

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1079

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served August 7, 1970

Application of D. C. Transit)
System, Inc., to Change) Application No. 614
Routes 60 and ØØ)

By Application No. 614, filed March 20, 1970, D. C. Transit System, Inc., seeks to reroute its Route 60 and ØØ as follows:

SEVENTH STREET - FORT MCNAIR LINE - ROUTE 60

1. Discontinued Portion:

- A. Southbound - From the intersection of 11th and E Streets, N.W., east on E Street, south on 9th Street to Pennsylvania Avenue.
- B. Northbound - From the intersection of 9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., north on 9th Street, west on G Street to 11th Street.

2. Rerouted Portion:

- A. Southbound - Over regular route to the intersection of 11th and E Streets, N.W., thence continue south on 11th Street, southeasterly on Pennsylvania Avenue to 9th Street and regular route.
- B. Northbound - Over regular route to the intersection of 9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., thence continue northwesterly on Pennsylvania Avenue, north on 11th Street to G Street and regular route.

As justification for this rerouting, Transit points out that the present route requires the buses on this line to operate eastbound on E Street and westbound on G Street between 9th and 11th Streets, that G Street will eventually be disrupted by subway construction, and that E Street has a large volume of bus traffic on it at the present time which the rerouting will reduce. The rerouting would eliminate a right and left turn in the southbound direction and a right and left turn in the northbound direction. It would also enable the Route 60 to operate over the same street in both directions rather than the split operation currently conducted on E Street and G Street.

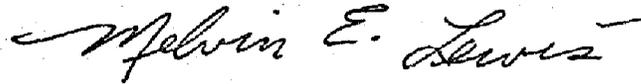
The WMA Transit Company protested the proposed rerouting. WMA avers that one of its main terminals is located on the east side of 11th Street, N.W., between Pennsylvania Avenue and E Street. The rerouted Route 60 would operate on that portion of 11th Street. WMA asserts that that block is already congested with bus traffic and that there is no space available to permit D. C. Transit to stop on the block.

Commission staff engineers have made an assessment of the bus traffic situation in the block of 11th Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and E Street, and have reported that while there are indeed several hundred scheduled WMA trips arriving and departing in this block in the course of the day, and that during the P.M. weekday rush-hour WMA does utilize the entire curb lane for its operation, there is no plan for the D. C. Transit buses to stop in this block. The engineers' report concludes that the additional buses that would pass through this block on the Route 60 line could do so without undue interference with WMA's operation in this block. The report also points out that with the rerouting, fewer buses will be using the joint WMA/D.C. Transit bus stop on the southside of E Street, east of 11th Street, to WMA's benefit. The engineers' report goes on to say that the rerouting, because of the elimination of two turns, is more desirable from a safety point of view than the current routing, and that while it will add traffic on 11th Street, it will ease traffic congestion on E Street.

In consideration of the foregoing, we have concluded that it is in the public interest to reroute the Route 60 buses as requested by Transit.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the application of D. C. Transit System, Inc., for authority to reroute its Route 60 and ~~60~~ as shown in Route Authorization No. 15-70, attached hereto and made a part hereof, be, and it is hereby, granted.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melvin E. Lewis".

MELVIN E. LEWIS
Executive Director

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

Route Authorization No. 15 - 70

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Application of D. C. Transit)
System, Inc. to Change Routes)
60 and 66 in Washington, D. C.)

Application No. 614

Upon consideration of the matters adduced and contained in said Application, the Commission finds that the public interest requires the service described hereinafter.

Therefore, permission is hereby granted D. C. Transit System, Inc. to operate in the following manner:

ELEVENTH STREET - FORT MCNAIR LINE - ROUTE 60

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FOR THE COMMISSION:



MELVIN E. LEWIS
Executive Director