

BEFORE THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 336

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 26, 1963

Application of D. C. Transit)
System, Inc., for Permission)
to Release Property - Grace)
Street Shops.)

Application No. 260

D. C. Transit System, Inc., has filed an application to permanently abandon its Grace Street Shops, located in Northwest Washington, and more particularly described as Lots Nos. 59, 802, and 832 in Sq. 1200 and containing approximately 26,438 square feet.

This property was originally acquired in 1878 at a cost of \$11,294.39. It was placed in service as an electric power plant in 1895. The buildings on the property were originally constructed in 1878, and with subsequent additions and improvements had an historical cost as of December 31, 1962, in the total amount of \$152,703.15. As of December 31, 1962, this property had a net book value, after accrued depreciation, of \$36,369.58, including land.

Since 1910, subject property has been used only for maintenance and storage of company equipment and property; it is not being used now, and has in fact been used only occasionally and casually since June 30, 1963, at which date the nearby "M Street Shops" were abandoned (per WMATC Order No. 276 dated June 21, 1963).

The Commission's Engineering Staff investigated the present and future use of this property and has recommended that it has not since June 30, 1963, and will not in the future, be used or useful in the performance of mass transit. In order to determine whether there was a substantial possibility that the Transit Development Program being developed by the National Capital Transportation Agency would require the future use of this facility, that Agency was consulted and asked to render an advisory opinion. By letter dated December 18, 1963, the Administrator of that Agency advised this Commission that no substantial possibility exists that this property will be used in connection with the Transit Development Program, or any revision thereof, being prepared by the Agency.

The Commission finds that it is in the public interest to authorize the permanent abandonment of this property for transit use, and that the Company should be relieved of any obligation to hold the property for any possible future use as a transit facility.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That D. C. Transit System, Inc., be, and it is hereby, authorized to permanently abandon the facilities located on that property in Northwest Washington known as the Grace Street Shops as a transit facility, effective June 30, 1963.

2. That D. C. Transit System, Inc., be, and it is hereby, relieved from any future obligation to hold this property for any possible future use as a transit facility.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Delmer Ison", written in dark ink.

DELMER ISON
Executive Director