

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 48354

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
SUNSET STAGES, a corporation, for )  
authority to abandon certain opera- )  
tions except for school trips and )  
to reroute and extend existing )  
service and for certificate of public )  
convenience and necessity to operate )  
passenger motor coach service as a )  
common carrier within the City of )  
Hawthorne, Los Angeles County, )  
California. )

Application No. 34018

Spencer and Harris, by Vernon P. Spencer,  
for applicant.  
C. Harrison Eddy for Hawthorne Chamber  
of Commerce, interested party.

O P I N I O N

Applicant operates a passenger stage service between the cities of Inglewood and Redondo Beach, serving the intermediate communities of Lennox, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Manhattan Beach and Hermosa Beach. By this application, as amended, authority is sought to (1) reroute its Prairie Avenue line, (2) establish a service along Kornblum Avenue, (3) establish service along El Segundo Boulevard to Crenshaw Boulevard, (4) discontinue present service along 135th Street between Prairie Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard, except for a school bus operation which applicant proposes to continue, and (5) discontinue present service along 138th Street between Hawthorne Boulevard and Prairie Avenue.

At the hearing held at Hawthorne on February 11, 1953, before Examiner Chiesa, applicant requested permission to file an amendment to the application for authority to establish a service easterly along El Segundo Boulevard to Crenshaw Boulevard. Said service would provide transportation for persons residing in or

near Hawthorne who are employed in the industrial area near the intersection of said boulevards.

Evidence was offered in support of the application by applicant's executive vice-president and the manager of the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce. The application was not opposed. The evidence clearly shows a public need for the rerouting of the Prairie Avenue line and the establishment of a service along Kornblum Avenue. Recent residential and industrial developments in the areas affected by the proposed changes are the basis for applicant's position that the revised routes and extension are in the public interest.

The proposed extension along El Segundo Boulevard from Kornblum Avenue to Crenshaw Boulevard will meet the need of persons employed in the industrial area at and near the intersection of El Segundo and Crenshaw Boulevards. The City of Hawthorne, its chamber of commerce, and numerous employees have requested this service. Applicant will inaugurate a morning and afternoon schedule and provide such additional service as may be justified. Said extension will not require any additional equipment or driver as the operation will be coordinated with a school bus operation in the same vicinity. Applicant has indicated that it may ask for a discontinuance of said service if it does not prove to be compensatory.

The proposed discontinuance of service along 138th Street will slightly inconvenience only a few of the patrons (a total of 45 passengers in six days) who now board or alight along that portion of the Prairie Avenue line. On the other hand, the operation of said line northerly along Prairie Avenue will be more convenient for other riders to and from plants and places of business situated on Prairie Avenue north of 138th Street.

The discontinuance of service along 135th Street, except for a morning and afternoon school bus operation, also appears justified. Applicant presented evidence (Exhibit No. 3) showing that for a period of six days, October 27, 1952, to November 1, 1952, inclusive, an average of only 12 passengers per day in each direction used public transportation. At least half of these passengers will be served by the proposed Kornblum Avenue line.

The proposed new routes and extension will be incorporated into applicant's established fare zones. No additional equipment nor employees will be required.

Having considered the evidence of record the Commission is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require that the application, as amended, be granted.

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 having found 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 Sunset Stages, a corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of persons (1) between the intersection of Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Doty Street and the intersection of Prairie Avenue and El Segundo Boulevard, along the route hereinafter described; (2) along Prairie Avenue between 135th Street and 138th Street; (3) along El Segundo Boulevard between Kornblum Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard, and intermediate points, as an extension and enlargement of, and to be consolidated with, its present operating rights.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, there shall be compliance with the following service regulations:

- (a) Within thirty days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted.
- (b) Within sixty days after the effective date hereof, and upon not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public, applicant shall establish the service herein authorized and file in triplicate and concurrently make effective tariffs and time schedules satisfactory to the Commission.
- (c) Subject to the authority of this Commission to change or modify such at any time, Sunset Stages shall conduct said passenger stage operations over and along the following described route:

Beginning at the intersection of Manhattan Beach Boulevard and Doty Street, thence along Doty Street, Compton Boulevard, Kornblum Avenue, and El Segundo Boulevard to its intersection with Prairie Avenue. Also, along Prairie Avenue between 135th Street and 138th Street. Also, along El Segundo Boulevard between Kornblum Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard.

Applicant is authorized to turn its motor vehicles 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.

(3) That Sunset Stages, a corporation, is authorized to discontinue passenger stage service (1) along 138th Street between Hawthorne Boulevard and Prairie Avenue, and (2) along 135th Street between Prairie Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard, except that applicant shall continue to operate a school bus service along said portion of 135th Street.

(4) That the orders in Decision No: 40646 on Application No. 28626, and Decision No. 46502 on Application No. 32737, are hereby amended to conform with the route changes herein authorized. Otherwise said decisions, except as they may heretofore have been amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

(5) That applicant shall give not less than ten days' notice of the route changes and abandonments by posting plainly visible notices at terminals of said lines and on all buses used in the operation of said services.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof:

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 10 day of March, 1953:

*R. J. [Signature]*  
President

*Harold P. [Signature]*

*[Signature]*  
*[Signature]*

Commissioners

Commissioner Justus S. Craemer, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.