

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 62059

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of )  
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY TRANSIT COMPANY, )  
a corporation, for an Order or Orders )  
Authorizing: (1) Exceptions to Certain )  
Routes and Certain Changes of Routes as )  
Established by Authority of the Commission )  
in Decision No. 58316, and (2) To Reduce )  
Schedule Frequencies on Branches of )  
Applicant's Lines 2, 5 and 6. )  
) Application No. 43412

O P I N I O N

By this application, San Bernardino Valley Transit Company seeks authority to divert certain buses from one route to another, to make a minor change in route in downtown San Bernardino, and to reduce frequency of service on portions of Routes Nos. 2, 5 and 6.

In order to make the most efficient use of equipment and drivers after the proposed reductions in service hereinafter outlined have been made effective, applicant proposes to divert buses on some trips between lines, as described below:

- (a) Buses on Shandin Hills Branch of Route No. 2 to be diverted at 4th and "E" Streets, San Bernardino, to Route No. 4, Muscott & Base Line, and reverse thereof.
- (b) Buses on 28th & Valencia Branch of Route No. 6 to be diverted at 4th and "E" Streets, San Bernardino, to Route No. 4, Muscott & Base Line, and reverse thereof.
- (c) Buses on Marshall Square Branch of Route No. 5 to be diverted at 4th and "E" Streets, San Bernardino, to the Bunker Hill Branch of Route No. 6, and reverse thereof.

Diverted buses will be operated over authorized routes, except in the last instance where applicant proposes to use "E" Street instead

of "F" Street, between Rialto Avenue and 4th Street, in downtown San Bernardino, a distance of four blocks.

Section 1(e) of Decision No. 58136, dated March 17, 1959, in Application No. 40556, requires prior consent and authority of this Commission before any change may be made in the manner of combining routes serving different sections of San Bernardino, or diverting buses from one route to another, other than as specifically authorized in that decision.

Applicant proposes to effect economies in operation through reduction in service, as follows:

	<u>Present Frequency</u>	<u>Proposed Frequency</u>
(a) <u>Norton Air Force Branch. Route No. 2</u>		
Week day, off-peak hours, between approximately 9:15 am and 3:45 pm	30 minutes	60 minutes
Saturdays, all day	30 minutes	60 minutes
(b) <u>South Waterman Branch. Route No. 5</u>		
Week day, peak hours, between approximately 6:45 am and 9:00 am, and between 3:45 pm and 5:45 pm	30 minutes	60 minutes
Week day, off-peak hours between approximately 9:00 am and 3:45 pm	60 minutes	120 minutes
Saturdays, all day	60 minutes	120 minutes
(c) <u>Bunker Hill Branch. Route No. 6</u>		
Week day, peak hours, between approximately 7:15 am and 9:30 am, and between 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm	30 minutes	60 minutes
Week day, off-peak hours between approximately 9:30 am and 3:00 pm	60 minutes	120 minutes
Saturdays, all day	60 minutes	120 minutes

Traffic checks have been made by applicant for five week days and one Saturday on the above-described branches of its routes, and have been submitted to the Commission staff for study. The check results indicate that the proposed frequencies will be adequate to care for present traffic.

By Decision No. 61715, dated March 21, 1961, in Application No. 43116, applicant was authorized to increase its basic zone fare from 15¢ to 20¢, its token fare from 14-2/7¢ to 19¢, and the basic school rate from 10¢ to 12¢ per ride, with comparable increases in multiple-zone school fares. The increased fares were made effective April 1, 1961.

Applicant alleges that it is still in serious financial difficulty, notwithstanding the increased fares established April 1, 1961, and fears that the customary decline in travel and revenue which occurs on its lines in the summer months will make it impossible for it to continue its operations without further prompt relief.

The City of San Bernardino has informed the Commission that it is not opposed to the service reductions or combinations of routes as outlined above.

No increase in fares, or change in fare limits, is involved.

The staff has reviewed the applicant's proposals outlined above, and it is recommended that they be approved.

The Commission finds that the proposed changes in service are not adverse to the public interest and the application will be granted. A public hearing is not deemed necessary.

#### O R D E R

Application having been made, the Commission being advised in the premises, and finding that public convenience and necessity so require,

IT IS ORDERED that San Bernardino Valley Transit Company, a corporation, may make the changes in routes and service set

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forth herein, and Appendix A of Decision No. 58136 is hereby amended by incorporating therein First Revised Pages 4 and 7 attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Applicant shall, within sixty days after the effective date hereof, and on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and the public, amend its tariff and time schedule to reflect the authority herein granted.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California,  
this 31st day of May 1961.

Arthur W. Lee  
President

C. L. Fox

George H. Brewer

Fredrick B. Holshoff

Commissioners

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Section 1. GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS,  
AND SPECIFICATIONS--Contd.

- (2) The Norton Air Force Base branch of Route 2 may be consolidated with Route 4 after 6 p.m., and from open to close of schedules on Sundays and holidays.
  - (3) The Shandin Hills Branch of Route 2 may be consolidated with Route 4, Muscott & Base Line.
  - (4) The 28th & Valencia Branch of Route 6 may be consolidated with Route 4, Muscott & Base Line.
  - (5) The Marshall Square Branch of Route 5 may be consolidated with the Bunker Hill Branch of Route 6.
- (e) Except as authorized in paragraph (d) hereinabove, applicant shall not, without the prior consent and authority of the Commission, consolidate any two or more of its routes or operate any combination of two or more routes.

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Section 2 - ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS--Contd.

ROUTE NO. 5 - MARSHALL SQUARE-SOUTH WATERMAN

Beginning at the intersection of 31st Street and Mt. Vernon Avenue, in the City of San Bernardino, thence along Mt. Vernon Avenue, Colima Road, Davidson Avenue, Highland Avenue, Massachusetts Avenue, Base Line Street, "L" Street, Ninth Street, "F" Street, Fourth Street, Arrowhead Avenue, Mill Street, and Waterman Avenue to Pioneer Street.

Also, along 31st Street and Davidson Avenue between Mt. Vernon Avenue and Colima Road.

Also, along Mt. Vernon Avenue and Marshall Boulevard between 31st Street and "I" Street, to be used only when combining routes for service to Norton Air Force Base.

ROUTE NO. 6 - BUNKER HILL-28th & VALENCIA

Commencing at the intersection of Bunker Hill Drive and Grant Street, in the City of San Bernardino, thence along Bunker Hill Drive, Mill Street, "K" Street, Rialto Avenue, "E" Street, Fourth Street, Sierra Way, 19th Street, Wall Avenue, and Highland Avenue to Waterman Avenue, thence (a) along Highland Avenue and Valencia Avenue to 28th Street or (b) along Waterman Avenue and 28th Street to Valencia Avenue.

ROUTE NO. 7 - VICTORIA STREET

Commencing at the intersection of Fifth and "E" Streets, in the City of San Bernardino, thence along Fifth Street, Waterman Avenue, Sixth Street, and Victoria Avenue to Third Street, in the County of San Bernardino.

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