

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.
ORDER NO. 214

Served November 2, 1962

IN THE MATTER OF:

Application of D. C. Transit)
System, Inc. for a Certificate of)
Public Convenience and Necessity)

Application No. 209
Docket No. 23

APPEARANCES:

John R. Sims, Jr. and Harold Smith, attorneys for the applicant.

Manuel J. Davis, attorney for W. V. & M. Coach Company, protestant.

On August 16, 1962, the Commission, by Order No. 186, granted an application of D. C. Transit System, Inc., for authority to transport passengers over certain routes between certain points in Montgomery County, Maryland, and the Central Intelligence Agency site, Langley, Virginia.

The protestant, Washington, Virginia and Maryland Coach Company, Inc., petitioned the Commission for reconsideration of said order. The petition for reconsideration was granted, and the Commission ordered a further hearing before the full Commission, which hearing was held on October 19, 1962.

The only significant factor produced by the additional hearing was the fact that the service sought should be performed over the George Washington Memorial Parkway between the intersection of the Parkway and Interstate 495 and the intersection of the Parkway and the CIA Access Road, with an alternate route authorized over Highway 193. This is the reverse of the authority granted originally. This finding emerges because of the fact that the Parkway offers the most direct and shortest route, the fastest and most efficient service, and, just as important, the safest route. Highway 193 is a narrow two-lane road, and its intersection with Interstate 495 raises hazards not present on the Parkway route.

The Commission is of the opinion that Order No. 186 and the authority granted therein should be amended to authorize the applicant to provide regular route service over the Parkway, and an alternate route over Highway 193.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Order No. 186 be, and it is hereby, amended, and Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5 changed accordingly, to read as follows:

REGULAR ROUTE COMMON CARRIER OPERATION:

Passengers, and their baggage, and express, mail and newspapers in the same vehicle,

(1) Regular route - between the junction of U. S. No. 240 (Wisconsin Avenue) and Western Avenue (D. C.-Maryland Line) and the Central Intelligence Agency site, Langley, Virginia; over U. S. No. 240, Maryland State Highway No. 187 (Old Georgetown Road), Maryland State Highway No. 188 (Wilson Lane), Maryland State Highway No. 190 (River Road), Interstate Highway No. 495, George Washington Memorial Parkway and access roads to the Central Intelligence Agency and return, serving all intermediate points between Wisconsin and Western Avenues, N.W. (D. C.-Maryland Line) and the west end of the Potomac River crossing of Interstate Highway No. 495. Service between the west end of the Potomac River crossing of the Interstate Highway No. 495 and the Central Intelligence Agency site, Langley, Virginia, being operated with closed doors, permitting passengers to alight only at the CIA and to board at the CIA.

(2) Alternate route - between the junction of U. S. No. 240 (Wisconsin Avenue) and Western Avenue (D. C.-Maryland Line) and the Central Intelligence Agency site, Langley, Virginia; over U. S. No. 240, Maryland State Highway No. 187 (Old Georgetown Road), Maryland State Highway No. 188 (Wilson Lane), Maryland State Highway No. 190 (River Road), Interstate Highway No. 495 (Capital Beltway), Virginia State Highway No. 193, Virginia State Highway No. 123 and access roads to the CIA and return, serving all intermediate points between Wisconsin and Western Avenues, N.W. (D. C.-Maryland Line) and the west end of the Potomac River crossing of Interstate Highway No. 495. Service between the west end of Interstate Highway No. 495 and the Central Intelligence Agency site, Langley, Virginia, being operated with closed doors, permitting passengers to alight only upon arrival at the CIA and to board only at the CIA.

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Provided: this authority does not confer the right to originate, or conduct in any manner, charter or special operations in the State of Virginia.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Delmer Ison".

DELMER ISON
Executive Director