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Decision No. 57942

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SOUTH)
LOS ANGELES TRANSPORTATION COMPANY for)
certain changes in its school bus routes)
including abandonment of one route, modi-) Application No. 40752
fication of an existing route, and for)
authority to establish school bus routes)
to serve Henry Clay Junior High School.)

O P I N I O N

The South Los Angeles Transportation Company is a passenger stage corporation which has authority from this Commission to provide transportation via three routes and subject to certain (1) restrictions for students traveling to and from the Gompers Junior High School situated near the intersection of San Pedro Street and 112th Street, the Bret Harte Junior High School situated near the intersection of 94th Street and Hoover Street, and the George Washington High School situated near the intersection of 108th Street and Denker Avenue. Service to and from these three schools, in the Los Angeles City School District, is provided between points in an area generally bounded by Van Ness Avenue on the west, San Pedro Street on the east, 92nd Street on the north, and 124th Street on the south. A new school has been constructed near the intersection of 124th Street and Western Avenue. This school is known as the Henry Clay Junior High School and the scheduled opening date of said school is February 2, 1959. The opening of this school will

(1) Decision No. 49097 dated September 15, 1953, in Application No. 34671.

cause a change in the transportation setup for school children as provided by applicant in that junior high school students residing generally south of 108th Street, west of Vermont Avenue, south of Imperial Highway and west of Figueroa Street will be shifted from Gompers Junior High School to Henry Clay Junior High School. With this situation in mind the applicant is requesting authority to extend a service via two new school routes to be known as Routes Nos. 4 and 5 to provide service to and from the Henry Clay Junior High School. Complete descriptions of Routes Nos. 4 and 5 are as follows:

Route No. 4

Commencing at the intersection of 108th Street and Denker Avenue, thence via Denker Avenue, Imperial Highway, Normandie Avenue, 124th Street, Western Avenue, 122nd Street to Normandie Avenue.

Route No. 5

Commencing at the intersection of 108th Street and Van Ness Avenue, thence via Van Ness Avenue, Imperial Highway, Western Avenue, 124th Street, Denker Avenue and 122nd Street to Western Avenue.

The reasons for applicant's request to serve said school by the aforementioned routes are:

(1) There are many school children who will be attending Henry Clay Junior High School that live farther than walking distance from the school, and yet there is presently no public transportation to conveniently serve their needs.

(2) The distance from these schools, although exceeding walking distance, is not great enough to justify the use of so-called "free" school bus transportation as provided in many areas by the Board of Education.

(3) The principal streets which provide access to the school from the north, namely, Western Avenue and Normandie Avenue, do not have sidewalks, and Denker Avenue does not run through between Imperial Highway and 120th Street.

(4) Many requests have come to the administrative personnel of Henry Clay Junior High School for the transportation service as herein proposed.

In addition to extending service via the two routes applicant desires authority to abandon service to and from the Gompers Junior High School. The reason for this request is that due to the diversion of students living in the vicinity of 120th Street and Vermont Avenue from Gompers Junior High School to Henry Clay Junior High School, there allegedly will be approximately ten students remaining who will use the services of applicant to and from said Gompers Junior High School. These students, being in the top grade, will not be using the applicant's service for more than one or, at the most, two semesters. In addition, such transportation is not the only available transportation inasmuch as the Gardena Municipal Bus Line provides a service along 120th Street between Vermont Avenue and Main Street and along Main Street between 120th Street and the Gompers Junior High School. This means that any student now boarding applicant's school bus on Vermont Avenue will be required to walk not to exceed one-eighth of a mile on Vermont Avenue in order to board a Gardena Municipal Bus Line bus. The students at present pay applicant \$2.50 for a 40-ride book of tickets and the Gardena Municipal Bus Line charges \$3 for a book of 40 tickets.

It is the intention of the applicant to apply for a fare increase which will bring its fares to the same level as the Gardena Municipal Bus Line.

A Commission associate transportation engineer investigated the request and recommended that it be granted on an ex parte basis, and that the order be made effective on the date of signing. The Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority had no objection to the granting of the request for authority, provided existing restrictions are continued in effect. Upon the allegations of the application herein it appears and we find that the abandonment of service via applicant's existing school Route No. 3 is not adverse to the public interest and that public convenience and necessity require that applicant extend service via proposed Routes Nos. 4 and 5 to and from the Henry Clay Junior High School. The changes herein authorized are not competitive with any other carrier. Applicant does not propose any changes in fares. The application will be granted. A public hearing is not necessary. Inasmuch as the Henry Clay Junior High School will open on February 2, 1959, the authority to provide service via Routes Nos. 4 and 5 will be made effective immediately. Abandonment of service via Route No. 3 will be authorized after ten days' notice to the public.

O R D E R

An application having been filed, and the Commission having found that the abandonment of service via school Route No. 3 is not adverse to the public interest, and that public convenience and necessity require the extension of service via school Routes Nos. 4 and 5,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That the certificate of public convenience and necessity is hereby granted to South Los Angeles Transportation Company authorizing the establishment and operation of a passenger stage service between the termini and all points intermediate thereto and over the routes as described and specified in Appendix "A," which is attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof, subject to the following restrictions:

- (a) Service shall be limited to the transportation of school children and shall be performed only on days when schools are in session.
- (b) Relative to each of the following named schools, pickup and discharge of passengers shall be made only along the following described portions of the routes involved and, in addition, at the named schools.

Bret Harte Junior High School

Along 92d Street between San Pedro Street and Broadway; along Denker Avenue between Imperial Highway and Century Boulevard; along 108th Street between Denker Avenue and Gramercy Place; along Gramercy Place between 108th Street and Century Boulevard.

George Washington High School

Along 120th Street between San Pedro Street and Vermont Avenue.

(2) That in providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted applicant shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

- (a) Applicant shall file written acceptance of the certificate herein granted within a period not to exceed thirty days after the effective date hereof.
- (b) Applicant shall comply with the provisions of General Orders Nos. 79 and 98 by filing in triplicate, and concurrently making effective, appropriate tariffs and timetables satisfactory to the Commission, within thirty days after the effective date hereof and on not less than one day's notice to the Commission and to the public.

(3) The authority herein granted is in lieu of and supersedes the authority granted by Decision No. 49097 dated September 15, 1953, in Application No. 34671, and said authority becomes of no force and effect upon the effective date hereof.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof, provided that, prior to the abandonment of service via the existing school Route No. 3, applicant shall give ten days' notice to the public by posting a notice in all stages used in said service.

Dated at San Francisco, California,
this 30th day of January, 1959.

E. L. Fox
President
W. E. Matlack
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Theodore Jensen
Commissioners

Appendix A

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SOUTH LOS ANGELES TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

ROUTE NO. 1

Commencing at the intersection of 120th Street and San Pedro Street, thence via 120th Street, Vermont Avenue, Imperial Highway, Denker Avenue, Century Boulevard, Hoover Street, 94th Street and Vermont Avenue to Century Boulevard.

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SOUTH LOS ANGELES TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

ROUTE NO. 2

Commencing at the intersection of 92nd Street and San Pedro Street, thence via 92nd Street, Hoover Street, Century Boulevard, Denker Avenue, 108th Street, Gramercy Place, Century Boulevard, Hoover Street and 94th Street to Bret Harte Junior High School.

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SOUTH LOS ANGELES TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

ROUTE NO. 4

Commencing at the intersection of 108th Street and Denker Avenue, thence via Denker Avenue, Imperial Highway, Normandie Avenue, 124th Street, Western Avenue, 122nd Street to Normandie Avenue.

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SOUTH LOS ANGELES TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

ROUTE NO. 5

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