

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2685

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served March 22, 1985

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

Case No. AP-85-06

This matter comes before us upon Motion to Waive Hearing and to Proceed Under Shortened Proceedings as provided by Rule 22 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. By application filed February 1, 1985, Georgetown University trading as Georgetown University Transportation Society ("G.U.T.S." or "applicant"), seeks to amend Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 56 by changing Route No. 5, which traverses various streets in the District of Columbia between Georgetown University's main campus and its Law Center. The proposed changes are the same for both the morning and evening runs over the route, and are as follows:

(a) Eastbound, in lieu of travelling on Louisiana Avenue from Constitution Avenue to North Capitol Street, G.U.T.S. seeks to travel from Constitution Avenue to 6th Street, then over 6th Street to G Street, then over G Street to 7th Street, then over 7th Street to H Street, then over H Street to Massachusetts Avenue, and then over Massachusetts Avenue to North Capitol Street; and

(b) Westbound, in lieu of travelling exclusively on Constitution Avenue from New Jersey Avenue to Virginia Avenue, G.U.T.S. seeks to travel over Constitution Avenue to Pennsylvania Avenue, then over Pennsylvania Avenue to 6th Street, then over 6th Street to G Street, then over G Street to 7th Street, then over 7th Street to Constitution Avenue, and then over Constitution Avenue to Virginia Avenue.

A public hearing on the application was set for March 14, 1985, by Order No. 2664, served February 11, 1985, and incorporated herein by reference. Following publication of notice and expiration of the time for filing protests, applicant waived public hearing and moved for disposition of the application by way of shortened proceedings pursuant to Rule 22, as indicated above. There being no protests against the application, the public hearing was cancelled and the motion and

underlying application were referred to us for disposition by Order No. 2680, served March 8, 1985. */

A review of the record shows that notice of this application was duly published in the form and manner prescribed. As indicated above, no protests have been filed. The purpose of the application is to add one extra stop to G.U.T.S.'s existing route for the benefit of Georgetown University's students and employees. Thus, the issues presented for decision are narrow and well-defined, the potential impact of a grant upon existing carriers is slight, and the risk of reaching an erroneous decision absent a trial-type hearing is remote. Accordingly, in these circumstances, G.U.T.S.'s motion for shortened proceedings is granted, and we now decide the application based on the present record.

Georgetown University Law Center leases office space at 605 G Street, N.W., a location not presently served by the G.U.T.S. route involved in this application. Twenty full-time members of the faculty and staff and 50 to 60 students use the offices at any one time. These people currently must walk from the G Street offices to the Law Center building on New Jersey Avenue, a journey of several blocks. A grant of this application would provide the faculty, staff, and students using the G Street offices a more convenient means of travelling to and from the Law Center building.

G.U.T.S. has been found fit to operate the service it is currently providing. The addition of an extra stop to the route involved here will have no adverse effect on its ability to continue providing service. We find applicant willing and able to comply with the requirements of the Compact and our rules and regulations thereunder.


We find that the proposed amendment of G.U.T.S. Route No. 5 in the manner hereinbefore described is required by the public convenience and necessity. The public interest is promoted by institution of transportation service to a hitherto unserved point. The record in this case shows no adverse impact upon other carriers resulting from institution of the proposed service. We further find applicant to be fit, willing, and able to provide the proposed service and to comply with the Compact and our rules and regulations thereunder.

*/ The hearing calendar is managed by the Commission's staff, pursuant to authority delegated by us. The staff's decision to cancel the public hearing in this matter does not constitute a grant of the applicant's motion to waive hearing. It is, instead, a purely ministerial act done as a matter of administrative convenience. Were we to deny applicant's motion for shortened proceedings, a public hearing would be re-scheduled.

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

