

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1053

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 26, 1970

Application of D. C. Transit)
System, Inc., for 120-Day Temporary) Application No. 639
Authority to Operate Rockville-)
Gaithersburg Line, Route R-1.)

By Application No. 639, filed June 22, 1970, D. C. Transit System, Inc. (Transit) requests 120-day temporary authority to provide the following new service:

Rockville-Gaithersburg Line, Route R-1

Outbound - From terminal stand on the south side of Middle Lane, east of Washington Street, continue easterly on Middle Lane, southeast on Hungerford Drive, west on Jefferson Street, north on Washington Street, north-westerly on Frederick Road (Md. 355), north on Summit Avenue, east on Diamond Avenue, northeasterly on Maryland State Route 124, southeasterly on Muncaster Mill Road (Md. 115), west on Miller Fall Road, southwest on Park Mill Drive and southeast on Mill Run Drive to terminal stand on the south side of Mill Run Drive, west of Redland Road.

Inbound - From terminal stand continue southeast on Mill Run Drive, northeast on Redland Road, northwesterly on Muncaster Mill Road (Md. 115), southwest on Maryland State Route 124, west on Diamond Avenue, south on Summit Avenue, southeasterly on Frederick Road (Md. 355), south on Washington Street and easterly on Middle Lane to terminal stand.

This service is being instituted at the request of the Montgomery County Department of Community Development, sponsors of several developments of low cost housing along the part of the route which is beyond Gaithersburg.

We believe that there is an immediate and urgent need for this service.

At the present time there is no public bus transportation available to the residents of these developments or the surrounding private housing.

D. C. Transit is already operating between Rockville and Gaithersburg but there is no through service between the areas beyond Gaithersburg involved here and Rockville.

The service will provide access to jobs and other activities in the Rockville and Gaithersburg areas; connecting bus service is available in Rockville to Bethesda, Silver Spring and other areas. Connecting service for residents of the area who work at the Atomic Energy Commission or the National Bureau of Standards is available in Gaithersburg.

We note that Transit has requested a subsidy from the "Reserve for Commission-Ordered Projects" fund to reimburse any losses that might be incurred in operating this service and to pay for the costs of publicity. We do not believe that this application presents a situation which will necessarily involve losses for the company. This service, although it will benefit the public, should also prove of great benefit to Transit as well, in that it will encourage a habit of riding the bus among the residents of this new area of growth. We expect the company to do whatever is necessary to develop this market to make it profitable just as we do in any other grant of authority to a holder of a certificate of public convenience and necessity.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the application of D. C. Transit System, Inc., for 120-day temporary authority to institute the Rockville-Gaithersburg Line, Route R-1, be, and it is hereby, granted, effective June 29, 1970.

2. That D. C. Transit System, Inc., post notice of this service in all buses now serving the City of Rockville.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



MELVIN E. LEWIS
Executive Director