

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 972

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 29, 1969

Application of D. C. Transit)
System, Inc., for Authority)
to Amend Certificate No. 5)
to Extend Route J-4.)

Application No. 580

Docket No. 205

On March 3, 1969, Order No. 929 was issued giving D. C. Transit System, Inc., temporary authority to change its Route J-4 in the following manner:

BETHESDA - COLLEGE PARK LINE, ROUTE J-4

Discontinued Portion:

Along East-West Highway in both directions between Grubb Road and Meadowbrook Lane.

Rerouted Portion:

Westbound - Over regular route to the intersection of Grubb Road and East-West Highway thence continue northwest on Grubb Road, southwesterly on Terrace Drive, Freyman Drive and Meadowbrook Lane to its intersection with East-West Highway, then west on East-West Highway and regular route.

Eastbound - Over regular route to the intersection of East-West Highway and Meadowbrook Lane, thence northeasterly on Meadowbrook Lane, Freyman Drive and Terrace Drive and Southeast on Grubb Road to its intersection with East-West Highway, thence continue southeast on Grubb Road and regular route.

D. C. Transit filed Application No. 580 on July 23, 1969, seeking to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5 to make the change permanent.

Traffic checks were submitted which showed that the added stops received substantial patronage during the period of temporary authority -- an average of 56 passenger rides per weekday and 78 passenger rides per Saturday. No Sunday service was offered.

The changes involved by the proposed amendment add little to the time required to make a complete run on Route J-4. The incremental cost increase of the rerouting to the company is negligible.

A public hearing on the matter was held August 25, 1969. Testimony was offered by the company and by area residents. Some twenty of those favoring the change cited the increased convenience of the new service, as it eliminates the need for residents in a 151-unit apartment complex to climb a quarter mile incline to obtain public transportation.

Opposition to the application was based mainly on allegations that the bus operation constitutes a safety hazard to both vehicular traffic and pedestrian traffic to Rock Creek Pool. The pool has a membership of approximately 400 families who live in the Rosemary Hills, Rock Creek Forest, and Rollingwood areas of Montgomery County, and is open from mid-May until September.

We do not believe that the once-an-hour frequency of the bus adds significantly, if at all, to the hazards already present due to other vehicular traffic on Grubb Road, present in part because many of the pool members themselves arrive at and depart from the pool in automobiles. The pool is open during less than a third of the year, and even during that period no bus traffic is present on Sunday. Thus, removal of the bus would cause very limited reduction in the number of vehicles on Grubb Road in the area of the pool. Considering the apparent need for bus transportation to serve this area as shown by the substantial patronage of it, we must conclude that, on balance, a greater public interest will be served by allowing continued bus service. Therefore, we will approve the application to make the service permanent.

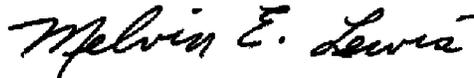
THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Application No. 580 of D. C. Transit System, Inc., for authority to amend its Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 5 to extend Route J-4 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 4, cancelling Second Revised Page 4, as attached hereto and made a part hereof.

3. That this order become effective August 30, 1969.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



MELVIN E. LEWIS
Executive Director

Highway 118, thence over Maryland Highway 118 to junction A.E.C. entrance including all interchange points and access and interchange routes and return over the same route.

- No. 17A From junction Brown's Station Road and U. S. 240, over Brown's Station Road to junction Quince Orchard Road (Md. 124), thence over Quince Orchard Road to the National Bureau of Standards Site, thence over Roadways of the National Bureau of Standards and return.
- No. 18 From junction Maryland Highway 355 and Summit Avenue over Summit Avenue to junction Brooks Avenue, thence over Brooks Avenue to junction Maryland Highway 355.
- No. 19 From junction Wisconsin Avenue and Wisconsin Circle, over Wisconsin Circle to Maryland-D.C. Line at Western Avenue.
- No. 20 From junction Western Avenue and Wisconsin Place at Maryland-D.C. Line, over Wisconsin Place to junction Wisconsin Avenue.
- No. 21 From Washington, D. C., over City streets to Maryland-D.C. Line, thence over Connecticut Avenue to junction Dean Road, and return over the same route.
- No. 22 From junction Connecticut Avenue and Kensington Parkway, over Kensington Parkway to junction Saul Road, thence over Saul Road to junction Connecticut Avenue, thence over Connecticut Avenue to junction Howard Avenue, thence over Howard Avenue to junction Armory Avenue, thence over Armory Avenue to junction Knowles Avenue, thence over Knowles Avenue to junction Strathmore Avenue, thence over Strathmore Avenue to junction Stillwater Avenue, thence over Stillwater Avenue to junction Flanders Avenue, thence over Flanders Avenue to junction Strathmore Avenue and return over the same route.
- No. 23 From junction Wisconsin Avenue and East-West Highway, over East-West Highway to junction Grubb Road, thence over Grubb Road to junction Washington Avenue, thence over Washington Avenue to junction East-West Highway, thence over East-West Highway to junction 16th Street and return over the same route.
- *No. 23A From junction Grubb Road and East-West Highway over Grubb Road to junction Terrace Drive, thence over Terrace Drive to junction Freyman Drive, thence over Freyman Drive to junction Meadowbrook Lane, thence over Meadowbrook Lane to junction East-West Highway and return over the same route.
- No. 24 From Washington, D. C., over city streets to the Maryland-D.C. Line, thence over 16th Street to junction Hanover Street, thence over Hanover Street to junction Georgia Avenue and return from junction Georgia Avenue and 16th Street over 16th Street.