

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 953

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 6, 1969

Application of D. C. Transit) Application No. 559
System, Inc., for Temporary)
Authority to Establish Route)
X-6, Glenmont Rocket Express.)

By Application No. 559, filed March 6, 1969, and amended April 14, 1969, D. C. Transit System, Inc., requests one hundred and eighty (180) day temporary authority to establish Route X-6, Glenmont Rocket Express as follows:

Northbound:

From terminal stand on 9th Street north of Constitution Avenue in a northerly direction via 9th Street, Florida Avenue, Sherman Avenue, and New Hampshire Avenue, east on Princeton Place, northerly on Georgia Avenue, and westerly on Connecticut Avenue to terminal stand west of Georgia Avenue.

Southbound:

From terminal stand on Connecticut Avenue west of Georgia Avenue, westerly via Connecticut Avenue east on Aspen Hill Road and Southerly via Georgia Avenue, New Hampshire Avenue, Sherman Avenue, Florida Avenue, and 9th Street, and west on Constitution Avenue to Silver Rocket bus stop on Constitution Avenue west of 9th Street.

LIMITED STOP RESTRICTIONS

Northbound:

Passengers will be permitted to board and alight at any Silver Rocket bus stop between 9th Street and Constitution Avenue, N. W. and Georgia Avenue

and Seminary Road, and at all bus stops from Georgia Avenue and Viers Mill Road to the terminal stand on Connecticut Avenue west of Georgia Avenue.

Southbound:

Passengers will be permitted to Board and Alight at all bus stops from the terminal stand on Connecticut Avenue west of Georgia Avenue to Georgia Avenue and Viers Mill Road. Boarding and alighting will be permitted at any Silver Rocket bus stop between Georgia Avenue and Seminary Road and 9th Street and Constitution Avenue, N. W.

NOTE: Special Silver Rocket stops are erected at various locations along the route between 9th Street and Constitution Avenue, N. W., and Georgia Avenue and Seminary Road. Stops will be made on signal along ~~the route between Georgia Avenue and Randolph Road~~ and the end of the line at Georgia and Connecticut Avenues.

Transit requests this authority to test the effectiveness of a counter-flow express service, mornings and evenings, between the District of Columbia and the Glenmont area of Montgomery County, Maryland. The service contemplated is experimental, growing out of a study published by the Washington Center for Metropolitan Studies; the United Planning Organization and at least one large employer in the Glenmont area have indicated an interest in this service, which will create a convenient transportation link for prospective employees living in the central city with employment locations near the Georgia Avenue corridor from the District Line on out eight (8) to ten (10) miles into the Maryland suburbs.

Due to the nature of this project, Transit has asked that any direct costs involved in this experiment, to the extent not compensated for by revenues, be paid for by funds presently available in the "Special Escrow Fund" which the Commission established by Order No. 773 on January 26, 1968.

The Commission finds that there is an urgent and immediate need for the proposed service and, accordingly, is of the opinion that the application should be granted.

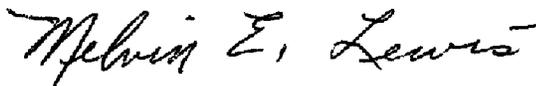
The Commission further finds that the excess of direct operating costs over the revenues received from this experimental service during the conduct of such experiment is an appropriate charge against the reserve established by Commission Order No. 773.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the application of D. C. Transit System, Inc., for temporary authority to establish and operate its Route X-6, Glenmont Rocket Express, for one hundred and eighty (180) days, as described hereinabove be, and it is hereby, granted, effective Monday, June 16, 1969.

2. That D. C. Transit System, Inc., be, and it is hereby, authorized to transfer out of its Escrow bank account and into its regular operating cash accounts, on a weekly basis, any excess of operating expenses directly attributable to the service herein authorized, over and above the revenues received for such service, after approval of such amounts by the staff of the Commission; after approval by the Commission staff, as the authorized transfer is made, the company shall concurrently debit its "Reserve for Commission-Ordered Projects" and contra-credit its relevant expense accounts for the period.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



MELVIN E. LEWIS
Executive Director