

ORIGINALDecision No. 53600

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 KEY SYSTEM TRANSIT LINES, a corporation,)
 for authority to change the routing on)
 a portion of its No. 72 Richmond-Oakland) Application No. 38317
 and "L" Richmond-San Francisco passenger)
 stage lines in the City of Richmond,)
 State of California.)

OPINION

In the above-entitled application, filed August 8, 1956, Key System Transit Lines requests authority to discontinue the portion of its "L" Transbay and No. 72 Local Lines, along Standard Avenue, to the west of Washington Avenue in the City of Richmond, and to operate those lines instead via a terminal loop in the same general vicinity.

As justification for the authority sought, the Applicant states that with the construction of the new highway along Standard Avenue which connects with the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, the prohibition of left turn movements at the present coach terminal intersection of Castro Street and Standard Avenue, will become effective when the bridge opens on September 1, 1956. Also, it is alleged that an accident hazard would exist if westbound coaches were stopped along Standard Avenue to discharge passengers, the majority of which would then have to walk across the heavy vehicular traffic along Standard Avenue at the unprotected crossing of Washington Avenue. Applicant also states that the proposed routing will better serve the residential and commercial areas which are more extensively developed to the south of Standard Avenue in the immediate vicinity.

Prior to February 4, 1955, Applicant had operated service on the Local No. 72 Line beyond the Castro Street terminal, west to Marino Avenue, during shift change hours at the Standard Oil Company. Since construction on the new highway leading to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, the Applicant has temporarily discontinued this extended service, after notice to the Commission and the public, because of physical difficulties encountered.

The City of Richmond has approved the rerouting as proposed, and urges that approval be given by the Commission at the earliest possible date. Standard Oil Company states that it has no objections to the proposal.

After full consideration the Commission is of the opinion and so finds that the proposed rerouting should be authorized. A public hearing does not appear necessary. Since it is urged that rerouting be accomplished by September 1, 1956 the order will be made effective ten days after the date hereof.

O R D E R

Application having been made, 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 be, and it hereby is, granted to Key System Transit Lines, a corporation, authorizing the operation over the following additional route as a passenger stage corporation, as defined by Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code:

Continuing from the intersection of Garrard

Boulevard and Standard Avenue, thence via Garrard Boulevard, Cutting Boulevard, Richmond Avenue, Park Place and Washington Avenue to the intersection of Standard Avenue and Washington Avenue.

- (2) That those portions of Applicant's certificates of public convenience and necessity authorizing the operation over the following route as a passenger stage corporation are hereby cancelled:

Standard Avenue from Washington Avenue to Marine Avenue.

- (3) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, Applicant shall comply with and observe 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.

The effective date of this order shall be ten (10) days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 7th day of AUGUST, 1956.

President

Justin J. Casner

Ralph L. Lutermer

R. Hardy

Commissioners