

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 46690

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
GUY H. BENTON doing business under the)
name of BENTON BUS LINES for authority) Application No. 32866
to operate over certain streets as an)
extension of an existing route.)

Guy H. Benton for applicant.
Charles E. Boehm for Eastern Cities Transit, Inc.
Albert J. Hasty for City of Montebello and John W. Chapman,
in propria personae, interested parties.

O P I N I O N

By this application Guy H. Benton doing business as Benton Bus Lines seeks authority to extend his passenger stage service from the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Loch Alene Avenue, along Washington Boulevard, Keltonview Drive, Unser Street, Winodee Drive, Coffman and Pico Road, Dunlap Crossing Road, Calico Avenue, Coolhurst Drive, Manzanar Avenue, Dunlap Crossing Road, Zola Avenue, Townley Street, Dulin Avenue, Holbrook Street, Coffman and Pico Road and Whittier Boulevard to its intersection with Parsons Boulevard.

Public hearing was held in Whittier, California, on January 11, 1952, before Examiner Rowe at which time oral and documentary evidence was adduced and the matter duly submitted for decision.

Notice of the application and of the hearing was duly served upon all competing bus operators and upon the municipalities and civic organizations in the area effected. Such notice was also posted in applicant's buses and published in a newspaper of general circulation in that area on January 5, 1952. The posting continued until the time of hearing.

The notice as posted and published contained the further statement that applicant proposes and it will be necessary, in order

to be able to make the requested extension, to effect the following changes and reductions in service on his other lines:

1. Service to and from the territory south of Slauson Avenue would be routed via Rivera Road and Norwalk Boulevard instead of via Passons Boulevard and Washington Boulevard, as at present. This change would reduce service between the intersections of Passons Boulevard and Washington Boulevard and Passons Boulevard and Slauson Avenue, a distance of approximately 1.2 miles, from a one-hour headway to a two-hour headway.

2. Service to the territory in the immediate vicinity of Anaheim-Telegraph Road and Lakewood Boulevard would be reduced from a one-hour headway to a two-hour headway.

3. Service along Lakewood Boulevard between Maxine Avenue and Slauson Avenue, also along Slauson Avenue west of Scrapis Avenue, as well as along Bollenbacker Drive, Trojan Street, and Crossway Drive, would be reduced from six round trips daily to one eastbound trip in the morning and one westbound trip in the late afternoon.

Applicant testified that there had been many requests for the proposed extension. Also the Co-ordinating Council of Pico had suggested and approved this service. No protests or objections were made to the proposed extension except in the area next to be described. He stated that several users of his service residing in the area bounded by Passons Boulevard, Rox Road, Bequette Avenue, Nan Street, Loch Alene Avenue and Washington Boulevard had stated that they objected because of the contemplated reduction of service in that area. In order to eliminate this objection, applicant stated that his Line No. 7 which includes the proposed extension would be operated along Bailey Street, Pickering Avenue, Washington Boulevard and so as to render service in the above-described area

the line would also continue to operate regularly over the presently authorized route along Passons Boulevard, Rex Road, Bequette Avenue, Nan Street, Loch Aleno Avenue and Washington Boulevard and then continue along the extension as proposed in this application.

The Commission finds as a fact that the public convenience and necessity require the extension as proposed in the above-entitled application and consequently said application will be granted.

O R D E R

Public hearing having been held in the above-entitled proceeding, the matter being duly submitted, and the Commission finding 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 Guy H. Benton doing business as Benton Bus Lines, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a passenger stage corporation as that term is defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code for the transportation of persons between the intersection of Washington Boulevard and Loch Aleno Avenue on the one hand and on the other hand the intersection of Whittier Boulevard and Passons Boulevard and intermediate points, as an extension and enlargement of, and to be consolidated with applicant's existing operative rights in said territory.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted applicant 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, appropriate tariffs and timetables.
- (c) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify the service or routes by further order, applicant shall conduct operations pursuant to the certificate herein granted, over and along the following route:

From Loch Alene Avenue along Washington Boulevard, Keltonview Drive, Unser Street, Winodee Drive, Coffman and Pico Road, Dunlap Crossing Road, Calico Avenue, Coolhurst Drive, Manzanar Avenue, Dunlop Crossing Road, Zela Avenue, Townloy Street, Dulin Avenue, Holbrook Street, Coffman and Pico Road and Whittier Boulevard to Passons Boulevard.

Applicant is authorized to turn his motor vehicles at termini and intermediate points, in either direction, at intersections of streets or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersection, or in accordance with local traffic rules.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 29th day of January, 1952.

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 PRESIDENT
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 COMMISSIONERS