

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 45978

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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| In the Matter of the Application of ) |                       |
| BEN F. HIGBIE, doing business as )    | Application No. 32424 |
| WEST ORANGE TRANSIT COMPANY for )     | As Amended.           |
| change of route. )                    |                       |

John V. Cooper for applicant. John W. Chapman and Guy H. Benton for Artesia-Bellflower-Norwalk Bus Line, William E. Haynie for Hawaiian Gardens Business Men's Association, Vaughn Y. Weidel for Artesia Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Maud Gray for Norwalk Chamber of Commerce; interested parties.

O P I N I O N

Applicant operates a passenger stage service between the City of Long Beach and Stanton, an unincorporated community on Huntington Beach Boulevard in Orange County, under authority of this Commission <sup>(1)</sup>. Authority is requested by the present applicant to alter the described route so as to serve the intermediate community of Hawaiian Gardens by operating north of Ball Road along Alamitos Boulevard to Lincoln Avenue, and along Lincoln Avenue as far as Denni Street, instead of the present operation along Ball Road and Denni Street.

A public hearing was held in Hawaiian Gardens on July 13, 1951, at which time evidence, both oral and documentary, was received and the matter duly submitted.

Guy H. Benton, applicant's only competitor, who had previously advised the Commission by letter that, on behalf of Artesia-Bellflower-Norwalk Bus Line and Benton Bus Lines, he protested

(1) Decision No. 45460, dated March 13, 1951, on Application No. 32064.

the application, appeared at the hearing in support of said application. Representatives of the various service organizations of this and neighboring communities also appeared and asked the Commission to act favorably upon the request of West Orange Transit Company. No one protested the granting of the application.

According to the uncontradicted testimony, there are no residences along Ball Road and Denni Street, over which applicant's buses now operate, and no persons will be deprived of service by the requested change. By operating along Alamitos Boulevard and Lincoln Avenue, on the other hand, some six thousand residents in the community of Hawaiian Gardens will be benefited by improved transportation into Long Beach, the business and shopping center of this general area.

No increases in fares are proposed and no changes in time schedules are presently contemplated. No additional equipment will be required by the proposal, and the operating distance will be somewhat reduced. After full consideration of the matter, we find the proposal to be not adverse to the public interest. Accordingly, the application will be granted.

ORDER

Application as above entitled having been filed, public hearing having been held, the Commission being fully advised in the premises, and hereby finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That the route descriptions in paragraph (2), subparagraph (c) of the Order in said Decision No. 45460, dated March

13, 1951, on Application No. 32064, are amended to read as follows:

"From American Avenue, in Long Beach, along First Street, Alamitos Avenue, Anaheim Street, Bellflower Boulevard, Spring Street, Los Alamitos Boulevard, Farquhar Street, Lexington Avenue, Howard Street, Los Alamitos Boulevard, Lincoln Avenue (Carson Street), Stanton Avenue (Huntington Beach Boulevard), to its intersection with Katella Avenue in the community of Stanton in Orange County.

"Also along Grand Avenue between Lincoln Avenue and Stanton Avenue."

(2) That, in all other respects, said Decision No. 45460 shall remain in full force and effect.

(3) That, at least five (5) days prior to the establishment of the change in service herein authorized, applicant shall post notice of the route change in all his buses and terminals.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1951

A. J. [Signature]  
James J. [Signature]  
Harold A. [Signature]  
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COMMISSIONERS