised unless and until at least ten days' notice shall have been given by applicant to the public of the change in service herein authorized, by posting an appropriate notice in a conspicuous place in all terminals and on all motor vehicle equipment utilized in said service; nor unless and until appropriate supplements to applicant's existing tariffs and time tables, reflecting the change in service herein authorized, have been duly filed with the Commission.

In all other respects, Decisions Nos. 39324 and 39802 shall be and remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order shall be 20 days from the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 1st day of April, 1947.

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 COMMISSIONERS