

ORIGINALDecision No. 55277

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
EASTERN CITIES TRANSIT, INC., for
authority to operate over and along
certain streets as extensions of
existing routes, and for authority
to abandon certain portions of
existing routes.

Application No. 40876

O P I N I O N

By Decision No. 54108, dated November 19, 1956, in Application No. 38013, Eastern Cities Transit, Inc., among other things, was authorized to render service via its East First Street Route and its Ford Boulevard Route, both in the vicinity of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, as follows:

East First Street Route

From the intersection of Rowan Avenue along First Street, Vancouver Avenue, Brooklyn Avenue, Hillview Avenue, Sadler Avenue, via Campo, Hillview Avenue, Beverly Boulevard, Sadler Avenue, Eagle Street, LaVerna (LaVerne Avenue) Avenue and Whittier Boulevard to its intersection with Kern Avenue.

Ford Boulevard Route

From the intersection of Whittier Boulevard along Ford Boulevard, Eugene Street, Eastern Avenue, Michigan Avenue, Sunol Avenue, Third Street to its intersection with Rowan Avenue.

By the application herein, filed on February 20, 1959, applicant seeks authority to abandon entirely the East First Street Route and to make minor changes in the Ford Boulevard Route.

In support of its request for authority to abandon the East First Street Route, applicant alleges that the service was inaugurated in 1948 with half-hourly service; that the line has never yielded out-of-pocket expenses but reached a high point of 26 cents per mile gross revenue in October 1948; that at that time the Montebello (municipal) Bus Lines commenced one-half hourly service for the Los Angeles Junior College along Third Street between Woods Avenue and Indiana Street; that applicant's revenues on the East First Street line dropped below 20 cents per mile; that the service was reduced to hourly service in June 1951, and receipts increased to 25 cents per mile; that schedules were changed in February 1953, and receipts dropped to below 15 cents per mile; that after a few months service was reduced to two trips per day to serve the Los Angeles Junior College; that the Montebello Bus Lines is providing adequate service; and that there is no need for applicant's services.

On the Ford Boulevard Route applicant requests authority to abandon service on Eugene Street and Ford Boulevard between Humphreys Avenue and First Street, and to extend service (1) on Gage Avenue between First Street and Third Street, (2) along Humphreys Avenue and First Street between Eugene Street and Ford Boulevard, and (3) along McDonnell Avenue and Hubbard Street between Whittier Boulevard and Kern Avenue.

In support of its request to abandon service on Eugene Street and Ford Boulevard, and to extend service along Humphreys Avenue and First Street, applicant alleges that Eugene Street

between Humphreys Avenue and Ford Boulevard is dug up for freeway purposes and cannot be used; that it is temporarily using the herein requested route along Humphreys Avenue and First Street; and that the County Road Department has informed applicant that it does not expect the authorized route to be reopened.

The extension of service via Gage Avenue between First Street and Third Street, it is alleged, will enable applicant to cross Third Street, with a traffic signal, in making its turn-around loop, rather than to use the one-block turn-around provision and risk the danger of collision.

The extension of service via McDonnell Avenue and Hubbard Street will permit applicant to turn around without using Eugene Avenue, a very narrow street on which vehicles allegedly park on each side. Applicant is presently required to use Eugene Avenue as this street is in the one-block turn-around loop.

The proposed changes on the Ford Boulevard line will not require any passenger to walk over one-quarter mile from this present pick-up or discharge point, will enable applicant to provide better and safer service, and they are not adverse to the public interest.

The staff has investigated the proposal and recommends that the application, including the abandonment of service on the First Street line, be authorized.

Upon the allegations of the application and the report of a staff engineer, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the proposed changes are not adverse to the public interest, and they will be authorized. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R

Application as above entitled having been filed, the Commission being fully advised in the premises and having found that the proposed changes are not adverse to the public interest,

IT IS ORDERED:

(1) That Original Page 5 of Appendix B of Decision No. 54108, dated November 19, 1956, in Application No. 38013, be and it hereby is cancelled and First Revised Page 5 in the form set forth in Appendix B attached hereto is substituted in lieu thereof.

(2) That Original Page 4 of Appendix B of Decision No. 54108, dated November 19, 1956, in Application No. 38013, be and it hereby is cancelled.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED:

(3) That within sixty days after the effective date hereof, and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicant shall amend its tariff and time schedules to reflect the authority herein granted.

(4) That prior to the abandonment of service between any points or on any routes as herein authorized with the exception of the abandonment of service along Eugene Street between Humphreys Avenue and Ford Boulevard and along Ford Boulevard between Eugene Street and First Street, applicant shall give notice to the public by posting notice of the abandonment in all buses used on the line

and at all stops on the line for not less than ten days prior to said abandonment.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California,
this 14th day of April, 1959.

E. L. Fox
President

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Everett ...
Commissioners

FORD BOULEVARD ROUTE

From the intersection of Whittier Boulevard and McDonnell Avenue, thence along Whittier Boulevard, Kern Avenue, Hubbard Street, McDonnell Avenue, Whittier Boulevard, Ford Boulevard, First Street, Humphreys Avenue, Eugene Street, Eastern Avenue, Michigan Avenue, Sunol Avenue, Third Street, Rowan Avenue, First Street, and Gage Avenue to its intersection with Third Street.

Issued by California Public Utilities Commission.

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