

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 45727

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 ) Application No. 32229  
 for modification of operation of its )  
 Los Angeles-Santa Ana Line and Los )  
 Angeles-Balboa Line in the vicinity of )  
 Downey. )

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding Pacific Electric Railway Company seeks authority to make a minor modification in the route of its Los Angeles-Santa Ana Line and its Los Angeles-Balboa Line <sup>(1)</sup>. These lines now operate over Lexington and Gallatin Road between Florence Avenue and Lakewood Boulevard. Applicant desires to discontinue service over Lexington and Gallatin Road, and instead to travel via Florence Avenue between Downey Avenue and Lakewood Boulevard, and via Lakewood Boulevard between Florence Avenue and Anaheim-Telegraph Road.

As justification for the request, applicant states that, in the vicinity of Downey, Lakewood Boulevard is a high-speed divided highway, and the intersection of Lexington and Gallatin Road and Lakewood Boulevard is at such an angle that northbound traffic leaving Lexington and Gallatin Road, and

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(1) For description of present route of applicant, see Route 1-C in Appendix "A" in Decision No. 38827, dated April 9, 1946, as amended by Decision No. 41435, dated April 6, 1948.

proceeding onto Lakewood Boulevard, opposes southbound traffic on Lakewood Boulevard. Applicant alleges that entering Lakewood Boulevard from Lexington and Gallatin Road at such an angle has become a serious traffic hazard, and applicant has been experiencing difficulty in operating its northbound coaches from Lexington and Gallatin Road onto Lakewood Boulevard. Applicant further alleges that the intersection of Florence Avenue and Lakewood Boulevard is protected by traffic signals and that no difficulty will be experienced in turning its coaches at that intersection.

Exhibit "A", attached to the application herein, shows that Lexington and Gallatin Road intersects Lakewood Boulevard at an angle of approximately thirty degrees, whereas Florence Avenue intersects Lakewood Boulevard at approximately ninety degrees.

The Transportation Department of the Commission reports that there are very few homes along Lexington and Gallatin Road between Florence Avenue and Lakewood Boulevard.

No change in fares, service or equipment is involved.

Upon the foregoing facts, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed rerouting is in the public interest and is required for the public safety, and, therefore, the authority requested will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

Application having been filed and the Commission having found that the granting of the authority requested is required for the public safety,

IT IS ORDERED that Route 1-C of Appendix "A" in Decision No. 38827, dated April 9, 1946, as amended by Decision No. 41435, dated April 6, 1948, is amended to read as follows:

Route 1-C:

From Anaheim-Telegraph Road and Lakewood Boulevard, via Lakewood Boulevard, Florence Avenue, Downey Avenue (Downey), and Firestone Boulevard to San Antonio Drive (Norwalk).

Applicant shall afford the public five (5) days' notice in advance of the change by placing notices in all equipment used in this service.

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

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of May, 1951.

R. T. Anderson  
Justin J. Casella  
Harold H. Hill  
John L. [unclear]

COMMISSIONERS