

Decision No. 43980

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 EASTERN CITIES TRANSIT, INC., for)
 authority to operate over and along)
 certain streets as extensions of)
 existing routes and for authority)
 to abandon certain portions of)
 existing routes.)

Application No. 30938
 As Amended

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for the City of Montebello, interested parties.

O P I N I O N

By this application, as amended, Eastern Cities Transit, Inc., seeks to modify its passenger stage routes in the East Los Angeles-Montebello-Whittier area of Los Angeles County so as to better meet the needs of the traveling public. The present operations are carried on under authority issued by this Commission⁽¹⁾. The proposed modification involves the abandonment of service on certain streets and highways over which service, it is alleged, is not presently required by public convenience and necessity. Also, in order to meet the need caused by recent changes and population growth in other areas, extensions into new territory are sought to be authorized.

(1) Dec. No. 40367, dated June 10, 1947, on Ap. No. 28299;
 Dec. No. 42261, dated November 23, 1948, on Ap. No. 28956;
 Dec. No. 42826, dated May 3, 1949, on Ap. No. 30092;
 Dec. No. 42918, dated May 24, 1949, on Ap. No. 30092; and
 Dec. No. 43382, dated October 11, 1949, on Ap. No. 30605.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Rowe, at Montebello, on March 13, 1950, at which time oral and documentary evidence was adduced, and the matter was submitted for decision.

Notice of the hearing and of the proposed abandonments was duly given to the public by posting in applicant's buses. In addition, copies of the application were mailed to Los Angeles Transit Lines, Pacific Electric Railway, Montebello Municipal Bus Line, Benton Bus Line, to the City Council of Monterey Park and of Whittier, to the East Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, and to the Pico Chamber of Commerce.

No protest was made to any of the proposed changes or abandonments. The abandonments were shown by the evidence to be justified because the route sought to be abandoned either served no substantial public convenience and necessity or the public was served by other lines either of applicant or of other carriers.

The extensions were supported by testimony of public witnesses. No contrary evidence was produced. The low revenue per mile presently received by applicant indicates that the requested changes are justified.

Upon full consideration of the record in this proceeding, the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require the proposed extensions and reroutings and will not be adversely affected by the requested abandonments. These extensions, reroutings, and abandonments will be accomplished by issuing to applicant a new certificate, as requested, in the place and stead of those

heretofore issued to it, authorizing operations in the area herein considered, by Decision No. 40367, dated June 10, 1947, on Application No. 28299; by Decision No. 42261, dated November 23, 1948, on Application No. 28956; by Decision No. 42826, dated May 3, 1949, on Application No. 30092; by Decision No. 42918, dated May 24, 1949, on Application No. 30092; and by Decision No. 43382, dated October 11, 1949, on Application No. 30605.

O R D E R

Public hearing having been held in the above-entitled proceeding, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and having 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 Eastern Cities Transit, Inc., authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 2 1/4 of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers between the intersection of Gage Avenue and First Street, on the one hand, and the intersection of Downey Road and Whittier Boulevard, on the other hand; between the intersection of Whittier Boulevard and Ford Boulevard, on the one hand, and the intersection of Third Street and Rowan Avenue, on the other hand; between the intersection of Rowan Avenue and First Street, on the one hand, and the intersection of Whittier Boulevard and Kern Avenue, on the other hand; between the intersection of Whittier Boulevard and Boyar Avenue, on the one hand, and the intersection of Loch Avon Drive and Glengarry Avenue, on the

other hand; between the intersection of Guirado Avenue and Workman Mill Road, on the one hand, and the intersection of Villa Drive and Lambert Road, on the other hand; between the intersection of Whittier Boulevard and Guirado Avenue, on the one hand, and the intersection of Cully Avenue and Coolhurst Drive, on the other hand; and between the intersection of Parsons Boulevard and Goodbee Street, on the one hand, and the intersection of Grape Street and Elnora Street, on the other hand, all in the East Los Angeles-Montebello-Whittier area of Los Angeles County, serving all intermediate points.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, Eastern Cities Transit, Inc., shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

- (a) Within thirty (30) days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted.
- (b) Within sixty (60) days after the effective date hereof, and upon not less than five (5) days' notice to the Commission and the public, applicant shall 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, Eastern Cities Transit, Inc., shall conduct said passenger stage operation between the points hereinafter named, over and along the following routes:

(1) Belvedere Division - Kern Avenue Route

From the intersection of Gage Avenue and First Street along First Street, Rowan Avenue, Michigan Avenue, Gage Avenue, Hammel Street, Brannick Avenue, Floral Drive, Ford Boulevard, Brooklyn Avenue, Mednick Avenue, Third Street, Kern Avenue, Whittier Boulevard, Brannick Avenue, Verona Street, and Downey Road to its intersection with Whittier Boulevard. Also, along Gage Avenue

between First Street and Michigan Avenue, and along Whittier Boulevard between Downey Road and Brannick Avenue.

(2) Belvedere Division - Ford Boulevard

From the intersection of Whittier Boulevard along Ford Boulevard, Eugene Street, Eastern Avenue, Michigan Avenue, Sunol Avenue, Third Street to its intersection with Rowan Avenue.

(3) Belvedere Division - East First Street

From the intersection of Rowan Avenue along First Street, Schoolside Avenue, Brooklyn Avenue, Hillview Avenue, Sadler Avenue, Via Campo, Hillview Avenue, Beverly Boulevard, Sadler Avenue, Eagle Street, La Verna Avenue, and Whittier Boulevard to its intersection with Kern Avenue.

(4) Whittier Route No. 1

From the intersection of Whittier Boulevard along Boyar Avenue, Watson Way, Watson Avenue, Chestnut Street, Jacmar Avenue, Oak Street, Michigan Avenue, Chestnut Street, Laurel Avenue, Whittier Boulevard, Central Avenue, High Street, Painter Avenue, Philadelphia Street, Milton Avenue, Hadley Street, See Drive, Glengarry Avenue, Rincon Drive, Norwalk Boulevard, Holbrook Avenue, Redman Avenue, Loch Avon Drive, Norwalk Boulevard, Loch Avon Drive to its intersection with Glengarry Avenue. Also, along Whittier Boulevard between Boyar Avenue and Laurel Avenue, and along Glengarry Avenue between Loch Avon Drive and Rincon Drive.

(5) Whittier Route No. 2

From the intersection of Guirado Avenue in front of Rose Hills Memorial Park, along Workman Mill Road, Norwalk Boulevard, Monte Vista Drive, Magnolia Avenue, Floral Drive, Pickering Avenue, Beverly Boulevard, Greenleaf Avenue, Shreve Road, Santa Fe Springs Road, McGee Drive, Villa Drive to its intersection with Lambert Road. Also, along Beverly Boulevard between the intersection of Tobias Avenue and the intersection of Norwalk Boulevard, and along Lambert Road between Villa Drive and Greenleaf Avenue.

(6) Whittier Route No. 3

From the intersection of Whittier Boulevard along Guirado Avenue, thence along Orange Grove Avenue, Norwalk Boulevard, Orange Drive, El Rancho Drive, Broadway, Painter Avenue, Hadley Street, Comstock Avenue, Philadelphia Street, Whittier Boulevard, Broadway, Bradhurst Street, Cedarcliff Avenue, Mines Boulevard, Gretna Avenue, Dickey Street, Cedarcliff Avenue, Winchell Street, Saragosa Street, Cully Avenue to its intersection with Coolhurst Drive. Also, along Coolhurst Drive between Cully Avenue and Broadway, and along Broadway between Coolhurst Drive and Winchell Street.

(7) Whittier Route No. 4

From the intersection of Passons Boulevard along Goodbee Street, Millux Street, Carron Street, Passons Boulevard, Whittier Boulevard, Durfee Avenue, Beverly Boulevard, Tobias Avenue, Melita Street, Amistad Avenue, Friendship Avenue, Banta Road, Durfee Avenue, Gallitan Road, Rosemead Boulevard, Los Posas Street, Ibsen Street, Lexington Road, Beverly Boulevard, Pine Street, Olympic Boulevard, and Grape Street to its intersection with Elnora Street. Also, along Elnora Street between Grape Street and Pine Street, and along Passons Boulevard between Goodbee Street and Millux Street.

Applicant 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 intersections, or in accordance with local traffic rules.

(3) That the certificates of public convenience and necessity granted to applicant herein in the order in Decisions Nos. 40367, 42261, 42826, 42918, and 43382, including the descriptions of routes therein, are hereby revoked and rescinded.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 28th day of March, 1950.

R. Z. Johnson
James Z. Caswell
Robert J. Farrell
Harold K. Kule

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner.....Kenneth Pottor....., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.