Decision No. 50357

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of San Diego Transit
System, a corporation, for authority)
to establish a temporary route within)
the downtown business district of)
San Diego, and to charge a reduced)
rate therefor.

Application No. 35587

OPINION

Applicant now operates a passenger stage service in the City of San Diego and cities and communities in the vicinity thereof. Its fare for a ride within the downtown business district of San Diego is now 17 cents cash or one token, sold at the rate of five for 80 cents (16 cents).

By this application authority is requested to operate a downtown special shuttle bus service over a route through the central business district, between Eighth Street and Broadway and the Civic Center at Ash Street and Pacific Coast Highway, to be known as Route 10 and designated as the "Downtown Special". The proposed fare for a one-way ride on said route is 10 cents cash. No transfers will be issued for this reduced fare, but transfers will be issued from Route 10 to other lines provided the full fare of 17 cents cash or one token is paid. Transfers will be accepted from other lines. Applicant will require certification for the new Route 10 operation.

As justification for the proposed service and reduced rate it is alleged that the route would serve many persons desiring to ride short distances to or from large and small retail stores, office buildings, the Civic Center, the Court House, naval installations, and the railroad station.

The proposal has the support of the San Diego City Council, San Diego Chamber of Commerce, and San Diego Downtown Association.

Applicant desires that the proposed serwice be established upon a trial basis as it does not propose to continue the service beyond a definite period if the operation proves unsound financially. To permit termination of service at the option of applicant is not consistent with Commission policy. Applicant, however, may petition the Commission at any time for whatever appropriate relief may be justified.

The Commission having considered applicant's proposal is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and operation of said service, and that the special fare of 10 cents cash proposed to be charged on Route 10 within the said described district is in the public interest and is justified and reasonable.

The application is not opposed and will be granted.

A public hearing is not deemed necessary.

ORDER

Application having been made, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and having found that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and operation of Route 10 as proposed, and that the proposed fare is justified and reasonable,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to San Diego Transit System, a corporation, authorizing it to establish and operate a passenger stage service, as that term is defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of persons in the City of

(5) That the authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within sixty days after the effective date of this order.

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

Dated at ______, California, this _______
day of _______, 1954.

Commissioners