

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 46222

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
 PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, a )  
 corporation, for authority to operate ) Application No. 32574  
 motor coaches not to exceed 40 feet )  
 in length and not to exceed 102 inches )  
 in width on certain motor coach routes. )

O P I N I O N

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 694(g) and 697.1  
 (1)  
 of the Vehicle Code of the State of California, effective  
 September 22, 1951, Pacific Electric Railway Company has requested  
 authority to operate passenger stages not to exceed 40 feet in  
 length and not to exceed 102 inches in width over those existing  
 routes which do not exceed 50 miles in length.

(1) "694(g). Motor coaches or busses operated under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission in urban or suburban service may have a maximum outside width not exceeding 104 inches, when approved by order of the Public Utilities Commission for use on routes designated by it. Motor coaches or busses operated by common carriers of passengers for hire in urban or suburban service and not under the jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission may have a maximum outside width not exceeding 104 inches. Urban and suburban service referred to in this chapter means a service performed in urban or suburban areas, or between municipalities in close proximity; provided, however, the one-way route mileage of such service shall not be more than 50 miles; and, provided further, designated motor coach routes over state highways outside limits of incorporated cities where the one-way route mileage is over 25 miles, but does not exceed 50 miles, shall be approved by the Department of Public Works."

"697.1. Length of Passenger Buses in Urban or Suburban Service. As an exception to the length limitations set forth in Section 697, a passenger bus may exceed thirty-five feet in length but shall not exceed a length of forty feet when operated in urban or suburban service under the conditions and subject to the limitations described in paragraph (g) of Section 694 and when the Public Utilities Commission by order has approved the use of busses in excess of thirty-five feet in length on routes designated by it."

By Decision No. 44178, dated May 16, 1950, in Application No. 30921, applicant was granted authority "to operate passenger stages not to exceed 40 feet in length" over 19 designated routes, all of which routes do not exceed 25 miles in length. This order was in direct consonance with the provisions of Sections 694(g) and 697.1 of the Vehicle Code as of that date.

Prior to the amendment to Section 694(g), effective September 22, 1951, no approval was required as to the width of motor coaches used in urban or suburban service up to a width of 104 inches. Such approval is now required under the amended Section 694(g).

By the amendment of Section 694(g), the maximum length of an "urban or suburban" service is extended from 25 to 50 miles, but where the route is "over state highways outside limits of incorporated cities where the one-way route mileage is over 25 miles, but does not exceed 50 miles", approval is also required from the Department of Public Works.

Said department, by letter dated September 17, 1951, has indicated its approval of the use of buses not to exceed 40 feet in length and not to exceed 102 inches in width, on all of the routes or portions of routes involved in the instant application where operations are over state highways.

The application seeks approval of the Public Utilities Commission for operation of such motor coaches over all routes which do not exceed 50 miles in length. This approval is sought to facilitate such interchange of equipment as may be necessary, although the actual intended use of the equipment in question will be over only a portion of these routes.

It appears that such longer and wider passenger stages are being operated successfully in this area and in other parts of the country; that in many respects they are superior to other equipment and furnish better service to the public, and that there is no objection to the granting of the application. No public hearing is necessary.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that Pacific Electric Railway Company is authorized to operate passenger stages not to exceed 40 feet in length and not to exceed 102 inches in width, over the routes and between points specified in Appendix "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Applicant is also authorized to turn its passenger buses 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, and to operate said buses to and from its termini, garages, storage lots, and servicing and repair facilities, to and from each of said routes and between said routes, and to operate on such temporary detours on each route as may be necessary because of closing of streets to vehicular traffic along said routes.

The authority herein granted applies only to applicant's existing fleet of motor coaches, and the determination, both as to purchase and use of future units, shall be governed by such order or orders as may be issued at the time the necessity arises.

EXHIBIT "A"

<u>Line No.</u>	<u>Line</u>	<u>Maximum One-Way Route Mileage</u>	<u>Between</u>	<u>And</u>
50	Pasadena-Alhambra-Southern Pacific Station	5.30	Pasadena-Southern Pacific Station	Alhambra-Southern Pacific Station
51	Los Angeles-Redondo Beach via La Tijera Blvd.	26.05	Los Angeles	Redondo-Palos Verdes Estates
51	Los Angeles-Redondo Beach via Playa Del Rey	28.70	Los Angeles	Redondo-Palos Verdes Estates
51	Los Angeles-Redondo Beach via Exposition and Angeles Vista Blvds.	25.80	Los Angeles	Redondo-Palos Verdes Estates
52	Los Angeles-Alhambra-Temple City-South Arcadia	16.25	Los Angeles	South Arcadia
52	Los Angeles-Alhambra-Temple City-South Arcadia Limited	16.45	Los Angeles	South Arcadia
52	Los Angeles-Alhambra-Temple City-Arcadia	17.75	Los Angeles	Arcadia
52	Los Angeles-Alhambra-Temple City-Arcadia Limited	17.95	Los Angeles	Arcadia
54	Long Beach-Huntington Park	15.90	Long Beach	Huntington Park
55	Los Angeles-Balboa	46.50	Los Angeles	Balboa
55	Los Angeles-Balboa Limited	44.25	Los Angeles	Balboa
56	Los Angeles-Sunland	20.75	Los Angeles	Sunland
56	Los Angeles-Montrose-La Canada	16.10	Los Angeles	La Canada
56	Glendale-Montrose-La Canada	8.45	Glendale	La Canada

Line No.	Line	Maximum One-Way Route Mileage	Between	And
58	Los Angeles-Santa Ana via Downey	40.25	Los Angeles	Santa Ana
58	Los Angeles-Santa Ana via Santa Fe Springs	38.65	Los Angeles	Santa Ana
58	Los Angeles-Santa Ana via Whittier	42.00	Los Angeles	Santa Ana
58	Los Angeles-Santa Ana Express	33.90	Los Angeles	Santa Ana
58	Los Angeles-Santa Ana Express via Fullerton-Anaheim	36.50	Los Angeles	Santa Ana
61	Long Beach-Pasadena via Atlantic Blvd.	29.80	Long Beach	Pasadena
61	Long Beach-Pasadena via Whittier	44.20	Long Beach	Pasadena
62	Arlington-Riverside-San Bernardino-Redlands	32.60	La Sierra	Redlands
63	Los Angeles-El Monte-Pomona-San Bernardino-Riverside	40.35	Los Angeles	Ontario
63	Los Angeles-El Monte-Pomona-San Bernardino-Riverside	40.05	Los Angeles	Upland
63	Los Angeles-Pomona via Covina	36.50	Los Angeles	Pomona
63	Los Angeles-El Monte-Baldwin Park via Garvey Avenue and San Bernardino Road	19.25	Los Angeles	Baldwin Park
63	Los Angeles-Baldwin Park via Brooklyn Avenue-Garvey Avenue and San Bernardino Road	20.40	Los Angeles	Baldwin Park

Line No.	Line	Maximum One-Way Route Mileage	Between	And
63	Los Angeles-Pomona Fair Grounds	30.00	Los Angeles	Pomona Fair Grounds
63	Pomona-Pomona Fair Grounds	3.00	Pomona	Pomona Fair Grounds
64	Pasadena-Pomona	29.40	Pasadena	Pomona
66	Long Beach-San Pedro	10.30	Long Beach	San Pedro
66	Long Beach-Catalina Terminal	6.30	Long Beach	Wilmington (Catalina Terminal)
67	Los Angeles-Sierra Madre	16.70	Los Angeles	Sierra Madre
68	Los Angeles-Monrovia-Glendora	26.50	Los Angeles	Glendora
69	Los Angeles-Wilmar via Hellman Avenue	11.40	Los Angeles	Walnut Grove and Garvey Avenues
70	Pasadena Oak Knoll	13.65	Los Angeles	Pasadena
71	Los Angeles-Pasadena Short Line	11.50	Los Angeles	Pasadena
75	Los Angeles-Venice-Santa Monica	17.10	Los Angeles	Santa Monica (Broadway Station)
75	Los Angeles-Beverly Hills-Santa Monica	17.90	Los Angeles	Ocean Park (Pier Avenue)
75	Los Angeles-Beverly Hills-Santa Monica via Brentwood	20.70	Los Angeles	Ocean Park (Pier Avenue)
76	Los Angeles-Beverly-Sunset Boulevards-University Limited	23.60	Los Angeles	Castellammare
76	Los Angeles-Beverly-Sunset Boulevards-University via Westwood	25.10	Los Angeles	Castellammare
77	Hollywood-Beverly Hills-University	10.05	Hollywoodland	Beverly Hills (Beverly Drive and Pico Blvd.)

Line No.	Line	Maximum One-Way Route Mileage	Between	And
77	Hollywood-Beverly Hills-University	9.05	Hollywoodland	Beverly Hills (Camden Dr. and Wilshire Blvd.)
77	Hollywood-Beverly Hills-University	11.05	Hollywoodland	Westwood Village (Westwood and Wilshire Blvds.)
78	Western-Franklin	2.50	Western Ave. and Santa Monica Blvd.	Hollywood Blvd. and Vine Street
79	Garfield Avenue-Highland Park	11.35	Monterey Park	Huntington Dr. and Monterey Rd.
80	Emery Park	4.75	Huntington Drive and Eastern Ave.	Fremont Ave. and Commonwealth Ave.
81	Hollywood-Ventura Boulevards	15.10	Hollywood	Tarzana
82	Wilshire Boulevard	16.60	Los Angeles	Santa Monica
82	Wilshire Boulevard	12.70	Los Angeles	UCLA-Westwood
83	Sunset Boulevard	10.40	11th & Hill	Laurel Canyon and Sunset Boulevards
84	Van Nuys-San Fernando	9.70	Van Nuys	San Fernando
85	Van Nuys-Birmingham Hospital	6.85	Sherman Oaks	Birmingham Hospital
86	Los Angeles-North Hollywood-Van Nuys	25.20	Los Angeles	Panorama City
87	North Hollywood-Studio City-Sherman Oaks	8.40	North Hollywood	Sherman Oaks
88	North Hollywood	5.45	Lankershim and Cahuenga Blvds.	Tujunga Avenue and Saticoy St.
88	North Hollywood	6.85	Lankershim and Cahuenga Blvds.	Vanowen Loop
89	Fairfax Avenue	6.75	Hollywood Blvd. and Vine	Venice Boulevard and Fairfax

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90	Van Nuys-Canoga Park	11.00	Van Nuys	Canoga Park
91	Vermont Avenue-Echo Park-Hill Street- Venice Blvd.	8.90	Crenshaw and Venice Boulevards	Echo Park Avenue and Donaldson Street
91	Vermont Avenue-Echo Park-Hill Street- Venice Blvd.	6.85	15th & Hill Sts.	Hollywood Blvd. and Vermont Avenue
92	Los Angeles-Sierra Vista Local	8.45	Los Angeles	Sierra Vista

The authority herein granted shall lapse and become void if not exercised within one year after the effective date of this order, unless further time is granted by subsequent order.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1951.

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President  
August J. [Signature]  
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Commissioners