

ORIGINALDecision No. 48135

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY,)
 a corporation, for an in lieu)
 certificate of public convenience)
 and necessity for modification of)
 operation of its Sunset Boulevard)
 Line in the vicinity of Los Angeles.)

Application No. 33441

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 Los Angeles Transit Lines; Don S. Sheets and Thomas E.
Boswell for Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; Carl F.
Fennema for Downtown Business Men's Association;
M. E. Gainder for Department of Public Utilities and
 Transportation of the City of Los Angeles; and
Henry E. Jordan for the Bureau of Franchises and
 Public Utilities of the City of Long Beach; all in-
 terested parties.

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding authority is requested to reroute that portion of applicant's present Sunset Boulevard Line, Route No. 83, between the intersection of Hill Street and Second Street and the intersection of Vermont Avenue and Oakwood Avenue by operating said line via the entrance ramp to Hollywood Freeway, Hollywood Freeway, Freeway exit ramp at Hope Street, Temple Street and Hill Street to Second Street, and return via Hill Street, Temple Street, Grand Avenue, entrance to Hollywood Freeway, Hollywood Freeway and Freeway exit ramp to Vermont Avenue.

No change in fares, schedules, or equipment is proposed.

A public hearing was held in Los Angeles before Examiner Chiesa. Oral and documentary evidence having been adduced, the matter was submitted for decision. Notice of the hearing was posted in conspicuous places in all buses operated on Line No. 83, and at the Subway Terminal, for a period of ten days immediately preceding the date of hearing, October 29, 1952.

The evidence shows that applicant is now prohibited from carrying local passengers between the intersection of First Street and Vermont Avenue and the intersection of Second Street and Hill Street, which is practically the entire portion of the old route proposed to be abandoned. The proposed change would inconvenience some passengers who are now being discharged between the said intersections on inbound schedules or are picked up there on outbound schedules who originate at or are destined to points beyond the restricted territory. Said patrons, however, would not be left entirely without service as the Los Angeles Transit Lines Beverly Boulevard Line operates along most of the same route. Additional passengers who now board or alight along Vermont Avenue at Rosewood Avenue, Beverly Boulevard and First Street would also be inconvenienced by having either to walk short distances or use other lines operating on Vermont Avenue and transferring. On the other hand, a large majority of the passengers using Line No. 83 would be benefited by a more direct and quicker service, and

many of those whose destination or origin is the Civic Center would also be benefited by the proposed extension north on Hill Street to Temple Street and thence along Temple Street to Grand Avenue.

Applicant does not propose to make any stops within the Hollywood Freeway to pick up or discharge passengers except at specially constructed bus loading areas as presently provided at Alvarado Street.

Authority is also requested to operate motor coaches on said Route No. 83 not exceeding 40 feet in length and 102 inches in width in the same manner authorized by this Commission in Decision No. 46222.

The application was not opposed.

Recently applicant was granted a franchise by the City of Los Angeles (Ordinance No. 100768) which provides for the payment of annual fees of 2-1/2 per cent of the gross revenue derived from operations on the freeways involved. The City also approved the rerouting which is the subject of this proceeding.

We find that the proposed rerouting is in the public interest and that public convenience and necessity require the operational changes as hereinabove set forth. The application will be granted.

O R D E R

A public hearing having been held, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and having found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That the route description of Pacific Electric Railway Company's Sunset Boulevard Line, Route No. 83, appearing in "Appendix A", page 20 of Decision No. 46471, dated November 27, 1951, on Application No. 32443, be, and it hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Route No. 83 - Sunset Boulevard Line

From Sunset Boulevard and Crescent Heights Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles via Sunset Boulevard, Vermont Avenue, Oakwood Avenue, entrance ramp to Hollywood Freeway, Hollywood Freeway, Hope Street exit ramp, Temple Street and Hill Street to 11th Street.

Return via Hill Street, Temple Street, Grand Avenue, entrance ramp of Hollywood Freeway, Hollywood Freeway, Freeway exit ramp, Vermont Avenue and Sunset Boulevard to Crescent Heights Boulevard.

Said amended route is authorized as an extension and enlargement of and to be consolidated with applicant's present passenger stage operative rights.

(2) That Pacific Electric Railway Company is authorized to operate passenger stages not to exceed 40 feet in length and 102 inches in width, over the route hereinabove described.

(3) Pacific Electric Railway Company shall post clearly visible notices in all buses operating over Route No. 83, and at its terminals, indicating specifically the changes in routing and in the applicable time schedules which would result from operations conducted pursuant to this order. Such notice shall be so posted and shall remain continuously posted during

a period of not less than ten (10) days prior to the establishment of service, pursuant to such order, over said route. Proof of such posting shall be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after the establishment of such service.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 6th day of January, 1957.

R. T. [Signature]
President

Justice J. [Signature]

Harold [Signature]

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Commissioners