

**ORIGINAL**

Decision No. 56588

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTHERN CITIES TRANSIT, INC., operating as CROSS TOWN SUBURBAN BUS LINE, for authority to operate over certain streets as extensions of existing routes, and for authority to abandon certain portions of existing routes.

Application No. 39012

In the Matter of the Application of WHITTIER BUS LINES, INC., for authority to abandon a certain existing route.

Application No. 39176

James C. Carson and Guy H. Benton, for Southern Cities Transit, Inc., and Whittier Bus Lines, Inc.  
David D. Canning, for Los Angeles Transit Lines, protestant.

Dale Harlan, for Metropolitan Coach Lines, interested party.

Wm. F. Hibbard, for the Commission's Staff.

OPINION ON REHEARING

By Decision No. 55516, applicants Southern Cities Transit, Inc., doing business as Cross Town Suburban Bus Line, and Whittier Bus Lines, Inc., were authorized to make certain extensions, reroutings, and abandonments of its passenger stage operations in the vicinity of Huntington Park, Downey, Whittier, Compton, Lynwood, Bellflower, Norwalk and La Mirada and other intermediate communities as more specifically set forth in said decision.

Applicant having petitioned for a rehearing as to, (1) the elimination of its former service along Florence Avenue, between Eastern Avenue in Bell Gardens and Pacific Boulevard in Huntington

Park, and (2) the denial of a partial rerouting along Woodruff Avenue in place of Clark Avenue, and the petition having been granted, the matter was reheard at Los Angeles before Examiner Mark V. Chiesa. Additional evidence was adduced and the applications were resubmitted for decision.

Petitioners take the position that no request was made to discontinue operations along said portion of Florence Avenue; that public convenience and necessity require the continuance of service along said street to a greater degree at present due to the establishment of two important public facilities along said portion of Florence Avenue, to wit, a branch of the State Employment Office and an office of the Department of Motor Vehicles; that with the proposed extension along Pacific Boulevard between Florence Avenue and Gage Avenue, enabling petitioners to establish the proposed loop operation via Florence and Gage Avenues, the service would be much improved because patrons from points east of the Los Angeles River would have access to one of the principal shopping districts in Huntington Park; that such service would not be competitive with that of protestant Los Angeles Transit Lines because it would be restricted along Pacific Boulevard and Florence Avenue westerly of the Los Angeles River.

Petitioners' position with reference to the proposed route change from Clark Avenue to Woodruff Avenue is that the new route would generate more patronage from the proposed Woodruff Avenue area.

Applicant called several local civic leaders and bus riders who testified in support of the continuation of bus service along Florence Avenue and the extension along Pacific Boulevard. Its

traffic manager testified in support of the proposed service along Gage and Florence Avenues and explained its favorable effect on the traffic pattern in the area between Huntington Park and Bell Gardens area. It was also his opinion that the proposed rerouting along Woodruff Avenue would be in the public interest and would increase revenue.

Los Angeles Transit Lines objects to petitioners' operation along Florence Avenue, although Southern Cities Transit, Inc. is now operating there subject to a restriction which protects protestant's service. It also protested the proposed extension along Pacific Boulevard because that street is now served by its buses and street cars. Petitioners would be restricted from operating locally along Pacific Boulevard. Service along said street would be only for passengers originating at or destined to points easterly of the Los Angeles River which are not served by Los Angeles Transit Lines.

Having reviewed the record and considered the new evidence the Commission is of the opinion and finds that public convenience and necessity require the proposed passenger stage operation along Florence Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and Pacific Boulevard, and along Pacific Boulevard, between Florence Avenue and Gage Avenue, subject to certain restrictions, as hereinafter set forth.

The Commission also finds that applicant has failed to justify the rerouting of a portion of its Line No. 1 from Clark Avenue to Woodruff Avenue. The additional new development along Woodruff Avenue does not justify the proposed route change. Present patrons would be deprived of service for the benefit of a few additional passengers. No showing was made that petitioner would derive material financial benefits from the proposed rerouting.

We are also of the opinion that applicant, Southern Cities Transit, Inc., should not be permitted to divert its regular

schedules from its authorized routes for the purpose of transporting pupils to off-route schools.

ORDER ON REHEARING

A rehearing having been held, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED that Decision No. 55516 on Application No. 39012 be and it hereby is affirmed excepting that Original Page 3 and Original Page 4 of Appendix A of Southern Cities Transit, Inc. are hereby amended as set forth in First Revised Page 3 and First Revised Page 4 in Appendix A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

The effective date of the Order in Decision No. 55516 is hereby extended to twenty days after the effective date of this order on rehearing which effective date shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 22nd day of April, 1958.

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President  
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Commissioners

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Section 1

General Authorizations, Restrictions, Limitations and Specifications

The Certificate hereinafter noted supersedes all operative authority heretofore granted to Southern Cities Transit, Inc., DBA: Cross Town Suburban Bus Line.

Southern Cities Transit, Inc., by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted in the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to transport passengers between Huntington Park, Bell, Bell Gardens, Rivera, Whittier, Los Nietos, South Whittier, La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk, Artesia, Bellflower, Paramount, Downey, Compton, and Lynwood.

- (A) Motor vehicles may be turned at termini or intermediate points, in either direction, at intersections of streets or by operating around a block contiguous to such intersections, in accordance with local traffic regulations.
- (B) When route descriptions are given in one direction, they apply to operation in either direction, unless otherwise indicated.
- (C) Off Route Service to Schools: The Company is authorized to divert from its authorized routes, on special schedules, for the purpose of transporting bona fide pupils attending institutions of learning between said authorized routes and such institutions of learning, provided that such divergence shall not exceed  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile and schedules thereof are filed in the same manner as other time schedules and if special rates are provided, schedules thereof are also filed.

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Section 2. Routes and Special Restrictions

Route 1 - Bellflower - Huntington Park  
(via Downey - Bell Gardens - Bell)

Beginning at the intersection of Bellflower Boulevard and Flower Avenue in Bellflower, thence along Bellflower Boulevard, Compton Boulevard, Clark Avenue, Gardendale Street, Downey Avenue, Firestone Boulevard, Paramount Boulevard, Florence Avenue, Priam Street, Clara Street, Eastern Avenue, Gage Avenue, Rita Avenue, and Clarendon Avenue to its intersection with Pacific Boulevard in Huntington Park.

Also: Beginning at the intersection of Paramount Boulevard and Florence Avenue in Downey, thence along Paramount Boulevard, Suva Street, Foster Bridge Road, Perry Road, Gage Avenue, Eastern Avenue, Florence Avenue and Pacific Boulevard to its intersection with Clarendon Avenue in Huntington Park.

Restrictions:

No passenger shall be transported having both origin and destination between the Los Angeles River and Gage Avenue and the intersection of Clarendon Avenue and Pacific Boulevard in Huntington Park, both points inclusive.

No passenger shall be transported having both origin and destination between the Los Angeles River and Florence Avenue and the intersection of Pacific Boulevard and Clarendon Avenue in Huntington Park, both points inclusive.

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