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Agenda

Taxicab Advisory Committee Meeting

TAXI 585.3

March 02, 2016

10:00 a.m.

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

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 17, 2015
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 to the Clerk of the Committee.

4. Management and Committee Member Communications
 - a) Introduction of Council Member Lorie Zapf as TAC Chair and Marcos Mares of San Diego County Weights & Measures as new committee member
 - b) 2015 Vehicle Inspection Results
 - c) New customer service application in taxicabs
 - d) City Taxicab Stands - new taxi stands to be installed at CBX Terminal in Otay Mesa



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5. Taxicab Advisory Committee Member Permit Holder Nomination and Election Process

Action would be to review and approve the proposed permit holder election process and appoint a subcommittee to validate the election results.

6. Taxicab Advisory Committee Member Lease Driver Representative Member Nomination and Election Process

Action would be to review and approve the proposed lease driver representative election process and appoint a subcommittee to validate the election results.

7. Next Meeting – Wednesday June 15, 2016

8. Adjournment

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San Diego Metropolitan Transit System
Taxicab Advisory Committee Meeting

TAXI 585.3

December 17, 2015

10:00 a.m.

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

DRAFT MINUTES

NOTE: Due to technical problems with the recording, the following minutes for the Taxicab Advisory Committee meeting have been composed using MTS Taxicab Administration staff notes taken during the meeting. If any important items have been omitted and should be included in the minutes, please contact MTS staff at 619.595.3086 prior to the next meeting.

1. Roll Call

Councilmember Cole, Chair of the Committee, called the Taxicab Advisory Committee meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Taxicab Advisory Committee member attendance is attached.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes – July 2, 2015

Mr. Hamidi moved for approval of the minutes of the July 2, 2015, Taxicab Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Nahavdian seconded the motion, and the vote was 10 to 0 in favor with Messrs. Haratian, Mayekawa and Staples absent, and Councilmember Cole abstaining.

3. Non-Agenda Public Comment

Margot Tanguay – Comments.

4. Management and Committee Member Communications

Mr. Hueso stated that he wants a better way for items to be added to the agenda before the agenda is final. Bill Kellerman, MTS Taxicab Administration Manager, replied that they can do that and will distribute the agenda earlier before it is finalized for suggestions. Mr. Hueso also requested that more meetings be held each year. Mr. Kellerman said that they would look into adding more meetings per year.

Mr. Palmeri stated that MTS is not working with the taxi industry during these hard times. He said that people can't afford to stay in business and have been pulling their cars out of service for a couple of months so they don't have to pay for maintenance and insurance costs.

Mr. Abraham commented that the San Diego City Council and MTS need to help the taxicab industry. He stated that the drivers are not making any money.

Councilmember Cole commented that she is going to meet with Councilmember Emerald to discuss the general taxicab industry concerns and safety issues. She noted that potentially the concerns could go to a City Council Committee or a City Council meeting to move forward on these issues.

Update – New City of San Diego Permits

Mr. Kellerman discussed new permits and reported the following numbers:

612 – Applications received or processed
1,300 – General interest requests
236 – Completed applications
128 – Approved permit holders as of today (December 17, 2015)

Sharon Cooney, MTS Chief of Staff, commented that a taxicab report will be provided to the MTS Board of Directors at its January 14, 2016 meeting. She noted that a pilot program will be done by giving group orientations instead of individual orientations.

Mr. Hamidi commented that it is important to have additional taxi stands. Mr. Kellerman commented that a list of areas for recommended taxi stands was provided to Councilmember Emerald's office and staff is awaiting a response.

5. MTS Taxicab Administration Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

Lucas Kromer, MTS Financial Analyst, provided a presentation on the FY 2016 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment.

Action Taken

Mr. Nahavandian moved to receive the FY 2016 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment. Mr. Hueso seconded the motion, and the vote was 9 to 0 in favor with Messrs. Boenitz, Haratian, Mayekawa and Staples absent, and Councilmember Cole abstaining.

Comments

Mr. Palmeri asked how much revenue came in from the 128 new permits. He stated that the numbers reported by Mr. Kellerman didn't seem to match the information from the financial report. Mr. Kromer replied that the financial data reflected the fiscal year first quarter. Mr. Kellerman replied that the permit numbers reflected year to date activity.

Mr. Lemma asked how MTS is calculating the application fee of \$4,250. Mr. Kellerman replied that annual fees have always been determined by the operating budget and a nominal reserve. The Taxicab Administration is required to operate on cost recovery. Mr. Kellerman reminded the committee that the increase in revenue, due to application fees, is a one-time influx of revenue that will not be repeated. He also explained that expenditures may increase due to staffing increases and facility needs, therefore it would not be prudent to lower fees midstream in the new permit application process. Mr. Kellerman said that if a

very large reserve were to remain into coming years, it may be appropriate to adjust fees in the future.

Mr. Hamidi commented that MTS reserves are increasing and MTS is becoming rich and has a lot of money to use. He stated that he has full confidence that Mr. Kellerman will spend it in an efficient and appropriate manner. He also commented that he believes that there should be a lower annual fee and it should be prorated based on when the application was received. Mr. Kellerman said that he will discuss that suggestion with staff. Ms. Cooney reminded the Committee that MTS couldn't use Taxicab fee revenue for non-Taxicab purposes.

4. Management and Committee Member Communications – Continued (TAKEN OUT OF ORDER)

Virginia Avenue

Oswaldo Meneses, MTS Associate Transportation Planner, provided a presentation on the design for the new transit facility at the San Ysidro border crossing.

Public Comment

Michel Anderson – Mr. Anderson asked about privately owned vehicles (POVs), such as Uber and Lyft, and whether or not those would be allowed at the new transit facility. He said that if the POVs include Uber and Lyft, then that would be promoting them more than the taxicabs. Ms. Cooney said that this is a City of San Diego decision and should be discussed with the City of San Diego. Councilmember Cole said that she is going to look into the City's plan herself in regards to POVs.

Committee Comments

Mr. Hueso stated that taxicabs pay into the use and maintenance of the taxicab stands and others, such as Uber and Lyft, do not and they should be required to pay towards those costs.

City Taxicab Stands

Mr. Kellerman provided a summary on City taxicab stands. Ms. Cooney inquired if the committee had interest in sending a letter to the San Diego City Council requesting an expedited process for installing additional taxicab stands. There was a consensus by the committee for MTS to draft such a letter.

Public Comment

Margot Tanguay – Ms. Tanguay provided a history of taxicab stands and stated that it is generally hard to get new stands.

6. Proposal to Add Non-Voting Committee Member

Mr. Kellerman provided a summary on the item to add Marco Mares of County Weights and Measures as a non-voting member.

Mr. Hamidi commented that the Airport Authority member, David Boenitz, is a voting member and the other governmental agency members were non-voting members. He said that is not fair. Ms. Cooney explained that MTS has a regulatory role in the taxicab permitting process at the airport so the situation is different.

Mr. Mares provided his background and responsibilities in his position.

Action Taken

A motion was moved and seconded to add a non-voting committee member. The vote was 9 to 0 in favor with Messrs. Boenitz, Haratian, Mayekawa and Staples absent, and Councilmember Cole abstaining.

7. Taxicab Advisory Committee Member Permit Holder Nomination and Election Process

Councilmember Cole asked for a motion to approve this item. No motion was offered on this item.

Mr. Hamidi commented that he doesn't think there should be so many lease driver representatives because the goal of lease drivers on the committee was to get permits. Now that lease drivers can acquire permits, there is not as much interest to serve on the committee. He suggested reducing the number of lease driver representatives from five to one on the Taxicab Advisory Committee.

Mr. Nahavanian stated that he wants to add one additional spot under Category Two, so that there would be an increase from two permit holders to three permit holders in Category Two.

Action Taken

A motion was made and seconded to reduce the number of representative in the lease driver category from five to one and to add one additional representative to Category Two (bringing the total to three), and to bring this recommendation for changes to the Committee guidelines to the MTS Board. The vote was 9 to 0 in favor with Messrs. Boenitz, Haratian, Mayekawa and Staples absent, and Councilmember Cole abstaining.

8. Taxicab Advisory Committee Member Lease Driver Representative Nomination and Election Process

This item was deferred to a later meeting.

Public Comment

Margo Tanguay – Ms. Tanguay requested that she be an observer to the elections to ensure that they are done correctly.

9. Next Meeting – To Be Determined.

Councilmember Cole noted that there will be a new Chairperson for the Taxicab Advisory Committee going forward.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Accepted:

Filed by:

Myrtle Cole
Chair of Taxicab Advisory Committee

Gloria Moran, Clerk of the Committee
MTS Taxicab Administration

Attachment: Roll Call Sheet

**METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
TAXICAB COMMITTEE MEETING
ROLL CALL SHEET**

DATE: 12/17/2015

CALL TO ORDER TIME: 10:06

ADJOURN TIME: 13:10

| MEMBER NAME | | ORGANIZATION | ALTERNATES | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| MYRTLE COLE (nonvoting) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | MTS Board of Directors/SD City Council | BOB MCCLELLAN, El Cajon City Council | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| GEORGE ABRAHAM | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Eritrean Cab Co. | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| DAVID BOENITZ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | S.D. County Regional Airport Authority | MARC NICHOLS, Mgr. Ground Transp. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| OPEN | <input type="checkbox"/> | Category One Member | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| KAMRAN HAMIDI | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | V.I.P. Cab | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CAMERON HARATIAN | <input type="checkbox"/> | P. B. Cab | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| BRIAN HILEMON | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | S.D. Tourism Authority | JOE TERZI | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TONY HUESO | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | USA Cab LTD | ALFREDO HUESO, USA Cab, LTD | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| JOSH LAYNE | <input type="checkbox"/> | S.D. Convention Center | DARYL MAYEKAWA | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| BERHANU (BEN) LEMMA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Lease Driver Representative | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| AKBAR MAJID | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | SDYC Holdings, LLC | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| NAMARA MERCER | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Greater S.D. Hotel/Motel Association | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| HUSHANG NAHAVANDIAN | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | ESM Corp. | CYROUS NAHAVANDIAN, Best Cab | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TONY PALMERI | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | S.D. Travelers Aid Society | MICHEL ANDERSON | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| OPEN | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lease Driver Representative | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| MIKE STAPLES | <input type="checkbox"/> | Greater S.D. Hotel/Motel Association Catamaran Hotel | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| OPEN | <input type="checkbox"/> | Lease Driver Representative | | <input type="checkbox"/> |


MTS Representatives Present (nonvoting):

Others Present (nonvoting):

| | | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| PAUL C. JABLONSKI, MTS Chief Executive Officer | <input type="checkbox"/> | STEVE CELNIKER, City of S.D. Liaison/ SANDAG | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| SHARON COONEY, MTS Chief of Staff | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | EDNA RAINS, S.D. County Sheriff (nonvoting member) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| BILL KELLERMAN, MTS Taxicab Administration Manager | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | SAMANTHA LESLIE, MTS Staff Attorney/Regulatory Compliance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

CLERK OF THE TAXICAB COMMITTEE:

TAXICAB ADMINISTRATION MANAGER:


Gloria Moran


Bill Kellerman


Date

2015 ROUND RESULTS

1/12/15 thru 9/18/15

TAXI'S 98.8% PASS RATE

FAIL = 11
PASS = 869
P/I = 87
R/P = 211
RTS = 15

TOTAL FAIL/PASS = 880
TOTAL 880-11 FAIL = 869
869-880 = 98.8% PASS RATE

NEM 96.9% PASS RATE

FAIL = 6
PASS = 185
P/I = 14
R/P = 5
RTS = 2

TOTAL FAIL/PASS = 191
TOTAL 191-6 FAIL = 185
185-191 = 96.9% PASS RATE

JITTNEY 100% PASS RATE

FAIL = 0
PASS = 7
P/I = 0
R/P = 0
RTS = 0

TOTAL FAIL/PASS = 7
TOTAL 7-0 FAIL = 7
7-7 = 100.0% PASS RATE

COMPANY PERCENTAGE'S

1-5 VEHICLES = 20.8% (108)
6-10 VEHICLES = 3.1% (16)
10-ABOVE VEHICLES = 2.5% (13)
SINGLE OWNERS = 73.6% (382)

NUMBER OF REINSPECTIONS

260

TOTAL NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS FOR THE YEAR
NOT INCLUDING FIELD REPORTS OR RADIO SERVICE CHANGES.

2,191



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Agenda Item No. 5

Taxicab Advisory Committee Meeting

TAXI 585.3, 585.11

March 2, 2016

SUBJECT:

TAXICAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER **PERMIT HOLDER** NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Taxicab Advisory Committee review and approve the proposed permit holder election process and appoint a subcommittee to validate the election results.

Budget Impact

The complete election process will require approximately \$1,500.00 in mailing and reproduction costs.

DISCUSSION:

In September 1994, MTS established the Taxicab Advisory Committee to review policies and procedures relative to taxicab regulations, and to provide recommendations to the MTS Board of Directors. The *"MTS Taxicab Committee Guidelines"* (Attachment A) designate one MTS Board representative, one member each of representatives not in the taxicab industry appointed by the San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau (ConVis) (now San Diego Tourism Authority), San Diego Convention Center, San Diego Travelers Aid Society, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA), two members of the Hotel-Motel Association, and a representative from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department as a nonvoting member. In addition, the Guidelines designate five (5) seats for representation of taxicab permit holders; three seats are for representation of permit holders with four or more taxicabs and two of those seats are for representation of permit holders with one to three taxicabs. Also, there are five (5) seats for taxicab driver representatives elected by licensed drivers operating in MTS areas of jurisdiction. Each member is elected for a three-year term. The MTS Board of Directors representative is appointed on an annual basis to be designated by the MTS Board of Directors to serve as Chairman of the Taxicab Committee, historically, the representative from the City of San Diego.

The current industry members were elected in the fall of 2011, and their terms should have expired December 31, 2013. Due to delays caused by the contract renewals and



the new taxicab permit issuance, the process was postponed, and existing members agreed to remain on the Committee until these issues were resolved. The time is here to elect five new taxicab permit holder members, and five lease driver representatives to serve for the next three years, beginning June 15, 2016, through May 31, 2019.

Proposed Timeline:

The non-taxicab organizations will be contacted after the Taxicab Advisory Committee meeting, requesting that these entities appoint members for the new three-year term. The permit holder election process will begin on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, with the mailing of instructions and nomination forms to all permit holders of record. All nominations must be received by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, 2016.

Ballots listing the nominees will be mailed on Wednesday, April 27, 2016. Each permit holder will receive one ballot that will list the number of votes that may be cast. The number of votes will equal the number of permits our records show for each permit holder as of Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

Votes may be cast in any combination for anyone on the ballot, up to the total number of votes shown for the permit holder. Completed ballots must be returned to the Taxicab Administration office located at 1501 National Avenue, San Diego, California 92113, no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2016. Ballots returned after the deadline will not be considered in the vote count.

Votes will be counted on Thursday, May 12, 2016, in the Taxicab Administration conference room. Candidates will be rank-ordered by the number of votes received within two categories:

- Category One: Eligible participants are permit holders of four or more taxicabs. Three (3) spots are available.
- Category Two: Eligible participants are permit holders of three or fewer taxicabs. Two (2) spots are available.

Staff requests that the Committee select a subcommittee of not less than three (3) members whose task will be to validate the vote count. The subcommittee will meet at the offices of Taxicab Administration at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 13, 2016. The subcommittee will confirm its validation of staff's vote count by affixing their signatures to a Memo of Validation.

The staff vote count, and the Taxicab Advisory Committee's Vote Validation Subcommittee *Memo of Validation* forms, will be attached to a recommendation to the MTS Board to appoint to the Taxicab Advisory Committee as new members those five candidates determined to have received the greatest number of votes within their respective categories.

The new members will be notified by mail following their appointment by the MTS Board on Thursday, June 9, 2016, and will be introduced at the June 15, 2016, meeting of the Taxicab Advisory Committee.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Kellerman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Bill Kellerman
Taxicab Administration Manager

Key Staff Contact: Bill Kellerman, 619.595.7034, bill.kellerman@sdmts.com

Attachment: A. Taxicab Advisory Committee Guidelines



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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 Convention and Visitor's Bureau, 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.



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- 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.
- 2.7 The Vice Chairman will be the representative for the San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau.
- 2.8 One non-voting member will be appointed by the County of San Diego's Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures.
- 2.9 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.



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Agenda Item No. 6

Taxicab Advisory Committee Meeting

TAXI 585.3, 585.11

March 2, 2016

SUBJECT:

**TAXICAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE LEASE DRIVER REPRESENTATIVE MEMBER
NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Taxicab Advisory Committee review and approve the proposed lease driver representative election process and appoint a subcommittee to validate the election results.

Budget Impact

The complete election process will require approximately \$2,000 in mailing and reproduction costs. This cost does not include staff time. Cost for staff time is estimated at \$13,080.

DISCUSSION:

In September 1994, MTS established the Taxicab Advisory Committee to review policies and procedures relative to taxicab regulations, and to provide recommendations to the MTS Board of Directors. The "*MTS Taxicab Committee Guidelines*" (Attachment A) were revised in September 2011, to accommodate the election of five (5) lease driver representatives, and reduce the number of permit holder seats to an equal number of five (5). Each member is elected for a three-year term.

The current lease driver representative members were elected in the fall of 2011, and their terms should have expired December 31, 2013. Due to delays caused by the contract renewals and new taxicab permit issuance, the process was postponed, and existing members agreed to remain on the Committee until these issues were resolved. The time is here to elect five lease driver representatives to serve for the next three years, beginning June 15, 2016 through May 31, 2019.

Proposed Timeline:

On Monday, March 14, 2016 memorandums will be mailed to all MTS permit holders, radio service organizations, the San Diego Sheriff's Licensing Division, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority (SDCRAA), and the driver safety training facility



advising of the election process, and nomination requirements. Permit holders are required to forward this memorandum to lease drivers.

From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday, March 28, 2016 through Friday, April 1, 2016, (please note, MTS is closed on Thursday, March 31, 2016 in observance of Cesar Chavez Day). MTS will be seeking self-nominations, in person, from taxicab drivers willing to attend a *minimum* of four TAC meetings per year, and who meet the nomination requirements. Driver self-nomination forms will be available at the MTS Taxicab Administration business office. Driver nominee eligibility will be verified at the Sheriff's Licensing Division.

On Friday, April 15, 2016, a list of all drivers on the ballot will be mailed to all permit holders, radio service organizations, SDCRAA, Sheriff's Licensing Division, and driver safety training facility, along with the voting requirements. Beginning at 9:00 a.m., Monday, April 25, 2016 to 4:00pm Wednesday, April 27, 2016, driver voting will be held at the Taxicab Administration office.

Votes will be counted on Thursday, April 28, 2016, to Friday, April 29, 2016, by MTS staff. Candidates will be rank-ordered by the number of votes received.

Staff requests that the Committee select a subcommittee of not less than three (3) members whose task will be to validate the vote count. The subcommittee will meet at the offices of Taxicab Administration at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016. The subcommittee will confirm its validation of the vote count by affixing their signatures to a *Memo of Validation*.

The staff vote count, and the Taxicab Advisory Committee's Vote Validation Subcommittee *Memo of Validation* will be attached to a recommendation to the MTS Board to appoint those five candidates determined to have received the greatest number of votes. The new members will be notified by mail following their appointment by the MTS Board on June 9, 2016, and will be introduced at the June 15, 2016, meeting of the Taxicab Advisory Committee.



Bill Kellerman
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Attachment: A. Taxicab Advisory Committee Guidelines - Not attached-See Attachment A For Agenda Item 5

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