

Decision No. 45449

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a)
 corporation, for an in lieu certificate)
 of public convenience and necessity for) Application No. 32060
 modification of operation of its)
 Hollywood-Ventura Boulevard Line in)
 the vicinity of Tarzana.)

O P I N I O N

By the above-numbered application, Pacific Electric Railway Company seeks authority to extend its Hollywood-Ventura Boulevard passenger stage line from its present terminus, Ventura Boulevard and Reseda Boulevard ⁽¹⁾, westerly along Ventura Boulevard to Burbank Boulevard, and, at that point, to make a turnaround via Burbank Boulevard and Yolanda Avenue to Ventura Boulevard.

As grounds for the granting of the requested authority, applicant alleges that it has been using the intersection of Clark Street and Reseda Boulevard, an intersection one block northerly of the terminus of the line at Ventura Boulevard and Reseda Boulevard, for the turning of its coaches on the Hollywood-Ventura Boulevard line, and that, due to the increasing volume of

(1) See Decision No. 38827, dated April 9, 1946, on Application No. 26636, as amended by Decision No. 40223, dated April 29, 1947, on Third Supplemental Application No. 26636, as amended by Decision No. 44161, dated May 9, 1950, on Application No. 30095 and Third Supplemental Application No. 26636.

traffic along Reseda Boulevard, this practice is no longer safe and presents a traffic hazard. Applicant has, it alleges, conducted a survey of the area surrounding the intersection of Reseda Boulevard and Ventura Boulevard for the purpose of determining a route for a turnaround of its coaches, and states that streets in the vicinity of that intersection are not suitable for heavy vehicular traffic, and the use of suitable streets would require a loop of considerable mileage. Applicant alleges that the extension of the line four-tenths of a mile beyond its present terminus to the intersection of Burbank Boulevard and Ventura Boulevard will allow a suitable turnaround via Burbank Boulevard and Yolanda Avenue, and will, in addition, provide transportation to a small business district in the vicinity of Burbank Boulevard and Yolanda Avenue.

No change in the type of equipment, fares, or frequency of service on the Hollywood-Ventura Boulevard line is proposed.

The Pacific Greyhound Lines, the only passenger stage service in the vicinity, has no objection to the proposed extension.

The Department of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles, in which city the proposed extension is included, has recommended that the requested extension be authorized, with a minor change, that is, that the line operate westerly along Ventura Boulevard to the intersection of that boulevard with Burbank Boulevard, thence via Burbank Boulevard, Yolanda Avenue, and Ventura Boulevard, east to point of commencement of the line. The attorney for applicant has orally advised

the Commission that such departure from the requested authority is agreeable.

Full consideration having been given to the matter, we are of the opinion and find that public convenience and necessity require the extension of the Hollywood-Ventura Boulevard line as proposed herein. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

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 description of Route No. 25, set forth in Appendix A of Decision No. 38827, dated April 9, 1946, as amended by Decision No. 40223, dated April 29, 1947, as amended by Decision No. 44161, dated May 9, 1950, is amended to read as follows:

Route No. 25 -

From Hollywood Boulevard and Highland Avenue (Los Angeles), via Highland Avenue, Hollywood Parkway, Cahuenga Boulevard and Ventura Boulevard to Burbank Boulevard (Tarzana), return from Ventura Boulevard and Burbank Boulevard via Burbank Boulevard, Yolanda Avenue, Ventura Boulevard, Cahuenga Boulevard, Hollywood Parkway, Highland Avenue to Hollywood Boulevard, point of beginning.

Also, from Hollywood Parkway and Highland Avenue (Los Angeles), via Cahuenga Boulevard and Yucca Street to Vine Street.

(2) In all other respects Decision No. 38827, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

(3) The extension herein authorized is to be considered as an extension of, and to be consolidated with, applicant's existing rights.

(4) In providing service pursuant to the authority herein granted, the following service regulations shall be complied with:

- (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 one (1) day's 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 19 of General Order No. 98, by filing in triplicate, and concurrently making effective, tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th day of March, 1951.

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COMMISSIONERS