

Decision No. 46975

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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 ex-)
isting routes.)
_____)

Application No. 33130

Charles Boehm for applicant. William Young, protestant.
Alva J. Hasty for Montebello Municipal Bus Line; John W. Chapman
for Benton Bus Line; Ralph M. Thynnes for Whittier Chamber of
Commerce, interested parties.

O P I N I O N

Applicant now operates five passenger stage routes in the
City of Whittier and vicinity ⁽¹⁾. By this application authority is
sought to make several minor route changes in the western portion of
said city and its environs, along portions of Routes Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Chiesa in the
City of Whittier on March 13, 1952.

The evidence shows that, as to the proposed rerouting of
Routes Nos. 1 and 3, the new routes will serve many more persons,
residents of newly developed areas, and will not materially incon-
venience present patrons. The changes proposed along these routes
were not protested. The record shows that the City Council of
Whittier considered all the proposed route changes and has approved
them.

(1) Three routes are also operated in the Belvedere section
of Los Angeles County (Decisions Nos. 45840, 45897 and
46414).

On Route No. 2 only one minor change is proposed, to-wit, rerouting the Rose Hills Cemetery branch of said route along Palm Avenue and Lemon Street between Monte Vista Drive and Norwalk Boulevard, a distance of approximately 1,200 feet, in lieu of the present operation along Monte Vista Drive and Norwalk Boulevard. The route along Palm Avenue will provide service to a more thickly populated area and will serve a small medical center situated on Palm Avenue south of Beverly Boulevard. Discontinuance of service along Norwalk will eliminate a dangerous traffic hazard due to a short turn, a narrow road, and occasional heavy truck traffic. Persons residing along Monte Vista Drive will continue to receive service, as the other leg of this run is operated along said street. Protestant Young, who lives in the 600 block on North Norwalk Boulevard, will also receive the latter service in front of his home. His protest was based on a resultant change in schedule on the last run (5:45 P.M.) out of downtown Whittier. If this change is authorized he would be required to wait one half-hour longer for a bus that would pass his home or ride the Palm Avenue bus and walk a distance of approximately 1,400 feet from the intersection of Palm Avenue and Monte Vista Drive. He also testified that on occasion one or two other passengers would be similarly inconvenienced. Except for this one schedule change, protestant will not be affected. The record clearly shows that more persons will be benefited than will be inconvenienced by the proposed change. The new route will be safer and shorter.

Having carefully considered all the evidence, we are of the opinion and find that applicant's proposed changes are in the public interest and therefore the application will be granted.

For clarification, Routes Nos. 1, 2 and 3 will be redefined.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held in the above-entitled proceeding, the Commission being fully advised in the premises, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That the description of Whittier Routes Nos. 1, 2 and 3, appearing in Decision No. 46414, dated November 13, 1951, be amended to read as follows:

Whittier Route No. 1

Beginning at the intersection of Laurel Avenue and Whittier Boulevard, thence along Laurel Avenue, Carnell Street, Walnut Way, Chestnut Street, Jacmar Avenue, Oak Street, Barton Road, Whittier Boulevard, Painter Avenue, Philadelphia Street, Milton Avenue, Hadley Street, Pickering Avenue, Broadway, Hadley Street, Townley Drive, Norwalk Boulevard, Reichling Lane, Danby Avenue, Havenwood Place, Redman Avenue, Lock Avon Drive, Glengarry Avenue, Rincon Drive, to its intersection with Broadway.

Whittier Route No. 2

Beginning on Workman Mill Road at the Rose Hills Memorial Park, thence along Workman Mill Road, Lemon Street, Palm Avenue, Monte Vista Drive, Magnolia Avenue, Floral Drive, Pickering Avenue, Beverly Boulevard, Greenleaf Avenue, Shreve Road, Shoemaker Avenue, Oval Drive, Painter Avenue, Mulberry Drive, to its intersection with Gunn Avenue.

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

Also, beginning at the intersection of Palm Avenue, and Monte Vista Drive, thence along Monte Vista Drive, Norwalk Boulevard, Orange Grove Avenue, Pioneer Boulevard, Floral Drive, Norwalk Boulevard, to its intersection with Monte Vista Drive.

Whittier Route No. 3

Beginning at the intersection of Philadelphia Street and Pickering Avenue, thence along Philadelphia Street, Comstock Avenue, College Street, Pickering Avenue, Hadley Street, Gretna Avenue, Rosehedge Drive, Cedarcliff Avenue, Mines Boulevard, Culley Avenue, Saragosa Street, Broadway, Winchell Street, Cedarcliff Avenue, to its intersection with Mines Boulevard.

(2) That applicant be, and it hereby is, authorized to discontinue and abandon its passenger stage service on all streets on its present Whittier Lines Nos. 1, 2 and 3 which are not part of the said routes hereinabove described, and the authority to operate over and along said streets heretofore granted by Decisions Nos. 45840, 45897 and 46414, is hereby revoked.

(3) That, except as herein amended, said Decisions Nos. 45840, 45897 and 46414 shall remain in full force and effect.

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

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of April, 1952.

R. I. [Signature]
President
Justin F. [Signature]
Harold P. [Signature]
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Commissioners