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Decision No. 43236

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
SAN DIEGO TRANSIT SYSTEM, a corpora-
tion, for an amended certificate of
public convenience and necessity to
reroute its Route "E" bus line over
the Cabrillo Freeway.

Application No. 30414

O P I N I O N

Applicant, San Diego Transit System, is presently engaged in the transportation of passengers in the cities of San Diego, Coronado, National City, Chula Vista, La Mesa and El Cajon, and in intermediate and surrounding territory in the County of San Diego, State of California, under certificates of convenience and necessity issued by this Commission.

By Decision No. 39181, as amended by Decision No. 39340, applicant operates its Route "E" bus line in the cities of San Diego, La Mesa, and El Cajon, and through intervening unincorporated territory of said County, from C Street, in the city of San Diego, along Fourth Avenue, E Street, Third Avenue, C Street, Fourth Avenue, University Avenue, Normal Street, El Cajon Boulevard, La Mesa Boulevard, El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego Boulevard and Main Street to Mollison Avenue.

Since the completion of the Cabrillo Freeway, applicant alleges that it has received many requests that said Route "E" buses be rerouted over said Freeway in order to speed up the service. At present, this bus route is operated as an express between the intersection of 48th Street and El Cajon Boulevard and the downtown San Diego terminal.

Applicant seeks authority to operate over said freeway between Normal Street and 10th Avenue, in the City of San Diego. Applicant does not request authority to serve any points located on the freeway. It is proposed that passengers, presently boarding or alighting along the portion of Normal Street not included in the requested rerouting, and along University Avenue and Fourth Street, will transfer to or from the local passenger facilities serving that area.

The use of said freeway, as requested, will result in speeding up the service. The Division of Highways has been furnished with a copy of the application herein and has indicated that it has no objection to the proposal, provided no passengers, baggage, or express are picked up or discharged on the freeway.

No change in fares nor in the frequency of service is proposed. The decrease in running time, it is alleged, will result in more efficient operation by a saving in man-hours and equipment.

No protests against the granting of the application have been received, although the passengers have been advised of the requested change; and, at a poll conducted by applicant among the passengers, a 69% majority of the ballots cast were in favor of it. The City Manager of San Diego has indicated that the City has no objection to the granting of this application. A public hearing in this matter does not appear to be necessary. ✓

After full consideration of all the facts presented, the Commission finds, as a fact, that public convenience and necessity require the use of the Cabrillo Freeway by applicant, as proposed, subject to a restriction prohibiting the picking up or discharging of passengers, baggage, or express on said freeway.

ORDER

Application as above entitled having been made, the Commission being fully advised in the premises, and having found that

public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

- (1) That the route description appearing in ordering paragraph (2), in Decision No. 39181, Ap. No. 27396, as amended by ordering paragraph (1), in Decision No. 39340, Ap. No. 27396 be further amended to read as follows:

From Cabrillo Freeway along 10th Avenue, E Street, Fourth Avenue, B Street, 11th Avenue, Cabrillo Freeway, Normal Street, El Cajon Boulevard, La Mesa Boulevard, in the city of La Mesa, El Cajon Boulevard, San Diego Boulevard, in the city of El Cajon, and Main Street to Mollison Avenue.

- (2) That applicant is not authorized, and is forbidden, to pickup or discharge any passengers, baggage, or express on Cabrillo Freeway.

- (3) That in all other respects, Decision No. 39181, as heretofore amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 23rd day of August, 1949.

R. E. Dumas
Justus J. Calver
James J. Powell
Harriet Hill

COMMISSIONERS