

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 41944

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
ASBURY RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM, a cor-)
poration, for authority to abandon)
that portion of its Pasadena-Hollywood-)
Ocean Park Division between Marshfield)
Way and La Brea Avenue, on the one hand,)
and that section of the City of Santa)
Monica known as Ocean Park, on the)
other hand.)

Application No. 29467

O P I N I O N

Applicant requests authority to discontinue and abandon service along a portion of its present Pasadena-Hollywood-Ocean Park route. This route is now operated via Glendale, Hollywood, and Beverly Hills. The operative right was created by Decision No. 6962, dated December 19, 1919, on Application No. 4777. The portion of said route proposed to be abandoned is between the intersection of Marshfield Way & La Brea Avenue (in Hollywood) and Ocean Park (in Santa Monica). This portion of said route is restricted against local traffic.

Since 1942 applicant has been operating only one schedule a day on that portion of the route proposed to be abandoned. Fifty-one schedules per day, in each direction, are now operated on that portion of said route between Hollywood and Pasadena. Between October, 1942, and July 1, 1946, applicant suspended operations between Hollywood and Ocean Park pursuant to authority granted by this Commission in Decisions Nos. 35899, 36828, 37588, and 38698.

The suspension was due to war conditions and attendant conservation program with respect to tires, equipment, gasoline, and man power.

Applicant states that, since the resumption of said service, the patronage has been negligible; that, between June 1, and June 15, 1948, applicant carried only 10 eastbound passengers and 34 westbound passengers for a total revenue, for said period, of \$24.85 for 402 miles of operation; that revenue per mile was 6.2 cents (Exhibit "B" attached to application).

Applicant further states that it has made diligent inquiry and investigation with respect to the possibility of continuation of the operation of said portion of said route and is of the opinion that operation is unwarranted; that it cannot foresee a change in conditions in the immediate future to justify a continuation of the service; and that abandonment would effect necessary operating economics.

Public transportation between Hollywood and Ocean Park is available over the lines of another carrier. The cities situated along this entire route have considered applicant's proposal and do not oppose it.

Having fully considered the matter, this Commission is of the opinion and finds that applicant's proposal to discontinue its present passenger stage service between Hollywood and Ocean Park is in the public interest. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

Application therefor having been filed, the Commission being fully advised in the premises, and having found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

That Asbury Rapid Transit System, a corporation, be, and it hereby is, authorized to discontinue and abandon operation of service, as a passenger stage corporation, between the intersection of Marchfield Way & La Brea Avenue, in Hollywood, and Ocean Park, in Santa Monica, being that portion of its present Pasadena-Hollywood-Ocean Park Division route westerly of said intersection of Marchfield Way & La Brea Avenue, subject to the following condition:

Applicant shall give not less than ten (10) days' notice of abandonment to the public by posting a plainly visible notice at each of its stations and on all buses operated on the Pasadena-Hollywood-Ocean Park Division.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th day of August, 1948.

Joseph L. ...
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COMMISSIONERS