

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 51809

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)  
 CHESTER R. SMITH and ORA B. SMITH, )  
 co-partners, doing business as )  
 SANTA CRUZ TRANSIT COMPANY, )  
 requesting authority to extend )  
 and/or re-route portions of their )  
 Routes A, C and E. )

Application No. 37192

O P I N I O N

Applicants Chester R. Smith and Ora B. Smith, doing business as Santa Cruz Transit Company, presently rendering a passenger stage service in the Cities of Santa Cruz and Capitola and adjacent areas, request authority to extend and re-route portions of Routes A, C and E in the Mission-Cliff area, LaVeaga Park and Beach Hill, and in the vicinity of Corcoran Lagoon between Santa Cruz and Capitola, respectively. Applicants propose no change in the fare structure and plan to utilize their present equipment in providing the proposed service.

It is desired to extend Route A in the Mission-Cliff area to operate a loop along Fair Avenue and Delaware Avenue to serve a newly developed residential and industrial area instead of operating on Woodrow Avenue to the south of Delaware Avenue. None of the residents now served by the portion of the route along Woodrow Avenue to be abandoned will be more than one-quarter of a mile from the proposed route along Delaware Avenue.

In LaVeaga Park it is proposed to terminate Route C in a newly developed residential area approximately one-quarter of a mile closer to downtown Santa Cruz than the present terminal which is located in a sparsely populated area. By making this change in route terminal, the U. S. Naval Reserve Training Center will be within shorter walking distance of bus service. A very few patrons

will be inconvenienced by re-routing this line, and a greater number will be placed within shorter walking distance of service.

It is desired to also extend Route C at the opposite terminal located near the Beach Casino by creating a loop into the Beach Hill residential area. The Beach Hill district has heretofore never been serviced, except along the margin by routes operating on Beach Street to the Casino. It is anticipated that this extension will provide better bus service to a number of residents desiring transportation to downtown Santa Cruz.

A portion of Route E presently follows Portola Drive through a sparsely developed area for a short distance along Corcoran Lagoon between the Cities of Santa Cruz and Capitola. Applicants plan to re-route this line to operate along East Cliff Drive and 26th Avenue instead of along Portola Drive in order to more closely serve new residential developments in this vicinity.

No change in the present basic frequency of service is planned in connection with these route changes. The City of Santa Cruz, by letter from its Mayor, has endorsed the re-routings on Routes A and C, which are within the city limits of Santa Cruz, as being in the best interests of its residents, as well as an aid to traffic flow in the more congested areas of Santa Cruz. The Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce, by letter from its Secretary-Manager, has endorsed all of the proposed changes.

Applicants allege that there is no other passenger stage operation performing local passenger transportation in this general area which would be involved in the proposed route changes. Applicants also request that the authority be granted as soon as possible in order to benefit the large number of summer residents in the Santa Cruz area during this year's vacation season.

After full consideration of applicants' requests, it is our conclusion that the proposed re-routings and extensions are in

the public interest and will be authorized. No public hearing is necessary and the order will make the changes effective upon five days' notice to the public in order to better accommodate the larger number of patrons in the Santa Cruz area during the balance of the summer season.

O R D E R

An application therefor having been filed and the Commission having found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That the description of Route A (Mission-Cliff) appearing in ordering paragraph (3)(c) of the order in Decision No. 38613 dated January 15, 1946, in Application No. 27149, as last amended by Decision No. 42985 dated June 14, 1949, in Application No. 30300, be, and it hereby is, further amended to read as follows:

Route A - (Mission-Cliff) - Beginning at the intersection of Beach Street and Cliff Street; thence along Beach Street, Pacific Avenue, Mission Street, Fair Avenue, Delaware Avenue, Woodrow Avenue, Errett Circle, Younglove Avenue to Mission Street. Also, beginning at the intersection of Mission Street and Bay Street, along Bay Street, Lighthouse Avenue, Santa Cruz Street, Delaware Avenue to Woodrow Avenue.

(2) That the description of Route C (LaVeaga Park) appearing in ordering paragraph (3)(c) of the order in Decision No. 38613 dated January 15, 1946, in Application No. 27149, as last amended by Decision No. 43531 dated November 15, 1949, in Application No. 30727, be, and it hereby is, further amended to read as follows:

Route C - (LaVeaga Park) - Beginning at the intersection of Pacific Avenue and Water Street, thence along Water Street, Morrissey Blvd., Pacheco Avenue, Prospect Heights, Trevethan Avenue to Morrissey Blvd., returning along Morrissey Blvd., Chilverton Street, Stanford Avenue to Water Street. Also, beginning at the intersection of Beach Street and Cliff Street, thence along Beach Street, Leibbrandt Avenue,

3rd Street, Main Street, 2nd Street and Pacific Avenue to Pacific Avenue Extension.

(3) That the description of Route E (Capitola-Soquel) appearing in ordering paragraph (3)(c) of the order in Decision No. 38613 dated January 15, 1946, in Application No. 27149, at last amended by Decision No. 45372 dated February 20, 1951, in Application No. 31998, be, and it hereby is, further amended to read as follows:

Route E - (Capitola-Soquel) - Beginning at 912 Pacific Avenue; thence along Pacific Avenue, Water Street, Soquel Avenue, Capitola Road, Rodriguez Street, Chanticleer Avenue, Capitola Road, Stockton Street to Capitola Avenue in Capitola; thence along Capitola Avenue, crossing Bay Avenue to Soquel Drive; thence along Soquel Drive, Porter Street, Bay Avenue to the intersection of Bay Avenue and Capitola Avenue; thence along Bay Avenue, Monterey Avenue, Capitola Avenue to its intersection with Stockton Street. Also, beginning at the intersection of Capitola Road and Rodriguez Street; thence along Capitola Road, 17th Avenue, East Cliff Drive, 26th Avenue, Portola Drive, 30th Avenue, East Cliff Drive, 41st Avenue, Portola Drive and Stockton Street to its intersection with Capitola Road.

(4) That applicants shall give notice to the public of the proposed changes herein authorized by posting appropriate notices in all equipment operating over Routes A, C and E for at least five consecutive days prior to the date said changes are made effective.

The effective date of this order shall be on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 1955.

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President  
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Commissioners