

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 49346

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application )  
by SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY TRANSIT )  
COMPANY, a corporation, for an )  
order or orders authorizing it to )  
reroute portions of its line No. 3 )  
and to abandon certain portions of )  
its Line No. 3. )

Application No. 34689

Aldon Reid, Attorney, for applicant.

O P I N I O N

Applicant presently conducts a passenger stage service in and about the City of San Bernardino and the City of Colton under authority of this Commission. In the conduct of this service it operates a portion of its No. 3 line over certain specified streets in the so-called Muscoy area northwest of the City of San Bernardino and, likewise, another portion of this line is operated in an area to the north and northeast of San Bernardino. In the instant application authority is requested to abandon certain sections of Line No. 3 and to reroute the operations of this line both in the Muscoy area and in the area to the north and northeast.

A public hearing was held on October 26, 1953, before Examiner Syphers in San Bernardino, at which time evidence was adduced and the matter submitted.

The evidence disclosed that a notice of hearing had been posted in each of the passenger vehicles operated by

applicant and likewise had been published in the local newspapers. Also, the records of this Commission disclose that a notice of hearing was sent to the City Attorney of the City of San Bernardino and to the County Clerk of the County of San Bernardino. There were no appearances at the hearing other than that of the applicant.

The testimony disclosed that the present operation of the No. 3 line is unprofitable, the average revenue per mile being 31 cents and the cost being 35 cents. The applicant desires to effectuate the proposed rerouting in order to serve areas wherein there is a large amount of residential construction, and also to better serve an elementary school and a junior high school in the Muscoy area, as well as two elementary schools in the area north and northwest of the city. No additional equipment is needed to conduct this proposed rerouting, and no additional man power will be required. The actual operations will result in an increase in mileage of about 33 miles per day.

In the so-called Muscoy area there is a considerable amount of residential building. This was substantiated by a builder and developer who presently is constructing 161 houses in one tract and plans 140 more in the next year and a half. The proposed rerouting in that area will result in the removal of the service from a sparsely settled area and the providing of service to these new developments. Likewise, it will provide service directly to an elementary school and a junior high school. The new routes will not be any farther than 2,000 feet from the old routes at any point.

In the northeast section there is likewise a new housing development, and two elementary schools will be more expeditiously served by the new rerouting. Here again the proposed abandonment is through a rather sparsely settled area and the rerouting will be within one-third of a mile of any point in the area proposed to be abandoned.

Applicant testified that it has received numerous requests to make the changes herein requested.

After a thorough consideration of this record, we hereby find that public convenience and necessity require the proposed rerouting and that the abandonments will not be adverse to the public interest. Therefore, the application will be granted.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed, public hearing having been held thereon, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and finding it to be not adverse to the public interest,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

(1) That the San Bernardino Valley Transit Company is authorized to abandon the following portions of its existing No. 3 route:

Commencing at the intersection of State Street and Porter Street, thence via State Street, Nolan Street and Ogden Street to its intersection with Duffy Street.

Commencing at the intersection of Duffy Street and First Street, thence via Duffy Street, Third Street and Vermont Street to its intersection with First Street.

Commencing at the intersection of Blake Street and Duffy Street, thence via Duffy Street, Mallory Street and State Street to its intersection with Porter Street.

Commencing at the intersection of 40th Street and Mountain View Avenue, thence via 40th Street, Electric Avenue and 41st Street to its intersection with Mayfield Avenue.

(2) That the San Bernardino Valley Transit Company be and it hereby is granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a passenger stage corporation, as that term is defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of persons between the points and along the routes hereinafter set out as an addition to and extension of its present No. 3 line:

Commencing at the intersection of Porter Street and State Street, thence via Porter Street, California Street, Darby Street, Macy Street, Kern Street and Duffy Street to its intersection with Ogden Street.

Commencing at the intersection of Duffy Street and First Street, thence via First Street to its intersection with Vermont Street.

Commencing at the intersection of Macy Street and Blake Street, thence via Blake Street to Duffy Street.

Commencing at the intersection of 47th Street and Sepulveda Boulevard, thence via Sepulveda Boulevard, 49th Street, Mountain View Avenue, 48th Street and Mayfield Avenue to its intersection with 41st Street.

(3) 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.

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

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of November, 1953.

R. E. Anderson  
President

Justin J. Cullen

Francis J. Patton

John E. McMillin

Gene Higgins  
Commissioners