

Decision No. 40982

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the application of)
Asbury Rapid Transit System, a corporation,)
for authority to establish a new off-street)
motor coach terminal in the City of Los)
Angeles and for authority to reroute, ex-)
tend, and abandon certain of its presently)
authorized services for the purpose of)
operating to and from said terminal.)

Amended
Application
No. 28850

O P I N I O N

In the above-entitled matter, as amended, Asbury Rapid Transit System, a corporation, proposes to establish an off-street motor coach terminal in the city of Los Angeles on Eighth Street between Maple Avenue and Cecelia Street, and requests authority to effect certain reroutings and slight extensions to employ the new location. In support of the authority sought, applicant asserts that the off-street terminal facilities previously arranged for at Sixth and Main Street station of Pacific Electric Railway Company have not been available to applicant since September 27, 1947, and in the interim an on-street terminal along Los Angeles Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets (1) has been temporarily established. Applicant has now arranged a long-term lease on the terminal site herein proposed, but in order to employ the location, an extension of applicant's existing route is requested along Los Angeles Street from Sixth to Eighth Street, and along Eighth Street from Los Angeles Street to Cecelia Street, a combined distance of approximately 4/10 mile.

Applicant is authorized to operate along Main Street between Sunset Boulevard and Pacific Electric Railway Company's terminal at

(1) On September 23, 1947, the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles approved the temporary use of the bus layover zone on Los Angeles Street for a 60-day period, pending negotiations to secure an off-street terminal.

(2)

Sixth and Main Streets, and this route has been employed for all northbound operations departing from the Los Angeles terminal. As a part of this application applicant seeks permission to abandon its services along Main Street and establish them one block to the west along Spring Street between Sunset Boulevard and Eighth Street, and thence along Eighth Street to its proposed terminal. This relocated route is sought for northbound operation and as justification therefor, applicant asserts that use of Spring Street will result in an improved service along a less congested route,

The City of Los Angeles, by its action taken on November 18, 1947, has approved applicant's proposal. In our opinion the requested reroutings are in the public interest and will be granted as a change in service regulations which will not change or modify applicant's present certificates. No changes in fares are involved and it appears that no public hearing is necessary.

O R D E R

Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify the route by further order,

IT IS ORDERED that the service regulation under which applicant conducts those portions of its operations into and out of downtown Los Angeles southerly of the intersection of Castelar and Alpine Streets, shall be amended to read as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Castelar and Alpine Streets in the city of Los Angeles, thence via Castelar Street, Ord Street, New High Street, Sunset Boulevard and Los Angeles Street to the intersection of Los Angeles and Eighth Streets.

Also, beginning at applicant's Los Angeles terminal on Eighth Street between Maple Avenue and Cecelia Street, thence via Cecelia Street, Eighth Street and Spring Street to the intersection of Spring Street and Sunset Boulevard.

(2) Decision No. 35752 dated September 3, 1942, and Decision No. 39845 dated January 7, 1947.

These routings are authorized in lieu of, and not in addition to, those portions of all routes extending southerly from the intersection of Castelar and Alpine Streets on which applicant has previously been authorized to conduct passenger stage operations.

In all other respects Decision No. 33690, dated December 3, 1940, as otherwise amended, and Decision No. 39845, dated January 7, 1947, shall remain in full force and effect. Concurrent with exercise of the authority herein granted, Decision No. 35752, dated September 3, 1942, and Decision No. 40234, dated May 6, 1947, shall become null and void, and the authorities contained therein shall be of no further force or effect.

The foregoing authority is subject to the following conditions:

1. Notice of the change shall be given the public at least five days in advance by placing suitable notices in all coaches operated in this service.
2. Applicant shall notify the Commission in writing within thirty days after the establishment of service along the amended route.

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

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

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Commissioners