

ORIGINALDecision No. 70253

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
 J. M. and N. F. CHAPPELL, dba VALLEJO
 INTERURBAN TRANSIT CO., to modify and
 extend existing passenger stage routes
 and schedules to include more streets
 within the area now being served by
 the applicants.)

Application No. 47927
 Filed September 29, 1965

J. M. Chappell, in propria persona.
Dugald Gilles, for Vallejo Transit Lines,
 protestant.
Hilton Nichols, for the Commission staff.

O P I N I O N

J. M. and N. F. Chappell, doing business as Vallejo Interurban Transit Co., request authority to extend service within the City of Vallejo.

A public hearing was held before Examiner Daly at Vallejo on December 17, 1965, and the matter was submitted.

Applicants provide service six days a week except Sundays and holidays. At the present time applicants operate over two routes, each of which is maintained on a 30-minute headway. With slight variation each route serves substantially the same points. The proposed extension would add approximately 1.3 miles to the total round-trip distance and would provide service to several trailer courts.

Attached to the application are two petitions, signed by approximately 200 residents of the proposed area, indicating a desire to have the proposed extended service made available to them. Approximately 30 individuals appeared in support of the application.

According to the record there is no existing public transportation service between points along the extended area and downtown Vallejo. The protest of Vallejo Transit Lines, a carrier which is exempt from the jurisdiction of this Commission because 98 percent or more of its operations are conducted within the city limits of Vallejo, is twofold. First, because of applicants' proposal to operate over Sacramento Street instead of Wilson Street, applicants will be able to provide a more direct service between downtown Vallejo and the Larwin Plaza Shopping Center, points which applicants are presently authorized to serve. Protestant claims that the more direct service would divert traffic from the service it provides between the same points. However, the record indicates that because of an agreement with the owners of the Larwin Plaza Shopping Center area, protestant may operate directly on the premises, whereas applicants may not.

The second ground for protest relates to the extended area. Although protestant is not now serving the area it contends that the proposed extension may be premature. According to protestant it has been operating at a loss for several years and recently the City of Vallejo, in an attempt to bolster service, purchased seven new buses, which will be leased to protestant for one dollar a year. Assertedly, a transportation committee is soon to be appointed by the city for the purpose of making recommendations as to how the city's transportation needs and requirements can best be served. It is quite

possible, protestant argues, that an extension to the proposed area may be recommended.

After consideration the Commission finds that:

1. Applicants are presently providing a passenger stage service between points within the Vallejo area.
2. Applicants propose to extend service to an area not presently being served by public transportation.
3. Members of the public appeared in support of the proposed service.
4. In extending service to the proposed area applicants would provide a more direct service between the Larwin Plaza Shopping Center and downtown Vallejo, points which they are presently authorized to serve.
5. Vallejo Transit Lines is presently rendering a passenger service in Vallejo; however, it does not serve the extended area nor does it propose to provide such service in the foreseeable future.
6. Vallejo Transit Lines also serves between downtown Vallejo and the Larwin Plaza Shopping Center, but over a more circuitous route than that proposed by applicants.
7. Vallejo Transit Lines may transport passengers directly upon the premises of the Larwin Plaza Shopping Center, whereas applicants may not.
8. There would be little if any diversion of traffic from Vallejo Transit Lines in the event applicants were authorized to operate over Sacramento Street instead of Wilson Street between downtown Vallejo and the Larwin Plaza Shopping Center.
9. Public convenience and necessity require the extension of applicants' service as proposed.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted.

O R D E R

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to J. M. and N. F. Chappell, authorizing them to operate as a passenger stage corporation as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code between the points and over the routes particularly set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and hereby made a part hereof.

2. After the effective date hereof and on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and to the public, applicants shall amend their tariffs and timetables presently on file with the Commission to reflect the authority herein granted.

3. Concurrently with the effective date of the tariff filings required by ordering paragraph 2 hereof, the operative right granted by Decisions Nos. 65900 and 67764 is hereby revoked.

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

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 18th day of JANUARY, 1966.

Friedrich P. Halbladt
President

W. E. [Signature]

George J. [Signature]

[Signature]

[Signature]
Commissioners

Appendix A

JOSEPH M. AND NEOLA F. CHAPPELL Original Page 1
doing business as
VALLEJO INTERURBAN TRANSIT CO.

Section 1. GENERAL AUTHORIZATIONS, RESTRICTIONS, LIMITATIONS AND SPECIFICATIONS

The certificate hereinafter noted supersedes all operating authority heretofore granted to Joseph M. and Neola F. Chappell.

Joseph M. and Neola F. Chappell, doing business as Vallejo Interurban Transit Co., by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin is hereby authorized to transport passengers by motor vehicle, within the City of Vallejo and between the City of Vallejo and adjacent area over the routes hereinafter described, subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

- 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 in either direction, unless otherwise indicated.

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Section 2. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS

Route No. 1 - Commencing at the intersection of Georgia and Marin Streets, in the City of Vallejo, thence via Georgia Street, Sacramento Street, York Street, Marin Street, Florida Street, Santa Clara Street, Tennessee Street, Wilson Avenue, Daniels Avenue, Rodgers Street, Selfridge Street, Gardner Street, Sacramento Street, Redwood Street, Sonoma Boulevard, Yolano Drive, Enterprise Street, Sears Point Road, Sonoma Boulevard, Valle Vista Street, Sacramento Street, Florida Street and Marin Street to its intersection with Georgia Street.

Route No. 2 - Commencing at the intersection of Georgia and Marin Streets in the City of Vallejo, thence via Georgia Street, Sacramento Street, York Street, Marin Street, Florida Street, Sacramento Street, Redwood Street, Sonoma Boulevard, Yolano Drive, Enterprise Street, Sears Point Road, Sonoma Boulevard, Valle Vista Street, Sacramento Street, Gardner Street, Selfridge Street, Rodgers Street, Daniels Avenue, Wilson Avenue, Tennessee Street, Santa Clara Street, Florida Street and Marin Street to its intersection with Georgia Street.

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