

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 53193

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of METROPOLITAN COACH )  
 LINES, a corporation, for authority )  
 to extend Line 85, Van Nuys-Reseda )  
 Motor Coach Line, from Reseda to )  
 San Fernando and to reroute Line 84, )  
 Van Nuys-San Fernando Motor Coach )  
 Line, terminal loops. )

Application No. 37655

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 Metropolitan Coach Lines.  
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Erickson, for the Department of Public  
 Utilities and Transportation of the City  
 of Los Angeles, interested parties.  
William F. Hibbard, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

Applicant presently conducts passenger stage service on its Line 85 between Van Nuys and Reseda, and Line 84 between Van Nuys and San Fernando. Authority is requested herein to extend Line 85 from the terminal at Reseda to San Fernando via designated streets, and to reroute the terminal loops of Line 84 in both San Fernando and Van Nuys.

A public hearing was held on April 6, 1956, before Examiner Grant E. Syphers, at which time evidence was adduced and the matter submitted subject to a late-filed exhibit to be furnished by the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles, showing the action of that board in regard to this application. This late-filed exhibit now has been received and the matter is ready for decision.

At the hearing a witness for applicant testified that a number of requests from individuals and organizations in the area concerned have been received favoring the rerouting. Furthermore

the proposed extension through Northridge will provide service to the San Fernando Valley Campus of the Los Angeles State College. The witness also stated that the changes herein proposed will not be competitive with any other certificated carrier except applicant's wholly owned subsidiary, Asbury Rapid Transit System. The fares proposed to be charged will be the same as at present, with the addition of the establishment of three new zones. These new zones will be subject to the same fare structures and transfer privileges as existing zones.

The company intends to continue hourly service on Line 85 and to increase the present 80-minute frequency on Line 84 to hourly service. The present Sunday service on Line 84 will be eliminated.

The witness pointed out that the proposed route via Zelzah Avenue is not available at the present time inasmuch as Zelzah Avenue is not now paved between Nordhoff and Devonshire Streets. To meet this situation a temporary route via Reseda Boulevard and Devonshire Street was suggested.

Various public witnesses, who represented chambers of commerce in the area, testified in favor of the proposed extensions, pointing out that there is a great deal of residential construction in the area proposed to be served and that there is a need for the additional service.

On April 17, 1956, the Board of Public Utilities and Transportation of the City of Los Angeles approved applicant's proposal.

A consideration of all of the evidence in this record leads us to the conclusion, and we now find, that the proposed extension and rerouting are justified by public convenience and necessity. Accordingly, the application will be granted. If and

when Zelzah Avenue is paved between Nordhoff and Devonshire, the Metropolitan Coach Lines may then apply for authority to use that route.

O R D E R

Public hearing having been held, 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 is granted to Metropolitan Coach Lines authorizing it to establish and operate 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 over the routes more particularly set forth in First Revised Page 41 and First Revised Page 42 as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and made a part hereof. The authority herein granted is an extension and enlargement of, and consolidation with and subject to all the limitations and restrictions set forth in the certificate granted by Decision No. 52821, Application No. 36930.

(2) That Appendix A of Decision No. 52821, Application No. 36930 is hereby amended by incorporating therein said First Revised Page No. 41 and First Revised Page No. 42 as referred to in paragraph (1) of this order.

(3) 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. By accepting the certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted, applicant is placed on notice that

it will be required, among other things, to file annual reports of its operations and to comply with and observe the safety rules and other regulations of the Commission's General Order No. 98. Failure to file such reports, in such form and at such time as the Commission may direct, or to comply with and observe the provisions of General Order No. 98, may result in a cancellation of the operating authority granted by this decision.

- (b) Within sixty days after the effective date hereof, and on 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.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1956.

[Signature]  
President  
[Signature]  
[Signature]  
[Signature]

Commissioners

Commissioner Matthew J. Dooley, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

\* LINE 84 - VAN NUYS-SAN FERNANDO VIA SEPULVEDA

From Van Nuys Boulevard and Victory Boulevard (Van Nuys) via Victory Boulevard, Sylmar Avenue, Sylvan Street, Van Nuys Boulevard, Victory Boulevard, Sepulveda Boulevard, Brand Boulevard, and Celis Street to rear entrance of terminal (San Fernando).

Return via San Fernando Road, Wolfskill Street, Truman Street, Brand Boulevard, and reverse of above route.

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\*Changed by Decision No. 53193, Application No. 37655

Correction No. 14

\* LINE 85 - VAN NUYS-SAN FERNANDO VIA RESEDA

From Van Nuys Boulevard and Victory Boulevard (Van Nuys), via Victory Boulevard, Sylmar Avenue, Sylvan Street, Van Nuys Boulevard, Van Owen Street, Reseda Boulevard, Devonshire Street, Zelzah Avenue, Chatsworth Street, Balboa Boulevard, San Fernando Mission Boulevard, San Fernando Road, Chatsworth Drive, and Celis Street to rear entrance of terminal (San Fernando).

Return via San Fernando Road, Wolfskill Street, Celis Street, San Fernando Mission Boulevard, and reverse of above route.

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