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Decision No. 72720

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of AMERICAN TRANSIT, INC., dba AMERICAN SIGHTSEEING & TOURS, for authority to revise, reroute and change numbers of existing sightseeing tours.

Application No. 49187 (Filed March 3, 1967)

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Applicant operates as a passenger stage corporation conducting sightseeing tours in Los Angeles County and Orange County. It seeks authority to reroute and revise existing sightseeing tours in order to operate and perform its sightseeing services more effectively. Applicant asserts that because of changes which have occurred in city planning and in the construction of new freeways revised routes are essential to give the public efficient service. By rerouting, applicant will be better able to accommodate more passengers with greater efficiency, thereby producing added revenue with present equipment. Applicant also requests cuthority to change the numbered designations of existing sightseeing tours to coincide with its advertising brochures and to eliminate and add tours without prior Commission authorization.

Applicant does not propose any change of fares. No new tours are being added, nor are any new pickup areas being requested. There has been no rerouting of applicant's tours for more than 20 years and during that time streets have been eliminated, freeways have been added, and some streets have had their names changed. No protests have been received. A public hearing is not necessary. After consideration the Commission finds that public

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convenience and necessity require that the proposed changes, as set forth in Appendix A of this order, be made.

The Commission concludes that the application should be granted except that applicant is denied authority to eliminate or add tours without Commission authorization.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. A certificate of public convenience and necessity is granted to American Transit, Inc., doing business as American Sightseeing & Tours authorizing it to operate as a passenger stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public Utilities Code, over the routes particularly set forth in Appendix A attached hereto.

2. In providing service pursuant to the certificate herein granted, applicant shall comply with and observe the following service regulations:

(a) Within thirty days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall file a written acceptance of the certificate herein granted. Applicant is placed on notice that, if it accepts the certificate of public convenience and necessity herein granted, it will be required, among other things, to comply with and observe the safety rules of the California Highway Patrol, the rules and other regulations of the Commission's General Order No. 98-A and insurance requirements of the Commission's General Order No. 101-B. Failure to comply with and observe the safety rules, or the provisions of General Orders Nos. 98-A or 101-B, may result in a cancellation of the operating authority granted by this decision.

(b) Within sixty days after the effective date hereof, applicant shall establish the service herein authorized and file tariffs and timetables, in triplicate, in the Commission's office.

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- (c) The tariff and timetable filings shall be made effective not earlier than ten days after the effective date of this order on not less than ten days' notice to the Commission and the public, and the effective date of the tariff and timetable filings shall be concurrent with the establishment of the service herein authorized.
- (d) The tariff and timetable filings made pursuant to this order shall comply with the regulations governing the construction and filing of tariffs and timetables set forth in the Commission's General Orders Nos. 79 and 98-A.

3. The certificate of public convenience and necessity granted in paragraph 1 of this order shall supersede all existing certificates of public convenience and necessity authorizing applicant to operate as a passenger stage corporation, and presently possessed by it, which certificates are revoked effective concurrently with the effective date of the tariff filings required by paragraph 2(b) hereof.

4. In all other respects Application No. 49187 is denied.

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

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CERTIFICATE

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PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Showing passenger stage operative rights, restrictions, limitations, exceptions, and privileges applicable thereto.

All changes and amendments as authorized by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California will be made as revised pages or added original pages.

Issued under authority of Decision No. 72720 dated <u>July 11</u>, 1967, of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, on Application No. 49187.

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The certificate hereinafter noted supersedes all operative authority heretofore granted to American Transit, Inc., a corporation, doing business as American Sightseeing & Tours or its predecessors.

American Transit, Inc., doing business as American Sightseeing & Tours, by the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the decision noted in the margin, is authorized to conduct a sightseeing service for the transportation of passengers between certain service areas as hereinafter set forth, on the one hand, and points of interest in Los Angeles and Orange Counties, on the other hand, over and along the routes hereinafter described, subject to the following conditions and restrictions:

- (a) Motor vehicles may be turned at termini and 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) All service herein authorized shall be limited to the transportation of round-trip passengers only.
- (d) Applicant shall not pick up or discharge passengers except within the limits of the specified service areas as hereinafter set forth. This restriction shall not prevent stopovers for the purpose of permitting sightseeing passengers to visit various points of interest along the route.
- (e) Applicant shall not be obligated to perform said sightseeing service for fewer than five adult passengers.

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SECTION 2. SERVICE AREAS.

Passengers may be picked up and discharged at any point within the following service areas, subject to local traffic regulations.

(1) Inglewood Area

Within the corporate limits of the City of Inglewood.

(2) <u>El Segundo Area</u>

Within the corporate limits of the City of El Segundo.

(3) Los Angeles County-Lennox Area

Within the area bounded on the north by Century Boulevard, Yukon Avenue, and Lennox Boulevard; on the east by Van Ness Avenue; on the south by Imperial Highway, Inglewood Avenue, and El Segundo Boulevard; and on the west by Aviation Boulevard.

(4) <u>Santa Monica Area</u>

Within the corporate limits of the City of Santa Monica.

(5) <u>Culver City Area</u>

Within the corporate limits of the City of Culver City.

(6) Los Angeles County-Hollywood Area

Within the unincorporated area of Los Angeles County bounded on the north by the Santa Monica Mountains, on the east by Sycamore Street, on the south by Beverly Boulevard, and on the west by Doheny Drive.

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SECTION 3. ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studio Tours (Half Day Tours)

Tour No. 1

Commencing at any point in the Santa Monica Area, thence along Lincoln Boulevard or Centinela Avenue and Washington Boulevard to any point in the Culver City Area, with stopover for tour within studio, thence along Washington Boulevard and Centinela Avenue or Lincoln Boulevard to any point in the Santa Monica Area.

Tour No. 1-A

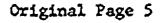
Commencing at any point in Inglewood, El Segundo or Los Angeles County-Lennox Areas, thence along Manchester Boulevard, Century Boulevard, El Segundo Boulevard or Imperial Highway, Sepulveda Boulevard and Washington Boulevard to any point in the Culver City Area, with stopover for tour within studio, thence along Washington Boulevard, Culver Boulevard, Overland Avenue, Jefferson Boulevard and Sepulveda Boulevard to any point in the Inglewood, El Segundo or Los Angeles County-Lennox Areas.

Tour No. 1-B

Commencing at any point in the Los Angeles County-Hollywood Area, thence along Sunset Boulevard, Fairfax Avenue or La Brea Avenue, Fountain Avenue or Santa Monica Boulevard, La Cienega Boulevard and Washington Boulevard to any point in the Culver City Area, with stopover for tour within studio, thence along Washington Boulevard, La Cienega Boulevard and Santa Monica Boulevard or Sunset Boulevard to any point in the Los Angeles County-Hollywood Area.

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Hollywood-Farmers Market-Television City Tours (Half Day Tours)

Tour No. 2

Commencing at any point within the Santa Monica Area, thence along Santa Monica Boulevard or Wilshire Boulevard, Rodeo Drive, Brighton Way, Camden Drive, Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Drive, Cannon Drive, Sunset Boulevard, Roxbury Drive, Lexington Drive, Benedict Canyon Road, Sunset Boulevard, Highland Avenue, Hollywood Boulevard, Orange Drive, Franklin Avenue, Highland Avenue, Hollywood Bowl (optional), Hollywood Freeway, Vine Street, Sunset Boulevard, Van Ness Avenue, Marathon Street, Windsor Avenue, Melrose Avenue, Vine Street, Beverly Boulevard, Fairfax Avenue, Farmer's Market, thence along Fairfax Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard direct or Wilshire Boulevard and Santa Monica Boulevard to any point in the Santa Monica Area.

Tour No. 2-A

Commencing at any point within the Inglewood, El Segundo or Los Angeles County-Lennox Areas, thence along the most direct or appropriate route to the Santa Monica Area, thence the same as Tour No. 2 to the intersection of Wilshire and La Cienega Boulevards, thence along La Cienega Boulevard to the Inglewood, El Segundo or Los Angeles County-Lennox Areas, thence along the most direct or appropriate route to any point in the Santa Monica Area.

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Tour No. 2-B

Commencing at any point within the Los Angeles County-Hollywood Area, thence along Sunset Boulevard, Highland Avenue, Hollywood Boulevard, Orange Drive, Franklin Avenue, Highland Avenue, Hollywood Bowl (optional), Hollywood Freeway, Vine Street, Sunset Boulevard, Van Ness Avenue, Marathon Street, Windsor Avenue, Melrose Avenue, Vine Street, Beverly Boulevard, Fairfax Avenue, Farmer's Market, thence along Fairfax Avenue, Wilshire Boulevard, Rodeo Drive, Brighton Way, Camden Drive, Santa Monica Boulevard, Roxbury Drive, Benedict Canyon Road and Sunset Boulevard to any point in the Los Angeles County-Hollywood Area.

Tour No. 2-C

Commencing at any point in the Santa Monica Area or the Culver City Area, thence along Robertson Boulevard to any . point in the Los Angeles County-Hollywood Area, thence the same as Tour No. 2-B. Return to the Culver City and Santa Monica Areas via the most direct or appropriate route.

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Disneyland-Knott's Berry Farm Tours (6 or 8 Hour Tours)

Tour No. 3

Commencing at any point in the Santa Monica Area or Culver City Area, and thence via the most direct and appropriate route to any point in the Los Angeles County-Hollywood Area, thence along Melrose Avenue, Santa Monica or Sunset Boulevards, Hollywood Freeway, Santa Ana Freeway, and Harbor Boulevard to Disneyland, thence along West Street, Ball Road and State Highway 39 to Knott's Berry Farm. Return via the reverse of the going route to any point in the Los Angeles County-Hollywood, Culver City or Santa Monica Areas.

Tour No. 3-A

Commencing at any point in the Santa Monica, Culver City, Inglewood, El Segundo or Los Angeles County-Lennox Areas, thence along Manchester Boulevard, Century Boulevard, Imperial Highway or El Segundo Boulevard, Harbor Freeway, Artesia Avenue, Woodruff Avenue, Orangethorpe Avenue, Knott Avenue, and La Palma Avenue to Knott's Berry Farm, thence along State Highway 39, Ball Road and Harbor Boulevard to Disneyland. Return via West Street, Ball Road, Santa Ana Freeway and Manchester Boulevard to any point in the Inglewood, El Segundo or Los Angeles County-Lennox Areas, thence to the Culver City and Santa Monica Areas via the most direct and appropriate route.

Tour No. 3-B

Commencing at any point in the Santa Monica Area or Culver City Area, thence along the Santa Monica Freeway, Santa Ana Freeway, and Harbor Boulevard to Disneyland, thence along West Street, Ball Road, State Highway 39, La Palma Avenue and Knott Avenue to Knott's Berry Farm.

Alternate Return Route

Along Highway 39 or Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove Freeway and San Diego Freeway to the Culver City Area, thence via the most direct or appropriate route to the Santa Monica Area.

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Tour No. 3-C

Commencing at any point in the Los Angeles County-Hollywood Area, thence the same as Tour No. 3 to Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, and return.

Tour No. 3-D

Commencing at any point in the El Segundo, Inglewood or Los Angeles County-Lennox Areas, thence along Manchester Boulevard, Century Boulevard, El Segundo Boulevard or Imperial Highway via the most direct or appropriate route to any point in the Culver City Area, thence the same as Tour No. 3-B to Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm. Return via Highway 39 or Harbor Boulevard, Garden Grove Freeway and San Diego Freeway to any point in the El Segundo, Inglewood or Los Angeles County-Lennox Areas, thence to the Culver City Area via the most direct or appropriate route.

NOTE: Disneyland and Knott's Berry Service may be conducted as a 6-hour tour to Disneyland only or an 8-hour tour to Disneyland and Knott's Berry Farm.

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Los Angeles-Olvera Street-Chinatown Tours (Half Day Tours)

Tour No. 4

Commencing at any point in the Los Angeles County-Hollywood Area, thence along La Brea Avenue to Sunset or Hollywood Boulevards, Vermont Avenue to the Planetarium (optional), Hillhurst Avenue, Sunset Boulevard to Olvera Street, thence along Sunset Boulevard, North Broadway to Chinatown, North Broadway (Civic Center), Temple Street, Grand Avenue (Music Center), First Street, Hill Street, Fifth Street (Pershing Square), Grand Avenue, Wilshire Boulevard, La Cienega Boulevard or La Brea Avenue to any point in the Los Angeles County-Hollywood Area.

Tour No .- 4-A

Commencing at any point in the Inglewood, El Segundo, Los Angeles County-Lennox Areas or the Culver City Area, thence via the most direct or appropriate route to any point in the Los Angeles County-Hollywood Area, thence the same as Tour No. 4. Return to the Culver City, Inglewood, El Segundo or Los Angeles County-Lennox Area via the most direct or appropriate route.

Tour No. 4-B

Commencing at any point in the Santa Monica or the Culver City Area, thence via the most direct or appropriate route to any point in the Los Angeles County-Hollywood Area, thence the same as Tour No. 4. Return to the Culver City or Santa Monica Area via the most direct or appropriate route.

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SECTION 3 (Continued)

Night Club Tours (Half Day Tours)

Tour No. 5

Commencing at any point in the Los Angeles County-Hollywood Area, thence along La Brea Avenue, Hollywood Boulevard, Vine Street, Sunset Boulevard, Beverly Drive, Santa Monica Boulevard, Avenue of the Stars, Pico Boulevard, Beverwil Drive, Beverly Drive and Sunset Boulevard to any point in the Los Angeles County-Hollywood Area.

Tour No. 5-A

Commencing at any point in the El Segundo, Inglewood, Los Angeles County-Lennox, or Culver City Areas, thence along Washington Boulevard, Robertson Boulevard, Santa Monica Boulevard, Beverly Drive, Sunset Boulevard, Vine Street, Santa Monica Boulevard and Avenue of the Stars to Pico Boulevard. Return via the most direct and appropriate route to any point in the Culver City, El Segundo, Inglewood or Los Angeles County-Lennox Areas.

Tour No. 5-B

Commencing at any point in the Santa Monica or the Culver City Area, thence along Santa Monica Boulevard to Beverly Drive, thence the same as Tour No. 5. Return to the Culver City or Santa Monica Area via the most direct or appropriate rotte.

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