

ORIGINALDecision No. 43893

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 LOS ANGELES TRANSIT LINES for authority)
 to reroute its California Motor Coach)
 Line No. 59 and its South Gate Motor) Application No. 30951
 Coach Line No. 63, and consolidate the)
 same into a single new line to be known)
 as "South Gate Motor Coach Line No. 63".)

O P I N I O N

By the above-entitled application, Los Angeles Transit Lines seeks authority to reroute its California Motor Coach Line No. 59, operating over the following route in the cities of South Gate and Lynwood:

From off-street terminal at Seville Avenue and Palm Place (city of South Gate), thence via Seville Avenue, Long Beach Avenue, Firestone Boulevard, California Avenue, and Century Boulevard, to the intersection of Century Boulevard and Imperial Boulevard (city of Lynwood)(1);

and its South Gate Motor Coach Line No. 63, operating over the following route in the cities of South Gate and Lynwood:

From off-street terminal at Seville Avenue and Palm Place (city of South Gate), thence via Seville Avenue, Liberty Boulevard, Otis Avenue, Firestone Boulevard, Annetta Avenue, Southern Avenue and Alexander Avenue to the intersection of Alexander Avenue and Abbott Road (city of Lynwood)(2).

(1) Decision No. 39103, 68th Supplemental Application No. 19179 (June 18, 1946), as amended by Decision No. 43340, on Application No. 30433 (September 27, 1949).

(2) Decision No. 39103, 68th Supplemental Application No. 19179 (June 18, 1946).

By Application No. 30951, Los Angeles Transit Lines seeks, also, to consolidate the described two routes into one route to be known as "South Gate Motor Coach Line No. 63", which line will operate as follows:

Commencing at the intersection of Century Boulevard and Imperial Highway (city of Lynwood), thence via Century Boulevard, California Avenue (city of South Gate), Firestone Boulevard, State Street, Santa Ana Street, Seville Avenue, Liberty Boulevard, Otis Avenue, Firestone Boulevard, Annetta Avenue, Southern Avenue and Alexander Avenue to the intersection of Alexander Avenue and Abbott Road (city of Lynwood); return via reverse of above route to point of commencement.

The proposed rerouting contemplates the discontinuance of service along the following streets:

Seville Avenue between Liberty Boulevard and Long Beach Boulevard, Long Beach Boulevard between Seville Avenue and Firestone Boulevard, Firestone Boulevard between Long Beach Boulevard and State Street;

and the inauguration of an extension along the following route:

State Street between Firestone Boulevard and Santa Ana Street, Santa Ana Street between State Street and Seville Avenue, Seville Avenue between Santa Ana Street and Palm Place.

Applicant alleges that public convenience and necessity require the rerouting and consolidation of its California Motor Coach Line No. 59 and its present South Gate Motor Coach Line No. 63 for the reason that there exists on State Street, between Santa Ana Street and Firestone Boulevard, in the city of South Gate, a business district, and, for a number of years, the district has been served only by applicant's east and west lines crossing State Street on Liberty Boulevard and Firestone Boulevard. It is alleged that merchants whose places of business are located along

State Street in the area described have been requesting service along State Street. The application further alleges that the proposed rerouting and consolidation have been discussed with, and formally approved by, the only business and civic organizations appearing to have any interest in the change; namely, the State Street Business Men's Association, the South Gate Chamber of Commerce, and the South Gate City Council. A copy of a resolution of the South Gate City Council favoring the proposed consolidation and change of route was submitted in this matter.

As to the portion of route 59 upon which it is proposed to discontinue service, the petition alleges that the route along Seville Avenue and Long Beach Boulevard is also presently served by applicant's Hollydale Motor Coach Line No. 51 and Manchester Boulevard Motor Coach Line No. 54. The petition also alleges that Long Beach Boulevard, in this area, is served by the Pacific Electric Railway Company's Long Beach-Huntington Park Motor Coach Line, while the route along Firestone Boulevard between Long Beach Boulevard and State Street, a distance of 2,500 feet, is not presently served by any lines other than applicant's California Motor Coach Line No. 59. The petition alleges, however, that there are only two stops on Line 59 from which service will be removed; the intersection of Firestone Boulevard and Cypress Avenue, and the intersection of Firestone Boulevard and South Gate Avenue. The intersection of Firestone Boulevard and Cypress Avenue is 1,050 feet from the intersection of Firestone Boulevard and Long Beach Boulevard, at present served by applicant's Hollydale Motor Coach Line No. 51 and its Manchester Boulevard Motor Coach Line No. 54. The intersection of Firestone Boulevard and South Gate Avenue is 660 feet from the intersection of Firestone Boulevard and State Street, a point proposed to be served by the contemplated South Gate Motor Coach Line No. 63.

The present frequency of service will be maintained on the consolidated rerouted line.

The application is not opposed. The proposed service along State Street and Santa Ana Street is not competitive with that of any other carriers.

After a review of the evidence the Commission is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require the proposed changes in operation. A public hearing is not necessary and the application will be granted.

O R D E R

Application having been made 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 the route described in paragraph (2) (c) at pages 3 and 4 of the order of Decision No. 39103 in 68th Supplemental Application No. 19179 and the routes described in the second ordering paragraph at sheet 4 of said decision are hereby amended to read as follows:

"Commencing at the intersection of Century Boulevard and Imperial Highway (City of Lynwood), thence via Century Boulevard, California Avenue (City of South Gate), Firestone Boulevard, State Street, Santa Ana Street, Seville Avenue, Liberty Boulevard, Otis Avenue, Firestone Boulevard, Annetta Avenue, Southern Avenue, Alexander Avenue, and Abbott Road (City of Lynwood); return via reverse of above route to point of commencement."

(2) That notice to the public of the rerouted service as authorized in paragraph (1) hereof shall be posted in vehicles operating over the routes involved for at least 10 consecutive days next preceding the establishment of such service.

(3) That the operative right created by Decision No. 43340 in Application No. 30433 is hereby revoked and annulled.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of March, 1950.

R. J. [Signature]

Justice F. Coe [Signature]

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COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Harold P. Euls, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.