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Agenda

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM TAXICAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

March 14, 2018

10:00 a.m.

James R. Mills Building
Board Meeting Room, 10th Floor
1255 Imperial Avenue, San Diego, 92101

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ACTION RECOMMENDED

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Minutes – December 14, 2017

Approve

3. Non-Agenda Public Comment

The public may address the Committee regarding a matter not on the agenda. Each speaker has three minutes to speak. Give a completed *Request to Speak* form from the Clerk of the Committee

4. Management and Committee Member Communications

Informational

Kenneth Nelson, Taxicab Administration Manager, (verbal report)

- a) Ad hoc committee on vehicle insurance coverage and rates of fare, findings and final recommendations.
- b) Taxicab and other for-hire vehicle permit update, void and surrendered permits (attached)
- c) 2018 Fee Schedule, reduced fees (attached)
- d) 90-Day Voluntary Surrender deadline extension for May 10, 2018
- e) San Diego Free Ride Everywhere Downtown (FRED) operation subject to Ordinance No. 11 regulations
- f) MTS Driver Training Program update

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- g) Possible interim member appointment to Taxicab Advisory Committee guidelines (attached)

5. Next Meeting: June 13, 2018

6. Adjournment

San Diego Metropolitan Transit System
Taxicab Advisory Committee Meeting

December 6, 2017

10:00 a.m.

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Lori Zapf, Chair of the Committee, called the Taxicab Advisory Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Taxicab Advisory Committee member attendance is attached.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – September 20, 2017

Mr. Majid moved for approval of the minutes of the September 20, 2017, Taxicab Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Hueso seconded the motion, and the vote was 11 to 0 in favor with Mr. Chasteen, Ms. Mercer, Mr. Seifu, Mr. Terzi and Mr. Weldegiorgis absent.

3. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Mr. Hamidi made a non-agenda public comment regarding FRED (Free Ride Everywhere Downtown). He stated that Civic San Diego approved \$5.7 million to double the number of FRED's in San Diego. He said that this is unfair to the Taxi industry and is further subsidy to take away from the existing Taxi industry already struggling with Uber. Mr. Hamidi requested that MTS take up regulation of FRED as stated in Section 7.0 of Ordinance 11. He questioned FRED's Minnesota license, dealer plates, and insurance coverage. He stated that if MTS were to regulate FRED then they would be able to oversee insurance coverage. He said that their application solicits tips which are a form of compensation under 1.1.F of Ordinance 11. Mr. Hamidi said that MTS should be regulating FRED as they are not a "free" service. He feels that funds could be better used for other downtown items such as feeding homeless and fixing roads.

4. Management and Committee Member Communications

Chairperson Zapf introduced Mr. Ken Nelson as the new Taxicab Administration Manager. Mr. Nelson acknowledged Mr. Fewell for information and support thus far.

Mr. Nelson presented a verbal report on Ordinance 11 items for review:

A. Taxicab Administration Committee requested Ordinance 11 to be reviewed and amended to better address taxi industry issues. All Ordinance items were reviewed and included several suggested amendments.

B. Change to 2018 Fee Schedule: majority of one time fees were reduced by half the cost based on staffing requirements and costs. The regulatory fee was previously agreed last year to be reduced one time to \$300.00 and to go back up to \$600.00 for 2018. The attachment of the MTS Taxicab Administration 2018 proposed fee schedule is included in the final meeting packet.

C. For hire vehicle insurance review: current insurance requirements are very expensive for drivers. MTS is currently discussing the potential of reducing coverage from \$1 million to \$750,000, which could take some time for approval.

D. Vehicle inspection results: a total of 1,221 vehicles were inspected in 2017. The attachment of the 2017 vehicle inspection results are included in the final meeting packet.

E. Driver Training Course: driver training course was taken over in-house due to the retirement of the prior instructor and closure of business. MTS course will need to be attended by everyone regulated by MTS, not just taxi drivers. Classes are anticipated to start by January of 2018 and MTS will hold as many classes as possible to allow driver attendance without impact to license renewal. The class should take approximately 2-3 hours.

Public Comment

Mr. Kwiatkowski, President and CEO Transportation Alliance Group, stated his support of revisions to Ordinance 11. He stated that it will allow taxi industry more flexibility with rates of fare, communication requirements, and markings. He stated he would like to see insurance requirement below \$750,000, and fleet insurance vs individual coverage. Mr. Kwiatkowski discussed the fact that Uber training is 5 minutes in comparison to MTS training which is very lengthy and would like to see equity with required training.

Mr. Hamidi welcomed Mr. Nelson and thanked Mr. Fewell for work thus far. Mr. Hamidi requested clarity on what a taxi will look like going forward. Mr. Hamidi shared general questions regarding colors and markings and would like MTS to provide drawings or illustrations to help make clearer. Mr. Hamidi also noted on issue of insurance coverage that MTS had prior \$300,000 insurance coverage and MTS voted to increase to \$1 million despite John Scott's recommendation of \$750,000. He said there have been few, if any, \$1 million dollar accidents. Mr. Hamidi expressed looking forward to working with Mr. Nelson and continuing work Mr. Fewell has started.

Mr. Majid stated that changes were discussed at the Workshop on Regulatory Matters (WORM) committee but language and updates were not reflected on record, such as page 32 related to credit card processing. Mr. Nelson confirmed changes were made but appears incorrect packet was mailed out. It was confirmed that board version does reflect changes and updated version will be distributed to members.

Mr. Palmieri commends WORM, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Fewell for looking out for the industry with issues such as insurance, regulatory fees and other expenses. Mr. Palmieri stated these changes may help with retaining drivers and would like to see continued support of drivers and industry with MTS funding. He said that additional costs were incurred with implementing the soft meter but feels changes are moving in the right direction. Mr. Palmeri

thanked all committee members and those who provided input for the largest accomplishments seen in last 10 years.

Mr. Afifi stated that the City has large buses taking people to Convention Centers and reducing fares for taxis and asked if MTS can do something. Chairperson Zapf explained that this is done as large numbers of people are transported at one time and this is paid for and prearranged with conventions which are not regulated by MTS. She suggested meeting with the San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau (ConVis).

Ms. Tanguay shared that cabs are sometimes banned from certain convention and meeting transportation. In some instances security has been called on drivers, and feels the situation is not clear and would like someone to look into it.

Chairperson Zapf responded that a representative from the tourism authority is on TAC and they may be able to share further information on the matter.

Mr. Afifi would like to know the contingency plan for those who surrendered their medallions and want to come back to service without high expenses or difficulty. Mr. Afifi stated that by next year Uber or Lyft will be gone and wanted to know how MTS plans to address the matter. Mr. Nelson responded that that matter will be addressed if, or when, the issue arises.

Ms. Tanguay commented logos have "radio service" but thought intent was to reduce cost and will be difficult to have savings if this needs to be changed. Mr. Nelson clarified the Ordinance 11 language for Ms. Tanguay. Ms. Tanguay said that she agrees with member Afifi on streamlining those drivers who have surrendered medallions. She feels there is a shortage of taxi stands and parking, particularly downtown, due to lack of enforcement and emphasized what a vital part of the taxi industry taxi stands are.

Mr. Hueso additionally thanked members and shared thoughts on potential and opportunity in transportation industry and the part this committee plays in addressing this.

Chairperson Zapf commented on continued changes in industry, particularly with millennials and the need to tap into this generation in regards to different transportation methods, such as driverless cars, and their attitudes towards ride sharing and public transportation.

Mr. Mayekawa spoke of upcoming changes being addressed such as signage, the way cabs are called and other items. He stated that although there is nothing formal yet, he will share information as it is available.

Mr. Afifi, in agreement with Ms. Tanguay, shared experience of difficulties at convention center.

5. Downtown Community Parking District Request to Remove Taxicab Stand at 410 Sixth Avenue Presentation by Downtown Parking Management Group (DPMG).

Mr. Verdugo, Project Manager at Civic San Diego and Administrator of Downtown Parking Management Group (DPMG), along with Michael Donahue, GM of Pendry Hotel, who initiated the request for removal of stands, provided a presentation related to the relocation and removal of taxi stands. Tanner French, Senior Traffic Engineer with Economic Development attended the TAC meeting and provided details on the relocation of 410 Sixth

Avenue taxi stand. Mr. Verdugo provided background of DPMG and explained that this group reviews parking matters, provides input and makes recommendations of findings. He stated that the City of San Diego then implements changes within 60 days. Mr. Verdugo clarified that the requested action was for the relocation of existing taxi zone on Six Avenue and not removal.

Public Comment

Ms. Tanguay made comments about the importance of taxi stands.

Mr. Erigo made comments regarding taxi driver concern of safety of the area due to homeless. Mr. Erigo stated that he feels more taxi stands were given to yellow cab. Mr. Erigo also stated that he feels taxi industry is shrinking due to lack of opportunity and incentive. He said that more taxi stands are needed rather than removing existing stands and that the safety issue with homeless impacts willingness to take taxi's in many areas such as convention center and downtown. Mr. Erigo feels resources are being incorrectly allocated to developing ride shares rather than focusing on existing issues such as homeless and safety of the city.

Mr. Afifi shared concerns about cross traffic being issued at stands when picking up fares in front of hotels.

Ms. Tanguay talked about her history of driving cabs in downtown San Diego and her personal experiences with cab stands, safety and driving concerns for cabs. Ms. Tanguay stated she appreciates the compromise made, but two taxi stands are still missing and would like to see those replaced.

Mr. Hueso stated that taxi stands are for necessity and convenience of the consumer and new stands need to be developed and become established. Mr. Hueso questioned the impact to passengers that use the current stand that is being proposed to be moved. Mr. Hueso had additional comments on usefulness of stands and that he would like to see more driver input and opinions shared before enacting changes.

Mr. Nelson shared that both he and Mr. Fewell did receive input from drivers regarding usage, revenue generated and other impacts to driver business. Based on this information the proposal was made to relocate stand.

Mr. Hueso stated that LSV signage at stands should be reviewed to create more space for taxis particularly on Sixth Avenue due to the number of hotels in this location. Mr. Hueso shared his concerns about the removal of stands and public visibility of taxis.

Mr. Afifi stated that the stand should be maintained due to many stands already being lost.

Chairperson Zapf closed the meeting by thanking the participants and stating her enjoyment as serving as an advocate and Chairperson of the Taxicab Administration Committee.

Action Taken

No action taken. Informational item only.

6. Next Meeting – June 13, 2018.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Accepted:

Filed by:

Lorie Zapf
Chair of Taxicab Advisory Committee

Jamila L. Larkins, Clerk of the Committee
MTS Taxicab Administration

Attachment: Roll Call Sheet
Non-Agenda Public Comment Handout: Kamran Hamidi Re: Free Ride San
Diego
"FRED"

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
TAXICAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) MEETING
ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE): December 6, 2017

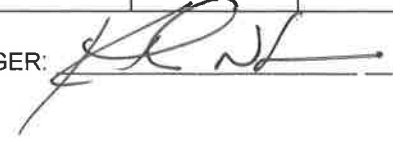
CALL TO ORDER (TIME): 10:00 a.m. ADJOURN: 11:10 a.m.

COMMITTEE MEMBER (Alternate)	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
Lorie Zapf (Chair) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MTS Board of Directors/SD City Council	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
George Abraham <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Taxicab Owner/Eritrean Cab Co.	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Tarek Afifi <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Taxicab Lease Driver	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Alfred Banks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Taxicab Lease Driver	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Marc Nichols <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Anderson <input type="checkbox"/>	San Diego County Regional Airport Authority	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Ryan Chasteen <input type="checkbox"/>	Hotel Industry		
Tony Hueso <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alfredo Hueso <input type="checkbox"/>	Taxicab Owner/USA Cab, LTD	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Akbar Majid <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Taxicab Owner/SDYC Holdings, LLC	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Daryl Mayekawa <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Josh Layne <input type="checkbox"/>	San Diego Convention Center	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Iamara Mercer <input type="checkbox"/>	Hotel Industry		
Tony Palmeri <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michel Anderson <input type="checkbox"/>	San Diego Travelers Aid Society	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Able Seifu <input type="checkbox"/>	Taxicab Lease Driver		
Margo Tanguay <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Taxicab Lease Driver	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
David Tasem <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Taxicab Lease Driver	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Nasser Tehrani <input type="checkbox"/> Houshang Nahavandian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Taxicab Owner/N.A.T. Cab Co.	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Joe Terzi <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Hilemon <input type="checkbox"/>	San Diego Tourism Authority		
Medhanie Weldegiorgis <input type="checkbox"/>	Taxicab Owner/"A" Transportation, LLC		
Marco Mares <input type="checkbox"/> non-voting	San Diego County Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures		
Edna Rains <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-voting	San Diego County Sheriff's Department Licensing Division	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Paul Jablonski <input type="checkbox"/> non-voting	MTS Chief Executive Officer		
Sharon Cooney <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-voting	MTS Chief of Staff	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Kenneth Nelson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-voting	MTS Taxicab Administration Manager	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Samantha Leslie <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-voting	MTS Staff Attorney/Regulatory Compliance	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.
Leonardo Fewell <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-voting	MTS Taxicab Regulatory Supervisor	10:00 a.m.	11:10 a.m.

CLERK OF THE TAC:



TAXICAB ADMINISTRATION MANAGER:



**FREE RIDES EVERYWHERE
DOWNTOWN**

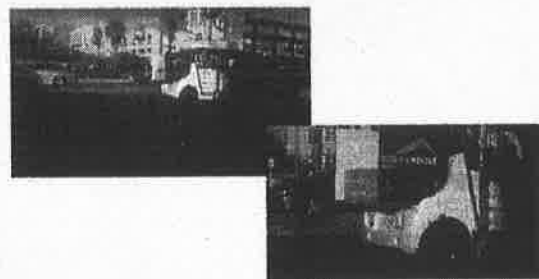
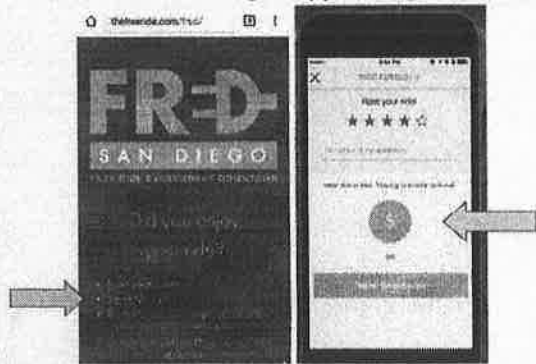
**\$5,700,000 CIVIC SD LOAN
TO PRIVATE COMPANY
TO DOUBLE FRED FLEET
APPROVED NOVEMBER 15, 2017**

**MTS PLEASE
REGULATE FRED LSV's
UNDER SECTION 7.0
OF MTS ORD. NO. 11**

"MINNESOTA" "DEALER" PLATES



**"Tip your driver" -
MTS Ord. No. 11 § 1.1(f) "Compensation"**



**MTS PLEASE
REGULATE FRED LSV's
UNDER SECTION 7.0 OF MTS ORD. NO. 11
("There's No Free Lunch")**



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Agenda Item No. 4

MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM TAXICAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 14, 2018

SUBJECT:

MANAGEMENT AND COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS

INFORMATIONAL ONLY:

Budget Impact

DISCUSSION:

Management and Committee Member Communications will include:

Kenneth E. Nelson, (verbal report)

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- g) Possible interim member appointment to Taxicab Advisory Committee, guidelines (attached)


Kenneth Nelson
Taxicab Administration Manager

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Attachments: B. Taxicab and Other For-Hire Vehicle Permit Update Memo
C. 2018 Administrative Fee Schedule
G. Taxicab Advisory Committee Guidelines



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Memorandum

DATE: March 9, 2018
TO: MTS Taxicab Advisory Committee
FROM: Kenneth E. Nelson, Taxicab Administration Manager
SUBJECT: Taxicab and other for-hire vehicle permit update, void and surrendered permits

MTS Taxicab Administration staff has compiled the following information at the request of the City of San Diego:

- Number of taxicab permits prior to the permit cap being lifted by the City of San Diego, (original permits): **993**
- Number of new taxicab permits (4000 series) issued after permit cap was lifted: **273**
- Number of taxicab permits currently under 90 day voluntary surrender, (not being operated, at risk of being voided): **117**
- Number of Nonemergency Medical vehicle permits currently under 90 day voluntary surrender, (not being operated, at risk of being voided): **6**
- Number of Charter vehicle permits currently under 90 day voluntary surrender, (not being operated, at risk of being voided): **4**
- Total number of MTS vehicle permits currently under 90 day voluntary surrender, (not being operated, at risk of being voided): **127**
- Total City of San Diego taxicab permits in good standing as of Friday, March 9, 2018: **1011**

As **117** taxicab permits remain under 90 voluntary surrender, a total of **894** taxicabs are effectively operational.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at 619.595.7034 Kenneth.Nelson@sdmts.com



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MTS TAXICAB ADMINISTRATION

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2018 FEE SCHEDULE**TAXICAB AND OTHER FOR-HIRE VEHICLES AND DRIVERS****FEE AMOUNTS**

1. **Annual Regulatory Fee per Vehicle** \$ 600
If not paid by 12:00 noon, Thursday, May 10, 2018, the permit(s) is not renewed.
2. **Permit Application**
 - 2.1 Permit application, all except one-year transferable taxicab \$ 1,500
 - 2.1.1 Plus each permit in excess of one \$ 200
 - 2.1.2 Plus additional charge if applicant is a corporation \$ 300
 - 2.1.3 Initial permit issuance per vehicle regulatory fee (in lieu of Item No. 1)
 - 2.1.4 If proprietor or executive officer has less than two years as MTS/city permit holder 100% of Item No. 1 prorated
 - 2.1.5 If more than two years' experience 100% of Item No. 1 prorated
 - 2.2 Permit application, one-year transferable taxicab \$ 875
 - 2.2.1 Plus each permit in excess of one \$ 200
 - 2.2.2 Plus additional charge if applicant is a corporation \$ 200
 - 2.2.3 Initial permit issuance per vehicle regulatory fee (in lieu of Item No. 1): See below
 - 2.2.4 If proprietor or executive officer has less than two years as MTS/city permit holder 100% of Item No. 1 prorated
 - 2.2.5 If more than two years' experience 100% of Item No. 1 prorated
3. **Driver Training Class** Class/Test Fee \$30



2018 FEE SCHEDULE**Taxicab and Other For-Hire Vehicles and Drivers****4. Operational Requests**

4.1	Transfer clearance	
4.1.1	Transfer clearance (one-year transferable taxicab permit)	\$ 200
4.1.2	Transfer clearance (five-year transferable taxicab permit)	\$ 250
4.2	Jitney route change or additional route request	\$ 250
4.3	Taxicab stand request or jitney zone, if installed	\$ 250
4.4	Fictitious name change	\$ 100
	Plus per-vehicle fee	\$ 10
4.5	Color scheme and radio service change	\$ 100
	Plus per-vehicle fee	\$ 10
4.6	Rate of fare filing per company	\$ 100
	Plus per-vehicle fee	\$ 10
4.7	Replacement vehicle (more than one per permit per year)	\$ 50
4.8	Add corporation officer (each)	\$ 100
4.9	Addition, deletion, or change of stockholder (each)	\$ 250

5. Vehicle Inspection

5.1	As a result of failing scheduled inspection	\$ 100
5.2	Reschedule inspection appointment with less than 24-hour notice	\$ 50
5.3	No-show for inspection appointment	\$ 100
5.4	Supplemental scheduled inspection (Out of Service)	\$ 100
5.5	Re-inspection pursuant to a 72-hour notice	\$ 50
5.6	MTS Regulated Vehicle Reflective Decals	\$ 10

6. Radio Services

6.1	Initial review of new radio service organization	\$ 150
6.2	Name change	\$ 50

2018 FEE SCHEDULE
Taxicab and Other For-Hire Vehicles and Drivers

7. Medallion and Permit Reassignment (same permit holder)

- 7.1 Reassigning a permit from one existing vehicle to a different existing vehicle in the same company (doing business as {DBA}), or to a different existing company of the same permit holder. \$ 50

This does not apply to the replacement of an existing vehicle; i.e. when all permits are reassigned from an existing vehicle to a new vehicle. Replacement vehicle fees remain as stated in Item No. 4.7.

- 7.2 Permit transfer request from one person to a different person: same as fee schedule Item No. 4.1. \$ 200

In addition, transferee pays fee schedule Item No. 2 (application fee) and Item No. 1 (initial regulatory fee) based on number of vehicles.

PAYMENT


- The 2018 annual vehicle fee is due for each permit held as of January 1, 2018, irrespective of whether the permit is later transferred, abandoned, or revoked. The permit is considered not renewed if the fee is not paid by 12:00 noon on May 10, 2018.
- For permits issued after January 1, 2018, the initial regulatory fee is payable in full when the permit is issued.
- Other fees are due when the request is made.

BASIS FOR FEES

- These fees have been calculated to recover MTS's expenses for the administration and enforcement of taxicab and for-hire vehicle permit requirements and the processing of permit applications.

REFERENCES

- California Public Utilities Commission Section 120266
- MTS Ordinance No. 11, Sections 1.3(b), 1.4(b), 1.5(d), and 1.12(k)
- MTS Policy No. 34, Section 6


 Paul C. Jablonski
 2018 FEE SCHED

1/3/2018
 Date



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METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM TAXICAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE GUIDELINES

1 PURPOSE

The Taxicab Advisory Committee's purpose is to:

- 1.1 Provide feedback on taxicab matters destined for Board action;
- 1.2 Review summaries of administrative hearing officer decisions concerning taxicab owner and driver penalties;
- 1.3 Discuss taxicab owners'/drivers' written grievances;
- 1.4 Review summaries of complaints concerning taxicab service;
- 1.5 Review vehicle inspection criteria, process, results, and rankings;
- 1.6 Review the Chief Executive Officer's Annual Fee Schedule; and
- 1.7 Comment on MTS's work program concerning taxicab matters.

2 MEMBERSHIP

Seventeen voting members are appointed as follows:

- 2.1 One representative of the MTS Board of Directors appointed on an annual basis, who will be designated by the MTS Board of Directors to serve as Chairman of the Taxicab Advisory Committee.
- 2.2 One member appointed by the San Diego Tourism Authority, the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority, San Diego Convention Center, San Diego Travelers Aid Society, and two members from the Hotel Industry, each serving a three-year term.
- 2.3 Five taxicab owners with at least three years' experience and in good standing, each serving a three-year term, elected by taxicab owners, divided as follows:
 - a. Two seats are designated for representation of owners of one to three taxicabs; and,
 - b. Three seats are designated for representation of owners of four or more taxicabs.



- 2.4 Five taxicab lease drivers in possession of a San Diego Sheriff's Department-issued Taxicab Driver Identification Card valid in the MTS areas of jurisdiction, being in good standing with the Sheriff's Licensing Division, and currently serving as a driver for at least three years leading up to the election. The election shall comply with the following guidelines:
- a. Lease driver representatives shall be elected by licensed drivers operating in MTS areas of jurisdiction.
 - b. Lease driver representative elections shall take place every three years at the same time as the owner representative elections.
 - c. Both owners and lease driver representatives shall meet the eligibility requirements at all times while serving on the Taxicab Advisory Committee.
- 2.5 A taxicab owner member unable to attend a meeting may appoint an alternate from the same or similarly sized company to attend in his or her absence.
- 2.6 A taxicab driver unable to attend a meeting may appoint a driver with a similar experience level (within 2 years), not less than three years, to attend in his, or her, absence.
- 2.7 The Taxicab Advisory Committee shall make an interim appointment if a member's seat becomes vacant within the three-year term.
- 2.8 The Vice Chairman will be the representative for the San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau.
- 2.9 One non-voting member will be appointed by the County of San Diego's Department Agriculture, Weights and Measures.
- 2.10 One non-voting member will be appointed by the County of San Diego Sheriff's Department.

3 MEETINGS

- 3.1 Taxicab Advisory Committee meetings are subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act, California Government Code, Section 54950, et. seq.
- 3.2 Taxicab Advisory Committee meetings will be held quarterly at the offices of MTS.
- 3.3 The agenda for each meeting will be posted in the MTS lobby.
- 3.4 The agenda, backup materials, and minutes of the previous meeting will be sent to each member ten calendar days in advance of the meetings.
- 3.5 The Chairman may call special meetings, as necessary.

- 3.6 Fifty-one percent attendance is a quorum to hold a meeting.

4 VOTING

- 4.1 Each member of the Taxicab Advisory Committee has an equal vote.
- 4.2 Fifty-one percent of the votes of those in attendance will approve an item.
- 4.3 A roster of the Taxicab Advisory Committee members who voted will be provided to the MTS Board of Directors, along with the item, for MTS Board action on an agenda item.

5 APPROVAL

- 5.1 These Guidelines were revised by the MTS Board of Directors on January 14, 2016.
- 5.2 The MTS CEO shall have the authority to implement additional procedures to carry out elections and maintain regular and orderly meetings of the Taxicab Advisory Committee.