

ORIGINALDecision No. 49319

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of the SAN DIEGO TRANSIT
 SYSTEM, a corporation, for certificate
 of public convenience and necessity
 to combine its Routes "4" and "G"
 bus lines and to abandon service by
 Route "G" on 32nd Street between
 Market Street and Imperial Avenue,
 all in the City of San Diego.

Application No. 35232

O P I N I O N

Under authority from this Commission granted by
 Decision No. 48447, dated April 7, 1953 on Application No. 34125,
 San Diego Transit System operates its Route "4" as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Mission Boulevard
 and Garnet Avenue; thence along Garnet Avenue,
 Balboa Avenue, Morena Boulevard, Camino del Rio,
 Pacific Highway, Broadway, Front Street on east-
 bound trips and 1st Avenue on westbound trips,
 E Street, Fifth Avenue, K Street, 10th Avenue and
 Imperial Avenue to 32d Street.

Under authority from this Commission granted by Decision
 No. 49372, dated November 24, 1953 on Application No. 34493 (first
 supplemental), San Diego Transit System operates its Route "G"
 as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of 5th Avenue and
 Market Street, thence along Market Street, 4th
 Avenue, E Street, 5th Avenue, Market Street, 32d
 Street, Imperial Avenue, Lisbon Street, Jamacha
 Road, Cardiff Street, San Vicente Street, Spreckels
 Avenue and San Felipe Street to Cardiff Street.

By the application herein, applicant seeks authority to abandon service over that portion of its Route "G" line lying north and west of the intersection of Imperial Avenue and 32d Street and to consolidate all of Route "4" and the remaining portion of Route "G" into one line to be known as Route "4" which will extend from the intersection of Mission Boulevard and Garnet Avenue to the intersection of San Felipe Street and Cardiff Street.

The portions of Route "G" which will be abandoned under the proposal are (a) beginning at the intersection of 5th Avenue and Market Street, thence via Market Street, Fourth Avenue, E Street and 5th Avenue to Market Street, (b) Market Street between 5th Avenue and 32d Street, and (c) 32d Street between Market Street and Imperial Avenue.

In support of its application San Diego Transit System alleges that the proposal is in continuation of its policy established in 1949 of combining lines terminating in the business district into "through lines"; that the proposal will provide better service to the public by eliminating a transfer between lines for some and for others a more convenient service by reason of traversing the business district; that traffic congestion will be lessened by the elimination of approximately 58,000 turning movements per year in a district of high traffic density; that there will be a saving of three buses in the base and four buses in the peak periods; and that 70,000 miles per year of travel will be eliminated.

Abandonment (a), described above, is a turnaround loop. No portions thereof are more than one-quarter mile from applicant's continuing service. Abandonment (b) will continue to be adequately served. Applicant alleges that its Routes "3", "5" and "F" serve between 5th Avenue and 25th Street on Market Street, and its Routes "5" and "F" serve between 25th Street and 32d Street on Market Street. Abandonment (c) will result in the total cessation of service on 32d Street between Market Street and Imperial Avenue. Applicant alleges that it is 0.35 mile between the intersection of Market Street and 32d Street and the intersection of Imperial Avenue and 32d Street. This means that no prospective passenger will be required to travel more than 0.18 mile in addition to the distance now traveled to use applicant's services.

An associate transportation engineer of this Commission investigated the proposal. He found that the proposed changes will effect a material saving in operating expense, with minor inconvenience to relatively few persons.

We find that the proposed abandonments are not adverse to the public interest. They will be authorized.

Applicant alleges that no change in fares will result if the application is granted, and no additional equipment will be required. The City of San Diego has advised the Commission that it does not oppose the request.

O R D E R

The Commission having found that the proposed abandonments of service are not adverse to the public interest,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That San Diego Transit System be, and it hereby is, authorized to abandon that portion of its Route "G", heretofore authorized to be served by Decision No. 49372, dated November 24, 1953, on Application No. 34493, described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of 5th Avenue and Market Street, thence along Market Street, Fourth Avenue, E Street, 5th Avenue, Market Street and 32d Street to Imperial Avenue.

(2) That San Diego Transit System may consolidate Route "4" as described in Decision No. 48447, dated April 7, 1953, on Application No. 34125, with the portion of Route "G" (as described in Decision No. 49372) which remains after the abandonment of that portion described in ordering paragraph (1) of the order herein, and that the said consolidated line shall be known as Route "4" and shall operate over the following route in the City of San Diego:

Route "4" -

Beginning at the intersection of Mission Boulevard and Garnet Avenue, thence via Garnet Avenue, Balboa Avenue, Morena Boulevard, Camino del Rio, Pacific Highway, Broadway, Front Street on eastbound trips, and 1st Avenue on westbound trips, "E" Street, 5th Avenue, "K" Street, 10th Avenue, Imperial Avenue, Lisbon Street, Jamacha Road, Cardiff Street, San Vicente Street, Spreckels Avenue and San Felipe Street to Cardiff Street.

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 prior to the discontinuance of service pursuant to paragraph (1) of this order, San Diego Transit System shall post plainly visible notices in all of the buses and terminals used in its present Route "4" and Route "G" services, stating the changes to be made in routing and schedules. Such notices shall remain posted for at least five days prior to the changes authorized by paragraphs (1) and (2) of the order herein;

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

Dated at San Francisco, California,
this 13th day of April, 1954.

R. B. Anderson
President

Justin J. Craven

John E. Mitchell

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Commissioners