

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 42937

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 abandon)
that portion of its authorized common) Application 30223
carrier transportation service by)
motor coach, between Culver City and)
the intersection of Imperial Highway)
and Inglewood and Redondo Boulevard.)

Rodney F. Williams, for applicant.

O P I N I O N

Applicant requests authority to discontinue its passenger stage service between the intersection of Motor Avenue & Washington Boulevard, in Culver City, and the intersection of Imperial Highway & Aviation Boulevard (formerly Inglewood-Redondo Road), however, retaining its operative right along that portion of said route which is also used in performing its service to Hollywood Park race track.

A public hearing was held in Los Angeles on May 20, 1949, and, evidence having been adduced, the matter was submitted for decision.

The record shows that the service herein proposed to be discontinued was established in February, 1941, and operated during the war years primarily to provide transportation for employees of aircraft industries situated at or near the Los Angeles Municipal Airport. Applicant was then operating a passenger service

between Hollywood and Culver City, and the extension to the airport enabled applicant to render a direct service between Hollywood and said industries, via Culver City. The large number of wartime aircraft employees justified the service during the war years.

Applicant is now operating only two round trips daily between Hollywood and the intersection of Aviation Boulevard & Imperial Highway, where the Douglas and the North American aircraft companies are located. The total daily mileage operated is 80.6 miles. A point-to-point load check made by applicant on its two present schedules, on March 8, 9, 10, and 11, 1949, shows an average daily revenue of \$7.81 received from passengers originating at, or destined to, points southerly of the intersection of Motor Avenue & Washington Boulevard. Said revenue is approximately ten cents per mile operated, whereas the cost of operation is approximately thirty-five cents per mile.

Applicant is restricted from carrying local passengers along Sepulveda Boulevard between La Tijera Boulevard and Imperial Highway, and also along Imperial Highway between Sepulveda Boulevard and Aviation Boulevard. The character of the area southerly of Culver City, traversed by this route, is such that a material improvement in revenue cannot be foreseen. Another adverse condition is the staggered shifts maintained by the two principal aircraft factories.

Applicant will continue to operate its regular passenger service between Hollywood and Culver City and its race track service between Hollywood, Culver City, and the Hollywood Park race track.

The application was not opposed.

The Commission, having fully considered the record in this proceeding, is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require that the application be granted. It will be so ordered.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above-entitled matter, the Commission being fully advised in the premises; and having found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Asbury Rapid Transit System, a corporation; be, and it hereby is, authorized to discontinue and abandon the passenger stage service heretofore authorized to be established and operated pursuant to the Order in Decision No. 33865; in Application No. 23860, as amended by Decision No. 37614, in Application No. 26482; subject to the following condition:

Applicant shall give not less than ten (10) days' notice of abandonment to the public by posting plainly visible notices at principal stations and loading points and on all buses operated on the Hollywood-Culver City-Los Angeles Municipal Airport Line.

(2) That Decisions Nos. 33865 and 37614 be, and they hereby are, annulled and revoked.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 1st day of June, 1949.

R. E. Dwyer

Frank A. Lowell

Harold P. Kuler

Samuel P. Potter

COMMISSIONERS