

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 55252

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
SAN DIEGO TRANSIT SYSTEM, a corpora-)
tion, for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to operate)
"Park-Ride" service between (1) the)
Zoo Parking Lot and Balboa Stadium) Application No. 39123
and (2) Morley Field Parking Lot)
and Balboa Stadium, for special)
events held in Balboa Stadium, in)
the City of San Diego.)

In the Matter of the Application of)
SAN DIEGO TRANSIT SYSTEM, a corpora-)
tion, for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to operate)
on an annual basis, an excursion) Application No. 39146
open-air coach in Old San Diego)
during the "Fiesta del Pacifico".)
Commission to be notified each year)
of opening and closing dates of the)
"Fiesta" 20 days prior to the open-)
ing date.)

O P I N I O N

In these applications, consolidated because of the similarity of the certificates requested, San Diego Transit System seeks authority to operate special bus service during special events in the area of San Diego. In Application No. 39123 the applicant proposes to operate motor coach "Park-Ride" service for the transportation of passengers between (1) the San Diego Zoo Parking Lot and Balboa Stadium and (2) Morley Field Parking Lot and Balboa Stadium for special events held in said Balboa Stadium. Authority is requested to operate this service during those particular occasions during the year when special attractions are held in Balboa Stadium which are sufficiently patronized so as to require the use by the public of the Zoo Parking Lot and/or Morley Field Parking Lot.

As justification for this special service, the applicant alleges that many of the special events held in said stadium, such as local fiestas, are expected to attract as many as 15,000 people nightly. With the limited parking facilities available at the stadium, it is necessary to park automobiles at the Zoo Parking Lot and at Morley Field Parking Lot, which lots are located a considerable walking distance from the stadium. Moreover, it appears that from time to time during the year other activities in the stadium, such as college and high school athletic contests, automobile races and carnivals attract capacity crowds, and at such times this service is desirable and necessary. In the past years, during these events, Park Boulevard, the street over which regular service (Route 7) is operated, has been heavily congested. Applicant states it has been granted authority to operate this service in the past and that it has been found to be successful. Traffic congestion adjacent to the stadium was greatly relieved. The City of San Diego has granted the applicant permission¹ to use the park roads listed in its application² for the operation herein involved.

Applicant does not intend to establish a definite time schedule for this service because of the irregular arrivals by patrons of such events. Instead coaches will be dispatched as needed. It is proposed to incorporate this operation into the applicant's established zone system; the routes contemplated are all located within Zones 1 and 2, with respective fares applying according to the tariff now in effect and on file with the Commission. Notice will be given to the Commission of the dates of operation of

¹ Exhibit "A".

² Exhibit "B".

this service at least seven days prior to each special event. The proposed service will not require any additional equipment that is not already owned by and available to the applicant.

In connection with this proposed service, authority is also requested to turn the applicant's motor coaches at termini or at intermediate points in either direction or at intersections of streets or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersections or in accordance with local traffic rules.

In Application No. 39146 the applicant requests that a certificate be granted to operate on an annual basis an excursion open-air coach during the "Fiesta del Pacifico" fiesta in the area of San Diego known as "Old San Diego." This fiesta is supported on a county-wide basis, with contributions from the City of San Diego, the county, various civic organizations, and the general public. It is alleged that it will be an annual event and the applicant requests that it be authorized to operate this excursion service each year during the dates of the "Fiesta" without applying for a new certificate each year.

Applicant proposes to operate an open-air coach so that the public may ride between historical points within the area, receiving information by loud speaker from the operator who will call out locations and their significance. One additional coach will be required to operate this route; it has been redesigned from a conventional style to an open-air "Fiesta" coach for this and other special and charter activities. It is stated that the fare will provide for a one stopover, daily dated ticket, priced at fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for children 5 through 11 years, properly stamped so that the bearer will be able to ride one round

trip with the privilege of one stopover during one day. Children under 5 years are to be carried free. Applicant proposes to operate a 30-minute headway between 12 noon and 7:00 p.m., seven days a week, during this "Fiesta". Applicant, with its application, submitted a copy of a proposed tariff which it intends to file if granted the certificate requested.³

It is stated that this Commission will be notified of the opening and closing dates of the "Fiesta" 20 days prior to the opening date.

It is alleged that this proposed excursion route is in the business and cultural interest of the people of San Diego, especially the commercial establishments and various civic organizations in "Old San Diego."

No protest to these applications have been received and a public hearing does not appear to be necessary. After full consideration of San Diego Transit System's requests, the Commission finds that public convenience and necessity require the establishment and adoption of the special services proposed. Both applications will be granted.

O R D E R

Applications therefor having been filed, the Commission being fully informed therein, and it having been found that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to San Diego Transit System, a corporation, authorizing the establishment and operation of service as a passenger stage

³ Exhibit "C" of Application No. 39146.

corporation, as that term is defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, for the transportation of passengers, between the San Diego Zoo Parking Lot and Balboa Stadium and Morley Field Parking Lot and Balboa Stadium over the routes described in the "Balboa 'Park-Ride' Service" set forth at Original Page 31A of Appendix A to Decision No. 55090. Authority is granted to operate this "Park-Ride" service only on those special occasions during the year where there are heavily patronized stadium events held at the Balboa Stadium in the City of San Diego.

(2) That a certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to San Diego Transit System to operate an excursion coach each year during the dates of the "Fiesta del Pacifico" fiesta in the area of San Diego known as "Old San Diego," over the route described at Original Page 33A of Appendix A to Decision No. 55090. Authority is granted to operate this service only during the fiesta period. This certificate shall continue in effect each year until further order from this Commission.

(3) That Appendix A to Decision No. 55090 is hereby amended by incorporating therein Original Pages 31A and 33A as referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2) respectively of this order and by incorporating First Revised Page 2 in revision of Original Page 2.

(4) That San Diego Transit System shall notify the Commission of the dates of operation of the "Park-Ride" service granted in paragraph (1) of this order at least seven days prior to each event. Further, San Diego Transit System shall notify the Commission of the opening and closing dates of the "Fiesta del Pacifico" twenty days prior to the opening date.

(5) That, in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, San Diego Transit System shall comply with the following service regulations:

- a. San Diego Transit System shall file a written acceptance of the certificates herein granted within a period of not to exceed thirty days after the effective date hereof.
- b. Within sixty days after the effective date hereof, and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public, San Diego Transit System shall establish the services herein authorized and file in triplicate, and concurrently make effective, tariffs satisfactory to the Commission.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 9th day of JULY, 1957.

President
Paul W. Sullivan

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BALBOA "PARK-RIDE" SERVICE1. Between the Zoo Parking Lot and Balboa Stadium:

Beginning at the intersection of Zoo Place and Park Boulevard via Park Boulevard, Laurel Drive, Florida Drive, Pershing Drive, 18th Street, A Street, 16th Street, and Russ Boulevard. Return via 15th Street, A Street, and the reverse of the above route.

Alternate Route

Beginning at the intersection of Zoo Place and Park Boulevard via Park Boulevard, 18th Street Road, 18th Street, A Street, 16th Street, and Russ Boulevard. Return via 15th Street, A Street, and the reverse of the above route.

2. Between Morley Field Parking Lot and Balboa Stadium:

Beginning at the intersection of Morley Field Drive and Jacaranda Drive, via Jacaranda Drive, Pershing Drive, 18th Street, A Street, 16th Street, and Russ Boulevard. Return via 15th Street, A Street, and the reverse of the above route.

Restriction

San Diego Transit System is authorized to operate the above service only on those special occasions during the year where there are heavily patronized stadium events held at the Balboa Stadium.

Further, the California Public Utilities Commission shall be notified of the dates of operation of the above service at least seven days prior to each event.

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Section 3. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS (continued)

"FIESTA del PACIFICO" EXCURSION SERVICE

From the intersection of Mason Street and San Diego Avenue in Old San Diego, via Mason Street, through the grounds of the Casa de Lopez, Twiggs Street, Congress Street, Conde Street, San Diego Avenue, Harney Street, Juan Street, Mason Street, Jackson Street, Presidio Drive and Cosoy Way.

Return via Presidio Drive, Jackson Street and Mason Street.

Restriction

San Diego Transit System is authorized to operate the above service only during the dates of the "Fiesta del Pacifico" fiesta.

Further, the California Public Utilities Commission shall be notified of the opening and closing dates of the fiesta 20 days prior to the opening date.

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