

Decision No. 44888

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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	)	Application No. 31633
certain streets as extensions of ex-	)	As Amended
isting routes and for authority to	)	
abandon certain portions of exist-	)	
ing routes.	)	

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Guy H. Benton for Benton Bus Lines, interested party.

O P I N I O N

By this application, as amended, Eastern Cities Transit, Inc. seeks to modify its passenger stage operations in the Whittier area so as to better meet the needs of the traveling public. The present operations are carried on under authority of this Commission <sup>(1)</sup>. The principal modification requested involves the abandonment of service along Passons Boulevard, Goodbee Street, Millux Street, Carron Street, Whittier Boulevard, Durfee Avenue, and Beverly Boulevard, between the intersection of Passons Boulevard and Goodbee Street, and the intersection of Beverly Boulevard and Tobias Avenue. The other changes proposed are minor alterations in route, designed to better serve the public and effect operative improvements.

(1) Decision No. 43980, dated March 28, 1950, on Application No. 30938, as amended.

A public hearing was held before Commissioner Huls and Examiner Rowe, at Los Angeles, on September 22, 1950, at which time oral and documentary evidence was adduced, and the matter was submitted for decision.

Notice of the hearing, and of the fact that abandonments of service were proposed, was duly given to the public by posting in applicant's buses operating in this area. In addition, copies of the application were mailed to Benton Bus Lines, Pacific Electric Railway Company, Montebello Municipal Bus Lines, and the City of Whittier.

No protest was made to any of the proposed changes or abandonments. The abandonment above referred to between the intersection of Beverly Boulevard and Tobias Avenue and the town of Rivera or the intersection of Passons Boulevard and Goodbee Street was shown to be justified. According to the testimony<sup>(2)</sup> of applicant, during the five-month period of April through August, 1950, the total revenue per mile over Route No. 4 was 9.72 cents. Along the portion to be abandoned, or the southern portion of 2.4 miles, the revenue per mile during such period was only 3.16 cents. The extremely low revenue per mile presently received by applicant over this route along the portion asked to be abandoned shows that it serves no substantial public convenience or necessity. According to the testimony at the hearing, Benton Bus Lines proposes to initiate service along Passons Boulevard between

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(2) Exhibit No. 4.

Whittier Boulevard and the town of Rivera. This service, if authorized, will afford public transportation to most of the residents in this area presently using applicant's service proposed to be abandoned.

Upon full consideration of the record in this proceeding, the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require the proposed reroutings and will not be adversely affected by the requested abandonment of service between Rivera and the intersection of Beverly Boulevard and Tobias Avenue. This abandonment and the proposed modifications in routes will be accomplished by an order authorizing the abandonment, and by an order amending the route descriptions of subparagraphs (c) (5), (c) (6), and (c) (7) of ordering paragraph (2) of Decision No. 43980, dated March 28, 1950, on Application No. 30938, as amended.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed, a public hearing having been held, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and the matter being under submission,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Eastern Cities Transit, Inc. do, and it hereby is, authorized to abandon and discontinue its passenger stage service along Passons Boulevard, Goodbee Street, Millux Street, Carron Street, Whittier Boulevard, Durfee Avenue, and Beverly Boulevard, between the intersection of Passons Boulevard and Goodbee Street, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, the

intersection of Beverly Boulevard and Tobias Avenue and intermediate points.

(2) That the applicant be, and it hereby is, authorized to cancel all fares, rules, regulations, and schedules, applying to said service so authorized to be abandoned.

(3) That the operating rights conferred under authority of the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted to Eastern Cities Transit, Inc. in the order in Decision No. 43980, dated March 28, 1950, on Application No. 30938, as amended, over and along the route and between the points described in ordering paragraph (1) herein, be, and the same operating rights hereby are, revoked and rescinded.

(4) That the route descriptions (5), (6), and (7), of subparagraph (c) of the second ordering paragraph of said Decision No. 43980, be, and they hereby are, respectively amended to read as follows:

(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.

Also, along Adele Street and Orange Grove Avenue between Norwalk Boulevard and Beverly Boulevard.

(6) Whittier Route No. 3

From the intersection of Whittier Boulevard along Guirado Avenue, Floral 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, Broadway, Saragosa Street, Cully Avenue, Coolhurst Drive, Glengarry Avenue, and Mines Boulevard to Broadway.

Also, from Guirado Avenue along Whittier Boulevard, Redman Avenue and Orange Drive to Norwalk Boulevard.

(7) Whittier Route No. 4

From Beverly Boulevard along Tobias Avenue, Melita Street, Amistad Avenue, Friendship Avenue, Santa 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10th  
day of October, 1950.

R. Z. [Signature]

Justus F. [Signature]

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COMMISSIONERS