

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 602

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 29, 1966

Application of D. C. Transit)
System, Inc., for Authority)
to Add Route B-1 and Extend)
Route B-4 in Carrollton,)
Maryland.)

Applications Nos. 354, 355

Docket No. 112

APPEARANCES:

As previously noted.

On November 5, 1965, D. C. Transit System, Inc., (D. C. Transit), filed Application No. 354 requesting authority to add Route B-1 to render express, rush-hour service between Carrollton, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, via Riverdale Road and Kenilworth Avenue; and Application No. 355 requesting authority to extend its Route B-4 from East Pines, Maryland, to Carrollton, Maryland, via Riverdale Road. Full route descriptions are more fully set forth in the applications and Order No. 558. During the hearing, D. C. Transit moved to amend one of the applications. The proposal was a minor modification in routing within Carrollton and would not affect the ultimate decision herein. The decision made the question moot.

Notice of the applications and hearing thereon complied with Commission requirements. The evidence in this proceeding was adduced at a hearing on February 16, 1966. The record comprises 241 pages of testimony and 20 exhibits. The WMA Transit Company filed a protest to the applications.

These applications are in essence a refile of two applications previously considered and denied by the Commission. See Order No. 466, issued April 8, 1965. Those two previous applications, in turn, were related to similar applications filed by WMA Transit Company and granted by the Commission. In those proceedings the Commission found that as between WMA Transit Company and D. C. Transit, WMA Transit Company was the logical and appropriate carrier to institute and render service to the Carrollton area. The WMA Transit Company applications to serve Carrollton were granted and those of D. C. Transit denied. Upon D. C. Transit's appeal, the Commission's

orders were affirmed. D. C. Transit System, Inc., v. WMATC, No. 10,170
4th Cir. April 6, 1966.

D. C. Transit admits herein that the applications under consideration were, in fact, basically the same applications previously denied, but contends that the routes proposed herein were minor portions of their previous applications and did not receive full consideration by the Commission. On the other hand, WMA Transit Company contends that the present applications are merely a duplication of the prior applications, that the evidence adduced by D. C. Transit herein was the same adduced in the prior proceeding, that D. C. Transit has not shown a change in circumstances since that proceeding, that the area of Carrollton will not support more than one carrier service, and that the existing service is more than adequate to meet the needs of the people.

The Commission has carefully considered the evidence adduced herein. It is of the opinion and so finds that the applications should be denied. It is quite clear that the circumstances have indeed not changed, that the service rendered by WMA Transit Company is adequate to meet the needs of the relatively small community of Carrollton, and that the proposed transportation is not, nor will it be, required by public convenience and necessity. In the overall picture, the service proposed by D. C. Transit is not so dissimilar from that rendered by WMA Transit Company as to warrant approval for a new carrier service in that small community.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the applications of D. C. Transit System, Inc., for authority to add Route B-1 and extend Route B-4 be, and they are hereby, denied.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



DELMER ISON
Executive Director