

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2352

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served July 26, 1982

Application of FREEWAY ENTERPRISES,))
INC., for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity to)
Engage in Regular-Route Operations)
-- Laurel, Md., to Washington, D.C.)

Case No. AP-82-10

By application filed July 23, 1982, Freeway Enterprises, Inc., a District of Columbia corporation, seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport passengers, in regular-route operations, from points in Laurel, Md., 1/ to points in the District of Columbia and return. The following two routes are proposed:

I

From the intersection of Sandy Springs Road and Van Dusen Road in Laurel, Md., then over Maryland Highway 198 to Maryland Highway 197, then over Maryland Highway 197 to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, then over the Baltimore-Washington Parkway to New York Avenue, N. E., then over New York Avenue, N. E., to North Capitol Street, then over North Capitol Street to Indiana Avenue, N. W., then over Indiana Avenue, N. W., to 3rd Street, N. W., then over 3rd Street to Independence Avenue, S. W., then over Independence Avenue, S. W., to 14th Street, S. W., then over 14th Street to Constitution Avenue, N. W., then over Constitution Avenue, N. W., to Virginia Avenue, N. W., then over Virginia Avenue, N. W., to 22nd Street, N. W., then over 22nd Street, N. W., to K Street, N. W., then over K Street, N. W., to 14th Street, N. W., and return over the same route, serving the Towne Shopping Center, Maryland Highway 197 and Contee Road, and the intersection of Maryland Highway 197 and Muirkirk Road as intermediate points and serving all intermediate points in the District of Columbia.

1/ Certain origin points such as the Town Shopping Center, Contee Road and Laurel-Bowie Road are actually outside the city limits of Laurel. The application shall be construed as including the non-Laurel points of origin.

II

From the intersection of U. S. Highway 1 and Marshall Avenue, then over U. S. Highway 1 to Rhode Island Avenue, N. E., then over Rhode Island Avenue, N. E., to M Street, N. W., then over M Street, N. W., to 21st Street, N. W., then over 21st Street, N. W., to K Street, N. W., then over K Street, N. W., to 14th Street, N. W., serving all intermediate points in the District of Columbia.

Departure time for service over Route I are 5:35, 6:05, 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. and 3:45, 4:15, 5:30 and 6:10 p.m. Service over Route II would depart Laurel at 6:50 a.m. and depart Washington, D. C. at 5:55 p.m. Each one-way ride would cost \$3 and 10-ride weekly booklets would be sold for \$27.

Freeway has been providing service similar to that described as Route I since May 3, 1982, under a grant of temporary authority. ^{2/} Applicant operates two buses and has a lease agreement with Melvin Miles, owner of H & M Bus Service, to lease up to three additional air-conditioned coaches as needed.

Freeway's balance sheet, dated June 30, 1982, shows current assets of \$1,852, total assets of \$48,107, current liabilities totaling \$15,918 and net owner's equity of (\$2,926). For the period of operations during May and June 1982, applicant earned revenues of \$10,834 and paid expenses of \$15,206. Some of the revenue deductions (such as tags, taxes and insurance) are prepaid expenses not solely allocable to the first two months of operations. For the 12-month period July 1982 through June 1983, Freeway projects revenues of \$181,100 and operating expenses of \$166,367 for an operating ratio of .9186 before interest and income taxes.

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, this matter will be scheduled for a public hearing. Freeway will be assessed a sum estimated to cover the expenses which Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact requires an applicant to bear.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the above-captioned case is hereby scheduled for public hearing to commence on Wednesday, August 25, 1982, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

^{2/} See Order Nos. 2330 and 2332, served April 9 and April 28, 1982.

2. That Freeway Enterprises, Inc., is hereby directed to publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of the application and hearing in Case No. AP-82-10, in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Monday, August 2, 1982.

3. That applicant post in each of its vehicles, continuously through the date of the public hearing, notice of this application and hearing, in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Monday, August 2, 1982.

4. That applicant produce at the public hearing affidavits of said publication and posting.

5. That any person desiring to protest the application in Case No. AP-82-10 shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall notify the Commission, in writing, not later than Monday, August 16, 1982, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of said protest or notice on applicant's vice president, Mr. Larry McGowens, 3322 Curtis Drive, #101, Hillcrest Heights, Md. 20746.

6. That Freeway Enterprises, Inc., is hereby assessed \$350 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 19(a) of the Compact and directed to deliver said sum to the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than 12 noon, Wednesday, August 18, 1982.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director