

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 45840

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. 32402
As amended

O P I N I O N

By this application, as amended, Eastern Cities Transit, Inc. seeks to modify its passenger stage operation in the Whittier area in order to better meet the needs of the traveling public. The present operations are carried on under authority of this Commission.⁽¹⁾

Request is made to extend applicant's Whittier Route No. 1 westward to Danby Avenue and eastward to Gunn Avenue into new residential areas containing several thousand homes. Its Whittier Route No. 2 is proposed to be extended eastward also as far as Gunn Avenue in order to serve a new housing development containing 572 homes to the south, and 173 homes to the north, now under construction, and many more planned to be built along Mulberry Drive. The requested changes in route of the Whittier Route No. 3 will provide better service in a residential district in that area. A proposed new route to be designated Whittier Route No. 5, east of Painter Avenue along Ocean View Lane, College Avenue, Fourth Street, California Avenue, Second Street, Ocean View

(1) Decision No. 43980, dated March 28, 1950, on Application No. 30938, as amended; Decision No. 44888, dated October 10, 1950, and Decision No. 45158, dated December 19, 1950, on Application No. 31897.

Avenue, Janine Drive and Cadmar Avenue, will serve a large new development in East Whittier.

The abandonments requested are not substantial and will deprive no present customers of public transportation within a reasonable walking distance. Applicant requests authority for two abandonments of service south of Whittier Boulevard.

The first is made necessary in order to extend service into the new residential area now developed as far south as the Union Pacific tracks along Lambert Road, and to the east beyond Gunn Avenue. Persons along this route to be abandoned will be within one-eighth mile of applicant's service, or the Pacific Railway Company service along Whittier Boulevard.

The abandonment of the portion of Whittier Route No. 1 along See Drive, Hadley Street, Glengarry Avenue, Rincon Drive and Holbrook Avenue, will result in a relocation of applicant's service to a more reasonable distance from the Pacific Electric Railway Company service along Whittier Boulevard, and will also permit the extension of service through a newly developed residential district.

The so-called abandonment of a portion of Whittier Route No. 3 along Guirado Avenue, Whittier Boulevard and Redman Avenue, and also a short distance along Floral Drive, will eliminate unwarranted competition between Eastern Cities Transit service and that of Pacific Electric Railway Company service in the area immediately adjacent to Whittier Boulevard between Guirado Avenue and Redman Avenue. This portion of said Route No. 3 is little patronized, and its elimination will permit improved service where it is more needed.

The City of Whittier and the two competitors, Benton Bus Lines and Pacific Electric Railway Company, have been served with copies of the application and its amendment. A member of the Commission's engineering staff, who has studied applicant's proposals, recommends that they be granted.

Upon full consideration of the application, as amended, and the study and recommendation of the Commission's staff member, 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 that heretofore issued to it, authorizing operations in the East Los Angeles-Montebello-Whittier area, by Decision No. 43980, dated March 28, 1950, on Application No. 30938, as amended as said decision has been amended by Decision No. 44888, dated October 10, 1950, on Application No. 31633, as amended, and by Decision No. 45158, dated December 19, 1950, on Application No. 31897. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

An application therefor having been filed, the Commission being fully informed therein, and it being hereby 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Public Utilities Act, for the transportation of passengers between the intersection of Gage Avenue and 1st 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 Gunn Avenue and Chestnut Street on the one hand, and the intersection of Danby Avenue and Holbrook Street on the other hand; between the intersection of Guirado Avenue and Workman Mill Road on the one hand, and the intersection of Gunn Avenue and Mulberry Drive on the other hand; between the intersection of Cully Avenue and Saragosa Street on the one hand, and the intersection of Comstock Avenue and College Street on the other hand; between the intersection of Norwalk Boulevard and Beverly Boulevard on the one hand, and the intersection of Grape Street and Olympic Boulevard on the other hand; and between the intersection of Guirado Avenue and Orange Grove Avenue on the one hand, and the intersection of Jenine Drive and Ocean View Avenue 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 on 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 19 of General Order No. 98, 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 the operation herein authorized at any time, Eastern Cities Transit, Inc. shall conduct said passenger stage operation between the points hereinbefore 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, Vancouver 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 Gunn Avenue and Chestnut Street, along Chestnut Street, Ocean View Avenue, Chestnut Street, Jacmar Avenue, Oak Street, Barton Road, Whittier Boulevard, Central Avenue, High Street,

Painter Avenue, Philadelphia Street, Milton Avenue, Hadley Street, Glengarry Avenue, Bexley Drive and Danby Avenue to Holbrook Street.

Also, from Chestnut Street, along Gunn Avenue, Carnell Street, Cedar Grove Street, La Forge Street, Walnut Way, Carnell Street and Laurel Avenue to Whittier Boulevard.

Also, from Danby Avenue along Holbrook Street, Redman Avenue, Loch Avon Drive, Glengarry Avenue, and Rincon Drive to Hadley Street.

5. Whittier Route No. 2

From the intersection of Guirado Avenue and Workman Mill Road in front of Rose Hill Memorial Park, along Workman Mill Road, Norwalk Boulevard, Monte Vista Drive, Magnolia Avenue, Floral Drive, Pickering Avenue, Beverly Boulevard, Greenleaf Avenue, Shrove Road, Shoemaker Avenue, Oval Drive, Painter Avenue and Mulberry Drive to Gunn Avenue.

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

6. Whittier Route No. 3

From the intersection of Culley Avenue and Saragosa Street, along Saragosa Street, Broadway, Winchell Street, Cedarcliff Avenue, Dickey Street, Gretna Avenue, Mines Boulevard, Cedarcliff Avenue, Bradhurst Street, Broadway, Pickering Avenue and College Street to Comstock Avenue.

Also, from College Street along Comstock Avenue, Philadelphia Street and Whittier Boulevard to Broadway.

Also, Bradhurst Street along Broadway Mines Boulevard, Glengarry Avenue, Coolhurst Street and Culley Avenue to Saragosa Street.

7. Whittier Route No. 4

From Norwalk Boulevard along 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 to Grape Street.

Also, along Elnora Street and Grape Street between Pine Street and Olympic Boulevard.

8. Whittier Route No. 5

From Orange Grove Avenue along Guirado Avenue, Floral Drive, Redman Avenue, Orange Drive, Broadway, Painter Avenue, Hadley Street, Greenleaf Avenue, Philadelphia Street, Washington Avenue, Penn Street, Painter Avenue, Ocean View Lane, College Avenue, Fourth Street, California Avenue, Second Street and Ocean View Avenue to Janine Drive.

Also, from Ocean View Avenue, along Janine Drive and Cadmar Avenue to Second Street.

Also, along Orange Grove Avenue and Norwalk Boulevard between Guirado Avenue and Orange Drive.

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 certificate of public convenience and necessity granted to applicant herein by said Decision No. 43980, as amended by Decisions Nos. 44888 and 45158, is hereby revoked and rescinded.

(4) That, at least five (5) days prior to the establishment of the changes in service hereinbefore authorized, applicant shall post notices of the route changes in all its buses.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 19th day of June, 1951.

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COMMISSIONERS