

Decision No. 40411

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 SEORELINE TRANSIT, INC., a California)
 corporation, for a certificate of pub-)
 lic convenience and necessity to operate)
 local passenger stage service, as a com-)
 mon carrier, between Topanga Postoffice)
 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.)

ORIGINALApplication No. 28010
Second SupplementalO P I N I O N

Authority is requested to defer resumption of passenger stage operations between Topanga Post Office and Summit, until June 1, 1948.

Applicant's stage service between Santa Monica, Malibu, and Topanga Post Office originally was authorized by Decision No. 39324, dated August 13, 1946, in Application No. 27558, and later was extended from Topanga Post Office to Summit by Decision No. 39802, dated December 30, 1946, in Application No. 28010.

Decision No. 40112, dated April 1, 1947, in Application No. 28010, granted applicant permission to discontinue the passenger stage service authorized by Decisions Nos. 39324 and 39802, "and to place said service in operation on a seasonal basis only between June 1, 1947, and October 31, 1947, both dates inclusive, and annually during said period thereafter. . . ."

Applicant now proposes to operate between Santa Monica, Malibu, and Topanga, under Decision No. 39324, but to defer operations between Topanga Post Office and Summit, on the grounds that such a line would be unprofitable. It is contended that the residents of Topanga Canyon now use private passenger cars for all of this transportation. As a result it might take some time before they would become sufficiently "bus-minded" to patronize a bus line to the point where it would be profitable to operate. Inasmuch as the applicant has experienced some financial difficulties with the Santa Monica, Malibu, and Topanga operation, it is submitted that it would be desirable to allow applicant a little more time before he undergoes the expense of instituting and developing the Topanga Post Office-Summit service.

This request is supported by a petition from a group of Topanga business men. There is no opposition to the proposal.

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

O R D E R

Application having been made in the above-entitled matter the Commission being fully advised, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

That Shoreline Transit, Inc., a California corporation, be, and it hereby is, authorized to defer resumption of passenger stage operations authorized by Decision No. 39802, in Application No. 28010, between Topanga Post Office and Summit, until the period

between June 1, 1948, and October 31, 1948, both dates inclusive, and annually during said period thereafter; provided, however, that the authority herein 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 conspicuous places in all terminals and in 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 this Commission.

In all other respects Decision No. 39802 shall be and remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of June, 1947.

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COMMISSIONERS