

Decision No. 42518

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
SAN DIEGO TRANSIT SYSTEM (formerly )  
San Diego Electric Railway Company), )  
a corporation, for permission to )  
combine ten bus lines into five )  
through bus lines and to make the )  
necessary rerouting in the business )  
district of the City of San Diego )  
to accomplish this and to eliminate )  
the present terminal loops of the )  
ten bus lines. )

Application No. 29962

O P I N I O N

Applicant now operates as a "street railroad" and/or "passenger stage" corporation in the Cities of San Diego, Coronado, National City, Chula Vista, La Mesa, and El Cajon, and in the intermediate and surrounding territory in the County of San Diego. A portion of said operations consists of ten bus routes, five of which are operated between downtown San Diego and the certain areas lying generally northeasterly and northwesterly of the business district (Routes A, C, O, V, and 3), and five routes which are operated generally in a southerly direction (Routes D, H, J, N, and Z). All ten routes are operated by performing a loop in the principal business district of the City of San Diego and thence returning to the respective outer terminals.

By this application it is proposed to consolidate said routes into five lines operating cross-town through the business section. The present routes to be consolidated are Routes 3 and H to be designated Route 3; Routes C and D to be designated Route C;

Routes A and J to be designated Route A; Routes N and O to be designated Route O; and Routes V and Z to be designated Route V.

Except for the elimination of the present loop operations and minor reroutings along portions of the present A, N, and V routes, the new routes will be continued along the same streets and highways as at present. <sup>(1)</sup> No change in fares is contemplated. Fewer transfers will be necessary. Applicant alleges that approximately one and a quarter million loop turns will be eliminated annually. Passengers will be benefited by more direct service and improved schedules. The company will be able to operate a better service at lower cost and the city will rid itself of a serious traffic problem due to the character of the present operations in the business area.

The City of San Diego has approved the proposed route consolidations and, as the proposal is obviously an important and desirable improvement from the standpoint of the public, the company, and the city, we find that public convenience and necessity require that applicant be permitted to establish and operate the new service as proposed.

The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

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(1)

The proposed change in the present Route N will bring bus service to a new area along 12th Avenue and Broadway without materially inconveniencing present patrons. The change in Route V will provide an improved service in the Linda Vista Road district. The change in Route A will result in a two-way operation along the entire route and also eliminate an undesirable operation along West Washington Street.

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:

(1) That the description of Route 3 in paragraph (2) of the Order in Decision No. 42364, on Application No. 29852, and the description of Route H in paragraph (4) of the Order in Decision No. 40053, on Application No. 27700, be, and they hereby are, amended and consolidated into one route described as follows:

Route 3

Beginning at the intersection of 40th Street and Ocean View Boulevard, thence along Ocean View Boulevard, 25th Street, Market Street, Fifth Avenue, Washington Street, Hawk Street, Lewis Street, Fort Stockton Drive, Arista Drive, Presidio Drive, Trias Street, to Fort Stockton Drive.

(2) That the description of Route C in paragraph (1) of the Order in Decision No. 37737, on Application No. 26570, and the description of Route D in paragraph (1) of the Order in Decision No. 39181, on Application No. 27396, be, and they hereby are, amended and consolidated into one route described as follows:

Route C

Beginning at the intersection of Mission Boulevard and Garnet Avenue, thence along Garnet Avenue, Balboa Avenue, Morena Boulevard, Camino del Rio, Pacific Highway, Broadway, Front Street on eastbound trips and First Avenue on westbound trips, E Street, Fifth Avenue, Market Street, 59th Street, Kenwood Street, 60th Street, Broadway, 65th Street, and Imperial Avenue to 69th Street.

Beginning at the intersection of Market Street and 45th Street, thence along 45th Street, Hilltop Drive, and 47th Street to Federal Boulevard.

(3) That the description of Route A in paragraph (1) of the Order in Decision No. 37737, on Application No. 26570, and the description of Route J in paragraph (3) of the Order in Decision No. 40053, on Application No. 27700 be, and they hereby are, amended and consolidated into one route described as follows:

Route A

Beginning at the intersection of 32nd Street and Imperial Avenue, thence along Imperial Avenue, 10th Avenue, K Street, Fifth Avenue, B Street, State Street, Laurel Street, India Street, Winder Street, California Street, La Jolla Avenue, and San Diego Avenue to Wallace Street.

(4) That the description of Route O in paragraph (1) of the Order in Decision No. 37737, on Application No. 26570, and the description of the route (designated Route N by applicant), in paragraph (1) of the Order in Decision No. 42335, on Application No. 29834, be, and they hereby are, amended and consolidated into one route described as follows:

Route O

Beginning at the intersection of Cordova and Carmelo Streets, thence along Cordova Street, Hill Street, Devonshire Drive, Adair Street, Sunset Cliffs Boulevard, Del Mar Avenue, Cable Street, Voltaire Street, Chatsworth Boulevard, Lytton Street, Barnett Avenue, Pacific Highway, Broadway, Twelfth Avenue, National Avenue, Sigsbee Street, Main Street, National Avenue (in the Cities of National City and Chula Vista), Main Street, National Avenue (Palm City), Palm Avenue, First Street (formerly Coronado Avenue) (Imperial Beach), Elm Street, 13th Street to its intersection with Palm Avenue.

Also, beginning at the intersection of National Avenue & 13th Street, thence along 13th Street, McKinley Avenue, 18th Street, Taft Avenue, and the extension of Harbor Drive to 13th Street, all in the City of National City.

Also, beginning at the intersection of National Avenue & H Street, thence along H Street, 4th Avenue,

E Street, 3rd Avenue, Center Street to 4th Avenue,  
all in the City of Chula Vista.

Also, along G Street and H Street between National  
Avenue and the Rohr Aircraft Corporation plant,  
in the City of Chula Vista.

(5) That the description of Route V in paragraph (1) of the  
Order in Decision No. 37737, on Application No. 26570, and the  
description of Route Z in the Order in Decision No. 38716, on Appli-  
cation No. 27121, be, and they hereby are, amended and consolidated  
into one route described as follows:

Route V

Beginning at the intersection of Homewood Drive  
and Linda Vista Road in the City of San Diego;  
thence along Linda Vista Road, Fulton Street,  
Comstock Street, Coler Street, Ulric Street, Linda  
Vista Road, Greenwood Street, Morena Boulevard,  
Camino del Rio, Pacific Highway, Broadway, Front  
Street on eastbound trips and First Avenue on  
westbound trips, E Street, Fifth Avenue, Harbor  
Drive; thence along Eighth Street in the City of  
National City, Highland Avenue; thence along E Street  
in the City of Chula Vista, Third Avenue and J Street  
to Hilltop Drive.

Also, beginning at the intersection of Third Avenue  
and J Street in the City of Chula Vista; thence  
along Third Avenue, K Street and Second Avenue to  
J Street.

(6) That applicant be, and it hereby is, authorized to turn  
its motor vehicles at termini and intermediate points, in either  
direction, at intersections of streets or by operating around a  
block contiguous to such intersection, or in accordance with local  
traffic rules.

(7) That, except as amended herein and as heretofore amended,  
Decisions Nos. 37737, 38716, 37181, 40053, 42335, and 42364 shall  
remain in full force and effect.

(3) That applicant shall give at least ten (10) days' notice to the public of the proposed route changes by posting clearly visible notices and maps thereof in all busses operated along said routes, and at the principal terminals and stops or loading areas in all of the cities, towns, or communities situated along any of said routes, and by publishing or advertising said route changes in a newspaper of general circulation at least twice prior to the effective date of this Order.

The effective date of this Order shall be twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1949.

R. T. [Signature]  
Justus J. [Signature]  
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Harold P. [Signature]  
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COMMISSIONERS