

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 40839

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
THE GRAY LINE, INC., a corporation, )  
for a certificate of public conveni- )  
-ence and necessity to operate as a )  
common carrier for hire, trans- )  
-portation service between the Bay )  
Meadows Race Track in San Mateo )  
County, California, on the one hand, )  
and San Francisco and Oakland, on )  
the other hand. )

Application No. 28764

O P I N I O N

By this application, The Gray Line, Inc., seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the establishment of service as a common carrier for the transportation of passengers between the Bay Meadows Race Track in San Mateo County, on the one hand, and San Francisco and Oakland, on the other hand.

Applicant has for a number of years been engaged in the operation of sight-seeing tours in the San Francisco Bay area. It also transports passengers to and from various airports and conducts a general charter bus operation. More recently, applicant was authorized to transport passengers as a common carrier between the Pacific Turf Club in Albany, on the one hand, and San Francisco, Oakland and Alameda, on the other hand.

The proposed service to and from the Bay Meadows Race Track will be daily on each day that racing is in progress. Buses will depart from San Francisco and Oakland on schedules arranged to coordinate with the commencement of the daily racing program

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(1) Decision No. 40620 of August 19, 1947, in Application No. 28582.

at the Race Track and will return at the conclusion of the program. No stops will be made en route between San Francisco and Bay Meadows to pick up or discharge passengers. However, when seats are available on buses operating between Oakland and the Race Track, applicant proposes to stop at San Francisco to pick up passengers and upon the return trip to stop and discharge passengers in San Francisco. When buses are fully loaded in Oakland, applicant desires to use, at its option, an alternate route via the San Mateo Bridge.

It is alleged that since the post-war resumption of horse racing the number of persons attending the Bay Meadows Race Track has increased materially over the attendance prior to the war and that requests have been made upon applicant to institute the proposed service. Round trip fares of \$1.74 between San Francisco and Bay Meadows and \$2.17 between Oakland and Bay Meadows are proposed.

Existing carriers operating between the points applicant desires to serve have been furnished with a copy of the application herein and have notified the Commission that they do not protest the granting of the application. It does not appear from the facts presented that a public hearing is required.

In view of all of the facts and circumstances, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require the granting of the application.

#### ORDER

Application as above entitled having been filed, the Commission being fully advised and finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be and it is hereby granted to The Gray Line, Inc. authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2½ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers between the Bay Meadows Race Track in San Mateo County, on the one hand, and San Francisco and Oakland, on the other hand, said service to be rendered only during the period when the racing season is in progress at said Bay Meadows Race Track.

(2) 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 the 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:

San Francisco and Bay Meadows Race Track

Leaving downtown San Francisco thence on Eighth Street to Brannan Street, thence on Brannan Street to Potrero Avenue, thence on Potrero Avenue to Bay Shore Highway, thence on Bay Shore Highway to Bay Meadows Race Track and returning on the reverse of said route.

Oakland and Bay Meadows Race Track

Leaving downtown Oakland east on Nineteenth Street to Webster Street, thence on Webster Street to Twentieth Street, thence on Twentieth Street to Franklin Street, thence on Franklin

Street to Hobart Street, thence on Hobart Street to San Pablo Avenue, thence on San Pablo Avenue to MacArthur Boulevard, thence on MacArthur Boulevard to San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, thence on Harrison Street in San Francisco to Eighth Street, thence on Eighth Street to Brannan Street, thence on Brannan Street to Potrero Avenue, thence on Potrero Avenue to Bay Shore Highway, thence on Bay Shore Highway to Bay Meadows Race Track, and returning on the reverse of said route.

Alternate Route

Leaving downtown Oakland north on Nineteenth Street to Lake Street, thence on Lake Street to Oak Street, thence on Oak Street to East Twelfth Street, thence on East Twelfth Street to San Leandro Street, thence on San Leandro Street to the Town of San Leandro, thence on Highway No. 17 to Mt. Eden, thence to and across the San Mateo Toll Bridge and Bay Shore Highway, thence to Bay Meadows Race Track, and returning on the reverse of said route.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 1947.

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