

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2186

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 21, 1981

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

Case No. AP-80-32

By application filed December 1, 1980, Georgetown University trading as Georgetown University Transportation Society (GUTS) seeks authority to amend Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 56 to change Route No. 5 traversing various streets in the District of Columbia between the main campus of the university and the law center campus. As now stated in GUTS' certificate, the route extends:

From Healy Circle, 37th and O Streets, N. W., over 37th Street to Prospect Street, then over Prospect Street to 34th Street, then over 34th Street to M Street, then over M Street to Pennsylvania Avenue, then over Pennsylvania Avenue to 21st Street, then over 21st Street to Constitution Avenue, then over Constitution Avenue to Louisiana Avenue, then over Louisiana Avenue to First Street, then over First Street to F Street, then over F Street to Second Street, then over Second Street to Georgetown University Law Center, then return over Second Street to G Street, then over G Street to New Jersey Avenue, then over New Jersey Avenue to Constitution Avenue, then over Constitution Avenue to Virginia Avenue, then over Virginia Avenue to 22nd Street, then over 22nd Street to M Street, then over M Street to 33rd Street, then over 33rd Street to Prospect Street, then over Prospect Street to 37th Street, then over 37th Street to Healy Circle, serving all intermediate points.

The proposed changes for Route No. 5 are as follows (the underlined language is to be added):

For trips at 8:10 A.M., 9:25 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:40 P.M., 2:50 P.M.

From Healy Circle, 37th and O Streets, N. W., over 37th Street to Prospect Street, then over Prospect Street to Main Campus (Yates Field House), then return over Prospect Street to 34th Street, then over 34th Street to M Street, then over M Street to Pennsylvania Avenue, then over Pennsylvania Avenue to 21st Street, then over 21st Street to Constitution Avenue, then over Constitution Avenue to Louisiana Avenue, then over Louisiana Avenue to First Street, then over First Street to F Street, then over F Street to Second Street, then over Second Street to Georgetown University Law Center, then return over Second Street to G Street, then over G Street to New Jersey Avenue, then over New Jersey Avenue to Constitution Avenue, then over Constitution Avenue to Virginia Avenue, then over Virginia Avenue to 22nd Street, then over 22nd Street to M Street, then over M Street to 33rd Street, then over 33rd Street to Prospect Street, then over Prospect Street to Main Campus (Yates Field House); then return over Prospect Street to 37th Street, then over 37th Street to Healy Circle, serving all intermediate points.

For trips at 5:05 P.M., 7:15 P.M., 10:00 P.M.

From Healy Circle, 37th and O Streets, N. W., over 37th Street to Prospect Street, then over Prospect Street to Main Campus (Yates Field House), then return over Prospect Street to 34th Street, then over 34th Street to M Street, then over M Street to Pennsylvania Avenue, then over Pennsylvania Avenue to 21st Street, then over 21st Street to Constitution Avenue, then over Constitution Avenue to Louisiana Avenue, then over Louisiana Avenue to First Street, then over First Street to F Street, then over F Street to Second Street, then over Second Street to Georgetown University Law Center, then return over Second Street to G Street, then over G Street to Massachusetts Avenue, then over Massachusetts Avenue to Columbus Circle to First Street, N. E., then over Constitution Avenue, N. W., then over Constitution Avenue to Virginia Avenue, then over Virginia Avenue to 22nd Street, then over 22nd Street to M Street, then over M Street to 33rd

Street, then over 33rd Street to Prospect Street, then over Prospect Street to Main Campus (Yates Field House), then return over Prospect Street to 37th Street, then over 37th Street to Healy Circle, serving all intermediate points.

The matter was scheduled for public hearing and applicant published notice of the application and hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District and in a newspaper of general circulation in the Georgetown University community, and posted notice of the application and hearing in each of its vehicles as directed by the Commission.

Inasmuch as no protests to the application were filed with the Commission, applicant requested that the public hearing be waived pursuant to Commission Rule 22, and that the application be determined on the basis of the existing record. By Order No. 2180, served January 7, 1981, the hearing was canceled.

In support of the application, GUTS states that the proposed route changes will help ensure the safety of University students by adding transportation service from the Law Center to the Union Station Metrorail stop, safeguarding those students from increased street thefts in the area. The proposed revision would constitute a minor increase in fuel and time. No one would be inconvenienced by the change. No change in GUTS' tariff is proposed.

Commission Regulation No. 59-02 requires a carrier to receive prior Commission approval before changing a passenger route. The regulation also specifies that a carrier shall concurrently apply for such new authority when the proposed route is not over streets described in its certificate, as is the case in this proceeding. Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact provides that an application for new authority may be granted upon a showing that the service is required or will be required by the public convenience and necessity and that the applicant is fit, willing, and able properly to perform said service and to comply with the provisions of the Compact and the Commission's regulatory requirements.

The Commission finds that the evidence of record warrants a grant of this application. There exists a public need for transportation service over the proposed new route, there will be no change in the fare structure, and GUTS is fit, financially and otherwise, to provide the modified service. A revised certificate will be issued.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the application of Georgetown University T/A Georgetown University Transportation Society to change Route No. 5 is hereby granted.

2. That applicant's motion to waive the public hearing and proceed on the evidence of record is hereby granted.

3. That pages 4 and 5 of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 56 are revised and reissued as attached hereto to effect the changes authorized by this order.

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


GREGORY PAUL BARTH
Acting Executive Director