

Decision No. 47360**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
of Pete Drake, as sole owner, )  
doing business under the name of ) Application No. 33831  
Terminal Island Transit Co., for )  
authority to operate motor coaches )  
not to exceed 102 inches in width )  
on certain motor coach routes. )

O P I N I O N

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 694(g) of the  
Vehicle Code of the State of California <sup>(1)</sup>, Pete Drake, doing  
business as Terminal Island Transit Co., has requested authority  
to operate passenger stages not to exceed 102 inches in width,  
over existing routes none of which exceed 50 miles in length.

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(1) Section 694(g), effective September 22, 1951:  
"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 ap-  
proved 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."

All of applicant's certificated routes are either fully within the city of Los Angeles (Wilmington area) or between the city of Los Angeles and the city of Long Beach, the maximum one-way mileage of any route being nine miles. It is therefore not necessary that approval be obtained from the Department of Public Works.

Applicant seeks authority to operate one 44-passenger 1951 White Diesel transit-type bus, Model 1144-D, with an over-all width of 102 inches and over-all length not to exceed 35 feet. Applicant has stated, however, that, if this application is granted, it is his intention to purchase two or three more buses of the same type in the near future, and it would therefore appear that authority should be granted to operate a maximum of four buses of the type stated instead of one bus.

It appears that such wider passenger stages are being operated successfully in this area and in other parts of the state and country; that in many respects they are superior to other equipment, especially in providing improved seating arrangement and increased aisle space, thereby furnishing 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 Pete Drake, doing business as Terminal Island Transit Co., is authorized to operate passenger stages not to exceed 102 inches in width, over all routes certificated by the Public Utilities Commission as of the date of the signing of this order.

Applicant is also authorized to turn his 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 his 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 to a maximum of four motor coaches, and the use of additional units shall be governed by such order or orders as may be issued at the time the necessity arises.

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 twenty (20) days after the date hereof.

Dated at SAN FRANCISCO, California, this 26th day of November, 1952.

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