

Decision No. 53702**ORIGINAL**

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of SAN DIEGO TRANSIT )  
 SYSTEM, a corporation, for )  
 authority (1) to extend its Route )  
 "H", Hillcrest-Linda Vista Line, )  
 from its present northern terminal ) Application No. 38318  
 at Ulric Street and Linda Vista )  
 Road to Cabrillo Heights; and )  
 (2) to abandon Route "77", )  
 Cabrillo Heights Lines, for which )  
 substitute service will be provided, )  
 both effective upon completion of )  
 Genesee Underpass, under U. S. )  
 Highway 395, all within the City )  
 of San Diego. )

O P I N I O N

By this application San Diego Transit System, a passenger stage corporation, serving in and in the vicinity of the City of San Diego, seeks authority (a) to extend its Route "H" bus line from the intersection of Ulric Street and Linda Vista Road to Pinecrest Avenue and Murray Ridge Road in Cabrillo Heights, a distance of approximately 3.8 miles, and (b) to abandon its existing Route "77" bus line, which is a shuttle line approximately 2.3 miles in length. The proposed extension of the "H" Line will serve a housing development in the Cabrillo Heights area and also provide uninterrupted service to the Donald Sharp Memorial Hospital and the San Diego Crippled Children's Hospital.

Information received from the City of San Diego is to the effect that a state highway project on U. S. Highway 395, including interchanges at Aero Drive and Chesterton Street, and

an access road along the east side of the freeway between these points will be completed on or about September 1, 1956. Upon completion of this freeway project and upon its being opened to public use and travel, access for both vehicles and pedestrians to the freeway right of way from either side of the freeway will be closed in this area. Such closing will prevent the "H" Line bus from following its authorized route, which serves the above-mentioned hospitals, and it is imperative that continued service be provided to these institutions for the convenience of employees as well as patients and their families and friends.

All-day service for six days a week (Sundays excluded) is to be provided on the "H" Line, whereas at the present time peak-hour service only is provided on a subsidy basis under an agreement with the Western Area Housing Company, developers of the housing project. A new contract with the Western Area Housing Company provides for a subsidy of \$200 a month, effective July 1, 1956, and applicant alleges that the extension of service, as sought, will attract sufficient additional patronage so that within a year the service can be operated without the necessity of any subsidy.

Abandonment of service on Route "77" will in no way adversely affect the public, because the extension of Route "H", together with a proposal to extend Route "V" (Application No. 38254 which is being granted concurrently herewith) will serve the identical area and provide a better service because of elimination of the shuttle operation and the provision of through lines.

No new equipment will be necessary and no changes in fares are contemplated.

The Commission, having considered the matter, is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require (a) the extension of applicant's Route "H" bus line, as proposed, and (b) the abandonment of its Route "77" bus line. The application will be granted. No public hearing is deemed necessary.

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 require that applicant (1) extend service from the intersection of Linda Vista Road and Ulric Street, thence via Linda Vista Road, Genesee Underpass, the service road parallel to and east of U. S. Highway 395, Acro Drive, Afton Road, and Pinecrest Avenue to Murray Ridge Road; and (2) to abandon its Route "77" Cabrillo Heights Line, for which substitute service will be provided,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it hereby is, granted to San Diego Transit System, authorizing the establishment and operation of a service as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of passengers between the intersection of Linda Vista Road and Ulric Street, on the one hand, and the intersection of Pinecrest Avenue and

Murray Ridge Road, on the other hand, serving intermediate points, as an extension of and to be consolidated with applicant's existing rights.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, San Diego Transit System 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 one day's notice to the Commission and the public, applicant shall establish the service herein authorized and file in triplicate and concurrently make effective tariffs satisfactory to the Commission.

(3) That the route description of applicant's Route "H" contained in the order of Decision No. 47411, dated June 30, 1952, in Case No. 5332, is amended to read as follows, including the extension authorized by this decision:

Beginning at the intersection of Fifth Avenue and University Avenue, then via University Avenue, Sixth Street, U. S. Highway 395, Sixth Street Extension, Comstock Street, Linda Vista Road, Genesee Underpass, the service road parallel to and east of U. S. Highway 395, Aero Drive, Afton Road, and Pinecrest Avenue to Murray Ridge Road.

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.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that San Diego Transit System be, and it hereby is, authorized to discontinue and abandon its passenger stage service along its Route "77", the description of which is as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Linda Vista Road and Homewood Drive, thence along Linda Vista Road, Aero Drive, Afton Road, Larkdale Avenue, Murray Ridge Road, and Hurlbut Street to Afton Road.

The abandonment authorized herein is subject to the condition that no service on Route "77" shall be discontinued unless and until service has been provided on the extended "V" Route as proposed in Application No. 38254 and upon the extended "H" Route as authorized herein.

Because of the necessity of providing uninterrupted service to the hospitals mentioned in the foregoing opinion, and because of the imminence of the opening of the freeway and the barring of access to said freeway, the effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 29th day of August, 1956.

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