

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 47503

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of	)	
KEY SYSTEM TRANSIT LINES, a corporation,	)	
for authority to abandon a portion of	)	
its existing No. 55 Dutton Avenue-Mulford	)	Application No. 33539
Gardens passenger stage line in the City	)	
of San Leandro and County of Alameda,	)	
State of California.	)	

O P I N I O N

Applicant at present operates its No. 55 Dutton Avenue-Mulford Gardens line in San Leandro over the following route:

"Beginning at Marlow Drive and Revere Avenue, in the City of Oakland via Marlow Drive, thence Dutton Avenue, East 14th Street, Davis Street and Doolittle Drive to West Avenue 133, in the Village of Mulford Gardens.

"In addition to the above routing, an extension over an alternate route operates from the intersection of East 14th Street and Davis Street via East 14th Street, Washington Avenue, and 132nd Avenue to Aurora Drive."

The above described alternate route was authorized by Decision No. 46625 dated January 8, 1952, in Application No. 32963. The opinion of said decision contained the statement that such alternate route had been urged by the City Council and Chamber of Commerce of San Leandro and was proposed in the nature of an experiment and that if it did not prove justified at the end of 90 days the applicant would request its discontinuance. The resolution of the City Council No. 1770 C.M.S. adopted December 17, 1951, stated that it recommended to this Commission the authorization of the service over this alternate route because applicant had indicated a willingness to inaugurate the service on a 90-day trial basis, after conferences with officials of the City and of said Chamber of Commerce.

In this Application No. 33539 it is alleged that after a ninety-day period patronage did not warrant its continuance.

Applicant here seeks authority to discontinue such operation. As justification for the requested relief it is stated that from the commencement of operations on February 4, 1952, to and including April 18, 1952, the schedules operated over this alternate route have averaged from one-half passenger per trip to a maximum of 3 passengers per trip and that in spite of all efforts to publicize service and acquaint the employees of the various plants served, the patronage has failed to increase but instead has decreased.

No changes of fares or rates are involved in this application. Provided this abandonment is authorized, applicant's present assignment of motor coach units to its No. 55 line will be reduced by one unit. The people working in the neighborhood of 132nd Avenue and Washington Avenue will be served by the operation along Davis Street approximately 3000 feet to the north. This service along Davis Street is not an unreasonable walking distance for the few riders who may continue to use applicant's transportation service.

The Commission is of the opinion that the requested abandonment of service should be permitted. The operation over this line has not been and cannot be made profitable. A public hearing is unnecessary.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been made, the Commission being fully advised and finding that the requested relief should be granted,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Key System Transit Lines, a corporation be, and it hereby is, authorized to abandon and discontinue its No. 55 Line over and along East 14th Street, Washington Avenue and 132nd

Avenue between the intersection of East 14th Street and Davis Street and the intersection of 132nd Avenue and Doolittle Drive.

(2) That applicant be, and it hereby is, authorized to cancel all fares, rules, regulations and schedules applying to the service herein authorized to be abandoned by ordering paragraph numbered (1) herein.

(3) That the certificate of public convenience and necessity issued in Decision No. 46625 dated January 8, 1952, be and it hereby is cancelled and rescinded.

(4) That, at least ten (10) days prior to the abandonment of service applicant shall post notice thereof in all its buses operated over its No. 55 Dutton Avenue-Mulford Gardens line including the alternate route herein authorized to be abandoned, and in its terminals, and at principal stops along said line.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 1952.

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PRESIDENT  
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COMMISSIONERS