

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 45265

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
EVELYN M. KNAPP and JOHN P. DEMETER,)
copartners doing business as PENINSULA)
TRANSIT LINES, for certificate of public)
convenience and necessity to operate)
passenger stage service between Palo)
Alto, North Palo Alto, San Carlos,)
Redwood City, Atherton, Menlo Park,)
Woodside and Toyon Knolls.)

Application No. 31960

Re: Extension and rerouting of existing)
stage service in Palo Alto and)
vicinity.)

O P I N I O N

Evelyn M. Knapp and John P. Demeter are copartners doing business as Peninsula Transit Lines and operating a passenger stage service in Palo Alto and vicinity. In this application they request authority to reroute a portion of their Route No. 6 which extends from the Southern Pacific Depot in Palo Alto to Stanford Village in Menlo Park. If granted such authority it would involve elimination of service over Alma, Lytton, Emerson and University Avenue and in lieu thereof extend service over El Camino Real.

Under date of June 1, 1941, the Commission issued its Decision No. 42934, in Application No. 30172, consolidating all of applicants' then existing certificates into one certificate.

By Decision No. 44934, dated October 24, 1950, applicants received authority from the Commission to amend Route No. 6 as set forth in Application No. 30172 to read as follows:

Route No. 6

"Commencing at the Palo Alto Southern Pacific Depot, thence along Lytton Avenue, Emerson Street, University Avenue, Alma Street, Palo Alto Avenue, El Camino Real, Santa Cruz Avenue, Orange Avenue, Valparaiso Avenue, Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Avenue, Oakdell Avenue, Olive Avenue, Middle Avenue, University Drive, to its intersection with Santa Cruz Avenue. Beginning at the intersection of El Camino Real and Santa Cruz Avenue, thence along Santa Cruz Avenue, Merrill Street, Oak Grove Avenue, Laurel Street, Ravenswood Avenue to Stanford Village, Menlo Park."

The Commission found that the rerouting was necessary and in the public interest. Applicants now seek authority to further extend and reroute operations on Route No. 6, as set forth in Decision No. 44934 in Palo Alto and vicinity as follows:

"Commencing at the Palo Alto Southern Pacific Depot, thence along El Camino Real, Santa Cruz Avenue, Orange Avenue, Valparaiso Avenue, Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Avenue, Oakdell Avenue, Olive Avenue, Middle Avenue, University Drive, to its intersection with Santa Cruz Avenue. Beginning at the intersection of El Camino Real and Santa Cruz Avenue, thence along Santa Cruz Avenue, Merrill Street, Oak Grove Avenue, Laurel Street, Ravenswood Avenue to Stanford Village, Menlo Park."

It appears from the application that the area in which applicants propose to operate has experienced a material growth in population and that there are no other means of local public transportation available. Discontinuance of service over the route as proposed will not deprive residents of the area of a service within reasonable walking distance.

None of the existing carriers in the field protest the granting of the application. We find that the proposed rerouting and extension are in the public interest and the application will be granted. A public hearing is not required.

O R D E R

An application having been filed in the above matter and the Commission being satisfied that the proposed rerouting is in the public interest,

IT IS ORDERED:

That the description of Route No. 6 as set forth in Decision No. 44934 of Application No. 31717 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Commencing at the Palo Alto Southern Pacific Depot, thence along El Camino Real, Santa Cruz Avenue, Orange Avenue, Valparaiso Avenue, Alameda de las Pulgas, Menlo Avenue, Oakdell Avenue, Olive Avenue, Middle Avenue, University Drive, to its intersection with Santa Cruz Avenue. Beginning at the intersection of El Camino Real and Santa Cruz Avenue, thence along Santa Cruz Avenue, Merrill Street, Oak Grove Avenue, Laurel Street, Ravenswood Avenue to Stanford Village, Menlo Park."

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 16th day of January, 1951.

J. Z. [Signature]
Justice J. Calles
Harold A. Kula
Frederick [Signature]

COMMISSIONERS