

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 43263

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
ROBERT LANDIER, dba LA RAMBLA BUS)
LINE, for a certificate to operate)
a motor bus service (passenger stage)
service) for compensation between)
points in San Pedro, city of Los)
Angeles, and the La Rambla district)
of the county of Los Angeles, and)
for permission to abandon service of)
a portion of the La Rambla Bus Line.)

Application No. 30438

George M. Stephenson, for applicant;
C. H. Soothill, for the Board of Public
Utilities and Transportation of the
City of Los Angeles; Earl R. Dierks,
for himself.

O P I N I O N

Robert Landier, doing business as La Rambla Bus Line, has been operating the La Rambla Bus Line in the San Pedro district of the city of Los Angeles, and also through county territory, under certificates of convenience and necessity issued by this Commission⁽¹⁾. Mr. Landier, in addition, has acquired from San Pedro Motor Bus Co., Inc., the operating rights for the Banning Homes-Channel Heights Bus Line and Western Terrace Bus Line, which have been operated wholly within the San Pedro district in the city of Los Angeles.

The Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the city of Los Angeles and the City Council, by resolution, have

(1) Decision No. 37245 on Ap. No. 25993.

approved this transfer, and the City Attorney has been instructed to prepare an ordinance of approval.

Applicant proposes to abandon a portion of its La Rambla Bus Line and requests a certificate of convenience and necessity authorizing the operation of the two lines acquired from San Pedro Bus Co., Inc., as above stated.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Rowe, at San Pedro, on August 12, 1949, at which time oral and documentary evidence was adduced, and the matter was submitted for decision.

According to the testimony of Mr. Landier and his accountant and auditor, Mr. Ted F. Rafalovich, the former has been operating the lines acquired from the San Pedro Motor Bus Co., Inc., under an operating contract. Mr. Landier has been suffering a loss in his entire operation, including these lines and the La Rambla Bus Line. The portion of the latter line, which applicant requests permission to abandon, is between the intersection of Gaffey Place and MacArthur Avenue and the intersection of Pacific Avenue and San Pedro Road, along MacArthur Avenue, Summerland Avenue, Upland Avenue, and Pacific Avenue.

Mr. Rafalovich testified that this abandonment, together with the elimination of the duplication of service now existing along San Pedro Road, Harbor Boulevard, and Sixth Street, would effect a saving of approximately 60,000 bus miles per year. This saving would result in an over-all profit to applicant. According to the undisputed testimony, the portion to be abandoned is through sparsely populated territory which produces little revenue and is of very little public benefit.

Mr. Dierks testified that the proposed reroutings with a turn around at the intersection of MacArthur and Gaffey Streets might create a traffic hazard. However, he conceded that by going around the block instead of making the turn at the above intersection would require traversing a block of unpaved street. No objection was made to the application by Mr. Dierks, and no other protestants appeared, although notice of the abandonment, as requested, was duly given by posting on the La Rambla buses and at its terminals.

The lines acquired from the San Pedro Motor Bus Co., Inc., have been serving the public for several years, and public convenience and necessity require their continuance. The proposed consolidation of the Banning Homes-Channel Heights Bus Line with applicant's present La Rambla Bus Line, except for the portions to be abandoned, also appears to be in the public interest and will effect operating economies.

Upon full consideration of the record in this proceeding, it is found, as a fact, that public convenience and necessity require the issuance of a new certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing operations over the bus lines acquired from San Pedro Motor Bus Co., Inc., and over the La Rambla Bus Line, except for the portion herein sought to be abandoned. Accordingly, the application will be granted.

O R D E R

An application therefor having been filed, the Commission being fully informed therein, and it being found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to Robert Landier, doing business as La Rambla Bus Line, authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 24 of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers between Gaffey Place and MacArthur Street, in San Pedro, in the city of Los Angeles, on the one hand, and through the La Rambla district, in the county of Los Angeles, to the intersection of Coralmont Drive and Channel Heights, in San Pedro, on the other hand, and intermediate points, and between the intersection of Sixth Street and Pacific Avenue, on the one hand, and the intersection of Passport Drive and Seaport Drive, on the other hand, and intermediate points.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, applicant shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

- (a) Applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period of not to exceed thirty (30) days after the effective date hereof.
- (b) Applicant shall, within sixty (60) days after the effective date hereof and upon not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, establish the service herein authorized and comply with the provisions of General Order No. 79 and part IV of General Order No. 93-A, by filing, in triplicate, and concurrently making effective, tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission.
- (c) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify such at any time, Robert Landier, doing business as La Rambla Bus Line, shall conduct said passenger stage operation over and along the following described routes:

THE WESTERN TERRACE BUS LINE

From Sixth Street along Pacific Avenue, Fifth Street, Harbor Boulevard, San Pedro-Wilmington Road, Seaport Drive to Passport Drive. Also, from Seaport Drive along Stockport Drive and Passport Drive to Seaport Drive.

THE LA RAMBLA AND BANNING HOMES-CHANNEL HEIGHTS BUS LINE

From MacArthur Street along Gaffoy Place, Elberon Avenue, Bandini Street, Summerland Avenue, Walker Avenue, O'Farrell Street, Patton Avenue, Santa Cruz Street, Hanford Avenue, Santa Cruz Street, Bandini Street, 3d Street, Cabrillo Avenue, 5th Street, Pacific Avenue, 6th Street, Harbor Boulevard, San Pedro-Wilmington Road, Channel Street, Gaffoy Place, Cabinet Drive, Capitol Drive, roadway between Banning Homes and Channel Heights, Channel Heights Drive, Carolmont Drive to its intersection with Channel Heights Drive.

Applicant may turn his motor vehicles at termini or intermediate points either in the intersection of the streets or by operating around a block, in either direction, contiguous to such intersection.

(3) That the certificate of public convenience and necessity transferred to Robert Landier by Decision No. 37145, and created by Decision No. 30520, including the description of routes therein, is hereby revoked and annulled.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 29th day of August, 1949.

R. Z. Duntzman
Justice J. Wheeler
Just. Lawrence
Harold P. Hill

COMMISSIONERS