

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 46414

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. 32742

Charles Boehm for applicant. Rex Monroe, protestant.  
Mrs. Walter M. Miller, W. Emmens and Mrs. Cora Breckenridge,  
interested parties.

O P I N I O N

Applicant, a passenger stage corporation, now operates three routes in the Belvedere section of Los Angeles County and five routes in Whittier and vicinity (Decisions Nos. 45840 and 45897). It now seeks authority to make certain changes in the operation of four of its Whittier routes by rerouting and extending its Whittier Route No. 5; and rerouting and abandoning portions of its Whittier Routes Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

A public hearing was held at Whittier on October 23, 1951.

Applicant's proposals were not opposed by the City of Whittier nor by other public carriers operating in the same general area. Some opposition developed to the proposed abandonment of that portion of the present Route No. 5 line along Orange Drive and El Rancho Drive between Norwalk Boulevard and Broadway. The evidence presented at the hearing supports applicant's position that lack of patronage is placing an unnecessary burden upon the company. Exhibit No. 4 shows that approximately twenty passengers per day, in each direction, now board and alight along the portion of said route proposed to be discontinued. As applicant operates thirteen

schedules per day, in each direction, the average number of passengers per trip is less than two. Residents along and near Orange Drive and El Rancho Drive will continue to have access to adequate transportation. Applicant's Routes Nos. 2 and 3 and Pacific Electric Railway Company's service on Whittier Boulevard are within approximately three-tenths of a mile walking distance.

Service also is to be discontinued along that portion of Route No. 3 along Whittier Boulevard and Philadelphia Street between Broadway and Pickering Avenue. The public will not be inconvenienced by this change as the competing carrier, Pacific Electric Railway Company, now operates 15-minute schedules, at a lower fare, as compared with applicant's hourly schedule.

Applicant is proposing an extension of its No. 5 line from the intersection of Ocean View Avenue and Janine Drive, southeasterly to the intersection of Dunton Drive and Dalmatian Avenue. The area to be traversed is a newly developed residential community. Approximately 5,000 homes and a new high school will be served.

Several other minor route changes are also proposed in order to improve routes and schedules. No fare changes are contemplated. All of the proposed changes have been considered and are recommended by our transportation department.

Having considered the application and evidence of record, we find that public convenience and necessity require that the proposed route abandonments, extensions and reroutings be authorized. Such authority will be given by a redefinition of the routes involved.

#### O R D E R

A public hearing having been held 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 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 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of persons, between the intersection of Ocean View Avenue and Janine Drive and the intersection of Dunton Drive and Dalmatian Avenue, and intermediate points, as an extension and enlargement of, and to be consolidated with, applicant's present operating rights.

(2) That the descriptions of the Whittier Routes Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, as described in Decisions No. 45840, dated June 19, 1951, and as amended by Decision No. 45897, dated June 29, 1951, be further amended to read as hereinafter described.

(3) 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:

Whittier Route No. 1 -

Beginning at the intersection of Walnut Way and Chestnut Street, thence along Chestnut Street, Jacmar Avenue, Oak Street, Barton Road, Whittier Boulevard, Painter Avenue, Philadelphia Street, Milton Avenue, Hadley Street, Glengarry Avenue, Boxley Drive, Danby Avenue, Holbrook Street, Redman Avenue, Loch Avon Drive, Glengarry Avenue, Rincon Drive, to its intersection with Hadley Street.

Also, beginning at the intersection of Walnut Way and Chestnut Street, thence along Walnut Way, Carnell Street and Laurel Avenue, to its intersection with Whittier Boulevard.

Whittier Route No. 2 -

Beginning at the intersection of Guirado Avenue and Workman Mill Road adjacent to Rose Hills Memorial Park, thence along Workman Mill Road, Norwalk Boulevard, Orange Grove Avenue, Pioneer Boulevard, Floral Drive, Norwalk Boulevard, to its intersection with Orange Grove Avenue, and beginning at the intersection of Norwalk Boulevard and Monte Vista Drive, thence along Monte Vista Drive, Magnolia Avenue, Floral Drive, Pickering Avenue, Beverly Boulevard, Greenleaf Avenue, Shrove Road, Shoemaker Avenue, Oval Drive, Painter Avenue, Mulberry Drive, to its intersection with Gunn Avenue.

Also beginning at the intersection of Broadway and Greenleaf Avenue, thence along Broadway, Painter Avenue and Hadley Street, to its intersection with Greenleaf Avenue.

Whittier Route No. 3 -

Beginning at the intersection of Philadelphia Street and Pickering Avenue, thence along Philadelphia Street, Comstock Avenue, College Street, Pickering Avenue, Broadway, Mines Boulevard, Glengarry Avenue, Coolhurst Street, Culley Avenue, Saragosa Street, Cedarcliff Avenue, Dickey Street, Gretna Avenue, Mines Boulevard, Cedarcliff Avenue and Bradhurst Street, to its intersection with Broadway.

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, Ibson 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.

Whittier Route No. 5 -

Beginning at the intersection of Comstock Avenue and Philadelphia Street, thence along Philadelphia Street, Washington Avenue, Penn Street, Painter Avenue, Ocean View Lane, College Avenue, 4th Street, California Avenue, 2nd Street, Ocean View Avenue, Chestnut Street, Gunn Avenue, Carnell Street, Mills Avenue, Whittier Boulevard, Colima Road and Luitwieler Avenue, Dunton Drive, Dalmatian Avenue, Danbrook Drive, to its intersection with Luitwieler Avenue.

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. Applicant may operate in either direction along said routes if permitted by local traffic rules.

(4) That, except as herein amended, Decision No. 45840 shall remain in full force and effect.

(5) 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 effective date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1951.

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PRESIDENT  
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COMMISSIONERS