

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

ORDER NO. 2991

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 1, 1987

Application of ON-TIME AMERICAN)
TRANSPORT, INC., for a Certificate)
of Public Convenience and Necessity)
to Conduct Charter and Special)
Operations)

Case No. AP-87-06

By application filed March 20, 1987, On-Time American Transport, Inc. ("On-Time" or "applicant"), seeks authority to transport passengers, together with mail, express, and baggage in the same vehicle as passengers, in charter operations between points in the Metropolitan District within a 30-mile radius of the U.S. Capitol; and in special operations (sightseeing tours) from points in the Metropolitan District to Mount Vernon, Va., (Old Town) Alexandria, Va., and Arlington National Cemetery, Va., and the District of Columbia, and return. 1/

Applicant proposes to conduct its operations in a 1986 15-passenger van and a 1983 eight-passenger van. 2/ Both vehicles are equipped with a tape deck to be used for playing taped commentary during sightseeing tours. The vans are owned individually by stockholders of the corporation and will be leased to On-Time if this application is granted.

Applicant plans to offer five tours. Its four-hour "Van and Foot Tour" includes visits to the interior of the Air and Space Museum and the Capitol or the White House (depending on the availability of the White House) plus a riding tour of the Washington Monument, the Supreme Court, the Library of Congress, the "Pennsylvania Avenue Corridor," the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, the Jefferson Memorial, the Tidal Basin, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. On-Time's "Observation Tour" is also four hours.

1/ To the extent that this application could be interpreted to include transportation between points solely in Virginia, it is hereby dismissed pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b) for want of jurisdiction.

2/ The eight-passenger van is in the process of being modified to seat 10 passengers plus a driver.

The tour visits the same sites as the Van and Foot Tour plus the Kennedy Center, the Watergate Complex, Georgetown, and the National Cathedral. No stops are made. The proposed rate for each of these tours is \$30 per person.

Applicant's third tour is a five-hour tour which includes sites visited in the Van and Foot Tour plus a stop at Arlington National Cemetery. On-Time proposes a charge of \$36 per person for this tour.

Applicant's fourth tour is its "Six-hour Mount Vernon and Arlington Cemetery tour," which makes stops at Mount Vernon, Arlington National Cemetery, (Old Town) Alexandria, and a lunch stop. The fifth tour lasts ten hours and includes the sites in the Mount Vernon and Arlington National Cemetery Tour, an unspecified portion of the Van and Foot Tour, and observations of Embassy Row, the Naval Observatory, the Kennedy Center, the Watergate Complex, Georgetown, the Washington National Cathedral, and the Iwo Jima Memorial. Applicant plans to charge \$42 per person for the fourth tour and \$60 per person for the fifth tour. All five tours would be available at discounted fares for pre-formed groups. Where tours include lunch stops, the price of the meal is not included in the fare.

On-Time plans to charge \$28 an hour with a four-hour minimum for its proposed charter operations. Transfer rates for charter trips would also be available at rates between \$30 and \$75, depending on points of origin and destination and distance traveled. Charter rates for applicant's sightseeing tours range in price from \$120 to \$250.

On-Time submitted a balance sheet as of March 18, 1987, indicating current and other assets of \$7,826.73 and capital stock of \$7,826.73. No liabilities were listed. A projected operating statement for the first 12 months of operations estimates total operating income at \$82,944 with operating expenses for the same period projected at \$66,740. Net income after allowance for depreciation and taxes is projected at \$8,605.46.

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, this application will be scheduled for public hearing to determine if the applicant is fit, willing, and able properly to perform the proposed service and to abide by pertinent regulatory requirements, and to determine if the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-87-06 is hereby scheduled to commence Tuesday, May 12, 1987, at 9:30 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Room 314, Washington, D.C. 20006.

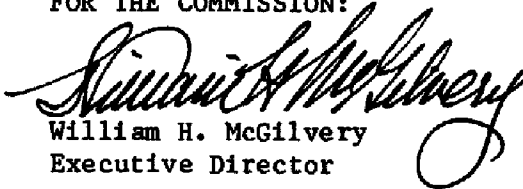
2. That applicant shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application and the hearing thereon, in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Tuesday, April 14, 1987, and present at the hearing an affidavit of said publication.

3. That applicant shall file with the Commission no later than Friday, April 24, 1987, a list of its officers and shareholders.

4. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14, or any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than Friday, May 1, 1987, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicant's counsel, Peg Shaw, Esq., 2147 O Street, N.W., #306, Washington, D.C. 20037.

5. That applicant is hereby assessed \$600 pursuant to Title II Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact, and is directed to deliver said amount to the office of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., #316, Washington, D.C. 20006, no later than Friday, April 24, 1987.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director