

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2585

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served July 26, 1984

Application of GEORGETOWN)
UNIVERSITY T/A GEORGETOWN)
UNIVERSITY TRANSPORTATION SOCIETY)
for Authority to Amend Certificate)
No. 56 — Change Route No. 5)

Case No. AP-84-28

This matter comes before us upon Motion to Waive Hearing and to Proceed Under Shortened Proceedings as provided under Rule 22 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. On June 5, 1984, Georgetown University trading as Georgetown University Transportation Society ("G.U.T.S." or "applicant") filed an application to amend Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 56 by changing Route 5, which traverses various streets in the District of Columbia between the university's main campus and its Law Center, so as to allow for the pick up and discharge of passengers at 25 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. By Order No. 2566, served June 13, 1984, and incorporated herein by reference, the matter was scheduled for public hearing to commence July 12, 1984. On July 3, 1984, following publication of notice and expiration of the period established for filing formal protests and requests to be heard regarding G.U.T.S.'s application, applicant filed the subject motion. No protests or requests for public hearing were filed, and applicant requests that we dispose of its application without formal hearing and based on the pleadings and the affidavit of Frank J. Massaro, director, traffic department, Georgetown University. The public hearing scheduled for July 12, 1984, was cancelled, and the motion and case have been referred to us for disposition. */

A review of the record indicates that applicant duly notified the public of its pending application by publishing a notice in the prescribed form in The Washington Post on June 15, 1984, and the City Paper on June 22, 1984, and by posting on June 14, 1984, an identical notice in each of the buses traveling on the affected route.

In consideration of the absence of protests as well as the fact that neither members of the traveling public at large nor other

*/ See Order No. 2575 served July 6, 1984.

carriers are likely to be affected by the addition of a single heretofore unserved point to the existing route of an existing carrier, we find disposition of the matter under Rule 22 to be appropriate. Therefore, we shall grant applicant's motion and we shall make a determination regarding G.U.T.S.'s application based on the extant record.

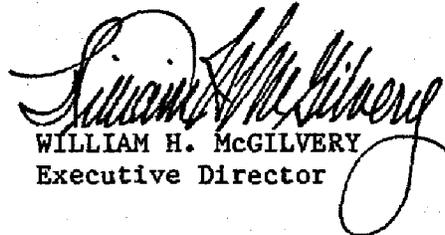
The proposed change in route is occasioned by a desire to provide a safer means of travel between property leased by Georgetown Law Center at 25 E Street, N.W., and other points on the existing route. According to the affidavit of Mr. Massaro, approximately 75 students live and work at the property in question. Recently, the incidence of violent crime has increased in the area surrounding the property. Georgetown University students have been among the victims of this increased crime.

Applicant has been found to be fit to operate the service it is currently providing. Herein, we find that the addition of a stop at 25 E Street, N.W., is required by the public convenience and necessity. Applicant's shuttle service currently operates in the vicinity of this address for the purpose of transporting members of the Georgetown University community between its campuses with certain intermediate stops. The proposed route revision will increase the safety of those using applicant's service while leaving the essence of that service unchanged. Based on these findings, an appropriately revised certificate shall be issued inasmuch as G.U.T.S. has on file evidence of appropriate insurance and vehicle identification.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the above-captioned application is hereby granted.
2. That an appropriately revised WMATC Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 56 shall issue simultaneously herewith.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONERS WORTHY, SCHIFTER AND SHANNON:


WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director