

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 827

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 7, 1968

Application of D. C. Transit)
System, Inc., to Amend Certi-)
ficate of Public Convenience)
and Necessity to Change Route)
Y-~~8~~.)

Application No. 498

Docket No. 176

By Application No. 498, filed April 12, 1968, as amended, D. C. Transit System, Inc., requests authority to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5 to change and extend Route Y-~~8~~ as follows:

ROCKVILLE - VIERS MILL ROAD LINE, ROUTE Y-~~8~~

A. Discontinued Portion (in both directions)

1. Randolph Road between Parklawn Avenue and Rockville Pike
2. Rockville Pike between Randolph Road and Twinbrook Parkway

B. Rerouted Portion

1. Outbound - Over regular route to Randolph Road and Parklawn Avenue, thence northerly on Parklawn Avenue and west on Twinbrook Parkway to Rockville Pike, thence north on Rockville Pike and regular route.
2. Inbound - Over regular route to Rockville Pike and Twinbrook Parkway, thence east on Twinbrook Parkway and southerly on Parklawn Avenue to Randolph Road, thence east on Randolph Road, and regular route.

C. Extended Portion

1. Outbound - Over regular route to Rollins Avenue and E. Jefferson Street, thence continue east on Rollins Avenue, south on E. Jefferson Street (new), west on Montrose Road, south on Seven Locks Road, east on Democracy Boulevard and northerly on roadways of Montgomery Mall Shopping Center to the present Route 0-8 terminal stand.
2. Inbound - From present Route 0-8 terminal stand southerly on the roadways of Montgomery Mall Shopping Center, west on Democracy Boulevard, north on Seven Locks Road, east on Montrose Road, north on E. Jefferson Street, southwest on Congressional Lane, east on Rollins Avenue, north on E. Jefferson Street and east on Halpine Road and regular route.

The matter was set for hearing before an examiner. Notice of the application and hearing was given as prescribed by the Commission. The hearing was held on May 13, 1968.

This application involves basically two aspects: (1) a request to reroute a portion of the present routing and (2) a request to extend the service to Montgomery Mall. Present routing necessitates bus operation over a railroad grade crossing and along an extensive section of poorly paved road. Also, this section is essentially undeveloped. On the other hand, the rerouted operation would provide a safer, more convenient, and desirable service operating through an extensively developed area. Rerouting will necessitate the discontinuance of approximately five (5) bus stops, in each direction. However, the evidence of record indicates that any resulting inconvenience will more than be compensated for by the increased accessibility of the proposed routing. The extension would provide service to Montgomery Mall as well as serve numerous developments along the route. Essentially, this service is a cross-county operation and it provides numerous transfer points whereby patrons can secure transfers into the District of Columbia. Lastly, applicant states the excessive length of the operation will necessitate the need of two additional zones for the proposed extension.

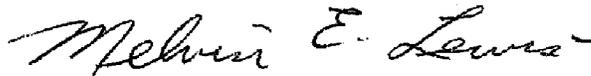
One witness representing the Scotland Community Development, Inc., appeared in support of the instant application. This witness asserted that numerous housing developments had recently been constructed in the area, several of which were low income projects, and that public bus transportation was a social necessity for these communities. A witness from the Commission's Engineering Department testified that the department had reviewed the application, and favored a grant of the requested authority, including applicant's requests for two additional zones.

Upon the evidence adduced, the Commission is of the opinion that the proposed service is and will be required by the public convenience and necessity and that the application should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the application of D. C. Transit System, Inc., to amend Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5 to change Route Y-~~8~~ be, and it is hereby, granted.
2. That Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5 be, and it is hereby, amended by incorporating Third Revised Page 6, cancelling Second Revised Page 6, as attached hereto and made a part hereof.
3. That this order become effective upon issuance.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



MELVIN E. LEWIS
Executive Director

- * No. 32 From junction Viers Mill and Randolph Road over Randolph Road to junction Colin Road, thence over Colin Road to junction Idlewood Road, thence over Idlewood Road to junction Garrett Park Road, thence over Garrett Park Road to junction Dewey Road, thence over Dewey Road to junction Randolph Road, thence over Randolph Road to junction Rockinghorse Road, thence over Rockinghorse Road to junction Boiling Brook Parkway, thence over Boiling Brook Parkway to junction Ashley Drive, thence over Ashley Drive to junction Rockinghorse Road, thence over Rockinghorse Road to junction Randolph Road, thence over Randolph Road to junction Parklawn Avenue, thence over Parklawn Avenue to junction Twinbrook Parkway, thence over Twinbrook Parkway to junction Rockville Pike thence over Rockville Pike to junction E. Halpine Road, thence over E. Halpine Road to junction E. Jefferson Street, thence over E. Jefferson Street to junction E. Congressional Lane, thence over E. Congressional Lane to junction E. Rollins Avenue, thence over Rollins Avenue, to junction E. Jefferson Street (new), thence over E. Jefferson Street (new) to junction Montrose Road, thence over Montrose Road to junction Seven Locks Road, thence over Seven Locks Road to junction Democracy Boulevard, thence over Democracy Boulevard to Montgomery Mall Shopping Center and return, including Randolph Road between Dewey Road and Colin Road and E. Jefferson Street between Rollins Avenue and Halpine Road.

NOTE: Viers Mill short route trips use Selfridge Road between Randolph Road and Gridley Road and Gridley Road between Selfridge Road and Viers Mill Road.

- No. 33 From junction Viers Mill Road and Parkland Drive, over Parkland Drive to junction Aspen Hill Road, thence over Aspen Hill Road to junction Viers Mill Road and return over same route.
- No. 34 From junction Georgia Avenue and Randolph Road, over Randolph Road to junction Terrapin Road, thence over Terrapin Road to junction Sheraton Street, thence over Sheraton Street to junction Epping Road, thence over Epping Road to junction Holdridge Road, thence over Holdridge Road to junction Weller Road, thence over Weller Road to junction Connecticut Avenue, thence over Connecticut Avenue to junction Dean Road, thence "U" turn and continue Connecticut to junction Greenley Street, and return over Greenley Street to junction Weller Road, thence over Weller Road to junction Valleywood Drive, thence over Valleywood Drive to junction Janet Road, thence over Janet Road to junction Flack Street, thence over Flack Street to junction Weller Road, thence over Weller Road to junction Georgia Avenue.