



Taxicab Advisory Committee Agenda

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Taxicab Advisory Committee Meeting
Draft Agenda

February 22, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

In-Person Participation: James R. Mills Building, 1255 Imperial Avenue, 10th Floor Board Room, San Diego CA 92101

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Table with 3 columns: No., ITEM SUBJECT AND DESCRIPTION, ACTION. Contains 11 items including Roll Call, Approval of Minutes, Public Comments, and various committee discussion items.



12. **Next Meeting Date: May 24, 2023**

13. **Adjournment**

DRAFT MINUTES

MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM TAXICAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

November 16, 2022

1. Roll Call

Chair Elo-Rivera called the Taxicab Advisory Committee meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. A roll call sheet listing Taxicab Advisory Committee member attendance is attached.

2. Approval of Minutes

Chair Elo-Rivera moved to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2022, MTS Taxicab Advisory Committee meeting. David Tasem seconded the motion, and the vote was 12 to 0 in favor with Able Seifu, Brian Hilemon, George Abraham and Karen Higareda absent.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. County of San Diego Agriculture, Weights and Measures Update (John Kinkaid)

John Kinkaid, Senior Agricultural/Standards Inspector at the County of San Diego Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures, presented on how his department operates, how they conduct taxi inspections, and what to expect during the inspection process. The presentation first described the different commercial devices that Weights & Measures inspects/regulates to ensure accuracy of product weight, measure, and price.

The presentation also described the Taximeter Inspection Program, which is an annual inspection of all registered taximeters. The presentation had reminders to respond to inspectors when contacted to schedule an inspection, as they only occur one week out of each month, and to be conscious of the 24-hour notification that is required to reschedule an inspection. The presentation also had a reminder to update contact information with Weights & Measures periodically.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hamed Yazdi from *RideshareMechanic* – Wanted to make a public comment but was not sure if this was the correct moment to speak. The Clerk asked that they hold their comment until the end of the meeting.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Antonio Hueso had a question about updating the information online for their hours of operation, but he later recognized that he meant the comment for another agency.

Able Seifu asked about any status updates or new information on the use of soft meters in San Diego county. Mr. Kinkaid said that there were currently six different soft meters approved for use in the state of California, but that they had not encountered any in San Diego, yet. Mr. Kinkaid also informed the committee that they were still working out the logistics of installing a soft meter seal.

David Tasem asked for clarification about having a meter with two rates in a cab and having both posted at all time. Mr. Kinkaid responded that both rates must always be posted where the public can access them.

Akbar Majid stated that Uber and Lyft provide similar services as taxis, but that the Weights & Measures department does not conduct any inspections on their vehicle or charge fees. Mr. Majid wanted to know what soft meter technology taxis could use without having inspections or fees charged. Mr. Kinkaid stated that they would have to use the same approved software as the Transportation Network Companies (TNCs)(Uber and Lyft), but that he was not aware of any currently in use in California for taxicabs.

Mr. Majid had a follow up question, and asked if they were using an approved soft meter technology that they would not require inspections or fees. Mr. Kinkaid clarified that it was not enough to have approved soft meter technology that still ran off of the OBD from the vehicle, but that they would have to use the same software/algorithm as TNCs which was not currently available to taxicabs in the state of California.

Mr. Hueso also commented that many drivers were looking into moving to electric vehicles, which required different technology to access the information needed for meters. Mr. Tasem commented that there was a new OBD device that was being developed for hybrid and Tesla vehicles to access that information.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

5. 2023 Fee Schedule (Leonardo Fewell)

Mr. Fewell presented that the 2023 Regulatory Fee rates would remain the same as the previous years. Invoices would be emailed out during the first week of January 2023. The Regulatory Fee would be due March 3, 2023. There would be a late renewal period until March 31, 2022 to pay the Regulatory Fee along with a \$100 late renewal fee. There would also be an increase in the fee to change a DBA corporation name from \$10 to \$50 to cover administrative costs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

MEMBER COMMENTS

David Tasem wanted to know why there was an extended period allowed for payments with a late fee. Mr. Fewell responded that this was a logistical decision to allow staff adequate time to process payments.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

6. Proposed Ordinance No. 11 Revisions (Leonardo Fewell)

Mr. Fewell presented on Proposed Ordinance No. 11 Revisions. The first proposed revision was the lowering of the minimum age to hold a permit from 21 years old to 18 years old. The second proposed revision was to remove the five (5) year waiting period to apply for a permit after a conviction, as long as the applicant has satisfactorily completed parole or probation. The third

proposed revision was to reduce the waiting time after providing false information on an application from 5 years down to 1 year. The fourth and final proposed revision was to allow out-of-state corporations to apply for permits.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Akbar Majid pointed out that lowering the minimum age would be in direct conflict with the age requirements of most commercial insurance policies. Mr. Majid was also concerned that applicants would not find out about the conflict until they had already begun the application process and paid the nonrefundable fees.

Able Seifu commented that he wanted to have a discussion with this group regarding a possible pause on issuing new taxicab permits after witnessing altercations involving new taxicab drivers at the San Diego International Airport. Mr. Seifu felt that his concerns were not being heard or addressed. Chair Elo-Rivera suggested that Mr. Fewell speak to how the proposed ordinance might affect the number of permit holders.

To Mr. Majid's comment, Mr. Fewell acknowledged the difficulties that permit holders face when obtaining commercial insurance, and stated that the proposed revision was more to align MTS's policies with those of the California Vehicle Code and the Sheriff's Department Code of Regulatory Ordinance. In response to Mr. Seifu's concerns Mr. Fewell said that the management of airport permits was under the purview of the San Diego Regional Airport Authority, and that concerns regarding the behavior of other permit holders at the airport should be taken up with that group.

Action Taken

David Tasem motioned to move forward with the proposed revision, minus the proposed revision to lower the minimum age from 21 years old to 18 years old. There was no second to his motion.

Akbar Majid motioned to forward a recommendation to the MTS Board of Directors to approve the proposed revisions to MTS Ordinance No. 11. Antonio Hueso seconded the motion, and the vote was 11 to 1 in favor with Alfred Banks, Brian Hilemon, Peter Zschiesche, and Karen Higareda absent.

7. For-Hire Vehicle Administration Operations Update (Leonardo Fewell)

Mr. Fewell presented on For-Hire Vehicle Administration Operations Update. Mr. Fewell briefly discussed the current permit holder statistics and said that more in depth details can be found in the final meeting packet. Mr. Fewell also provided updates on the enforcement statistics regarding For-Hire Vehicles. Mr. Fewell finally touched on the annual mechanic inspection that is required for taxicabs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Hamed Yazdi from *RideshareMechanic* – Thanked Mr. Fewell for the opportunity to speak to the committee and explained how RideshareMechanic was a California BAR and ASE certified service that conducts virtual inspections via video chat, which satisfies the MTS requirements.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Akbar Majid wanted to confirm that electronic trip sheets were still acceptable. Mr. Fewell confirmed that this was still the case.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

8. Topics for the Next Taxicab Advisory Committee Meeting (Leonardo Fewell)

Mr. Fewell presented on the topics for the next Taxicab Advisory Committee meeting, which tentatively included: maximum rates of fare, wheelchair accessible taxicab recommendations, emergent topics in the For-Hire Vehicle industry, the 2023 FHVA budget overview, and the FHVA quarterly report. Mr. Fewell urged TAC members to reach out to him directly if they had any comments or suggestions on topics for the next TAC meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Margo Tanguay expressed her concerns regarding unauthorized parking in taxicab stands, rendering them unusable to safely drop off passengers.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

9. Committee Member Non-Agenda Communications

Zewdu Girma wanted to comment on one of the previous agenda items; he did not agree that there should be caps on the number of airport permits issued.

Marc Nichols clarified that the San Diego International Airport would not be taking any action to limit the number of taxis operating at the airport. Mr. Nichols updated the committee on the increasing level of activity at the airport and the continued operation of the Ground Transportation (GT) Permit department. Mr. Nichols also wanted to thank the permit holders for their continued patience and cooperation during construction at the airport. Additionally, Mr. Nichols assured that there was continued effort to convene a GT Ad Hoc committee.

Able Seifu asked Mr. Nichols if it was possible to set up “office hours” so that permit holders could speak directly with ACE parking employees, as it was difficult for many permit holders to communicate solely via email. Mr. Nichols asked Mr. Seifu to email him regarding this question so they could set up a time to speak on the matter.

Action Taken

Informational item only. No action taken.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next Taxicab Advisory Committee was still in the process of being scheduled. Chair Elo-Rivera noted that going forward, committee members would be required to attend the TAC

meetings in person. Chair Elo-Rivera thanked both Samantha Leslie and Leonardo Fewell for the work that they do for the TAC meetings.

11. Adjournment

Chair Elo-Rivera adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Chairperson
San Diego Metropolitan Transit System

Attachment: Roll Call Sheet

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

ROLL CALL

MEETING OF (DATE): November 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER (TIME): 10:02 am

ADJOURN: 11:22 am

COMMITTEE MEMBER	(Alternate)	ORGANIZATION	PRESENT (TIME ARRIVED)	ABSENT (TIME LEFT)
Voting Committee Members				
Sean Elo-Rivera (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>	MTS Board of Directors/ SD City Council	10:02 am	11:22 am
Able Seifu	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>	Permit Holder / Odyssey Cab	10:02 am	11:22 am
Agustin Hodoyan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>	Permit Holder / Soul Cab	10:02 am	11:22 am
Alfred Banks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>	Taxicab Lease Driver	10:02 am	11:22 am
Akbar Majid	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>	Permit Holder / SDYC Holdings	10:02 am	11:22 am
Antonio Hueso	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>	Permit Holder / USA Cab, LTD	10:02 am	11:22 am
Brian Hilemon	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>	SD Tourism Authority		
David Tasem	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>	Taxicab Lease Driver	10:02 am	11:22 am
George Abraham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Fesshaye <input type="checkbox"/>	Permit Holder / Eritrean Cab	10:02 am	11:22 am
Louis Vasquez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claudia Rubio <input type="checkbox"/>	SD Convention Center	10:02 am	11:22 am
Marc Nichols	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Anderson <input type="checkbox"/>	SD Regional Airport Authority	10:02 am	11:22 am
Margo Tanguay	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>	Taxicab Lease Driver	10:02 am	11:22 am
Michael Trimble	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>	SD Gaslamp Quarter Association	10:02 am	11:22 am
Mikail Hussein	<input type="checkbox"/> Peter Zschiesche <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	United Taxi Workers SD	10:02 am	11:22 am
Karen Higareda	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>	Cross Border X-Press		
Zewdu Girma	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/>	Permit Holder / Beezee Taxi	10:02 am	11:22 am
Non – Voting Committee Members				
Austin Shepherd	<input type="checkbox"/> John Kinkaid <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SD Department of Agriculture, Weights and Measures	10:02 am	11:22 am
Edna Rains	<input type="checkbox"/> Stacie Smith <input type="checkbox"/>	SD County Sheriff's Department Licensing Division		

FOR COMMITTEE CLERK: /S/ Samantha Leslie



**Metropolitan
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Agenda Item No. 4

MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
TAXICAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

February 22, 2023

SUBJECT:

2023 MAXIMUM RATES OF FARE (LEONARDO FEWELL)

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

Budget Impact

None.

DISCUSSION:

In accordance with MTS Board Policy No. 34 (For-Hire Vehicle Services), the annual change in the All Urban Western Transportation Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the San Diego region is the sole calculation method to determine the maximum rates for both city and airport originated trips. Taxicabs equipped with Point of Sale (POS) devices electronically connected to the Taximeter and printed or electronically conveyed receipt capabilities may charge 6% more than the maximum rates of Fare for Taxicabs without such devices.

Due to the overall inflation experienced in the past year, the CPI annual change was the largest in the previous ten years of data provided by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. As a result, the maximum rates of fare for 2023 increased substantially in comparison to the previous year.

Adoption by Taxicab Permit Holders of the 2023 rates of fare is optional. Permit holders may, at their discretion, continue to utilize the 2022 Maximum Rates of Fare or any other rates of fare so long as those rates are equal to or less than the 2023 Maximum Rates of Fare. In these cases of no change or in the case of adopting the 2023 Maximum Rates of Fare, no additional information or steps are needed to be performed with For-Hire Vehicle Administration (FHVA).

However, if a Taxicab Permit Holder would like to implement a POS device in order to charge 6% more than the 2023 Maximum of Rate Fare, please contact FHVA. A Statement of Rate of Fare and POS equipment inspection is required in order to



implement this change of rates. No fees will be charged by FHVA for these implementation steps.

Below is the 2022 v. 2023 maximum Rates of Fare Comparison:

2022 v. 2023 Maximum Rates of Fare Comparison

2022 Maximum Rates of Fare

	<u>2022 Maximum Rate of Fare</u>	<u>2022 Maximum Rate of Fare, Point of Sale (POS) Device Equipped Taxicabs, additional 6%</u>
Flag Drop	\$3.30 flag drop	\$3.50 flag drop
Per Mile Rate	\$3.50	\$3.70
Per Hour Waiting Time	\$28.00	\$30.00

2023 Maximum Rates of Fare

	<u>2022 Maximum Rate of Fare</u>	<u>2022 Maximum Rate of Fare, Point of Sale (POS) Device Equipped Taxicabs, additional 6%</u>
Flag Drop	\$3.80 flag drop	\$4.00 flag drop
Per Mile Rate	\$4.10	\$4.30
Per Hour Waiting Time	\$33.00	\$35.00

Please note, any change to taximeter rates must be performed by an authorized taximeter service agent.

/S/ Leonardo Fewell

Leonardo Fewell
For-Hire Vehicle Administration Manager

Key Staff Contact: Leonardo Fewell, 619.235.2643, Leonardo.Fewell@sdmts.com

Attachments: A: MTS Board Policy No. 34
B. 2023 Maximum Rates of Fare Calculations
C. 2022 All Urban Western Transportation Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the San Diego Region.



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Policies and Procedures

No. 34

Board Approval: 12/12/2019

SUBJECT:

FOR-HIRE VEHICLE SERVICES

PURPOSE:

To establish a policy with guidelines and procedures for the implementation of MTS Ordinance No. 11.

BACKGROUND:

Regulation of for-hire vehicle service is in the interest of providing the citizens and visitors to the MTS region and particularly the Cities of Chula Vista, El Cajon, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, San Diego, and Santee, with a good quality local transportation service. Toward this end, MTS finds it desirable to regulate the issuance of taxicab permits, to establish maximum rates of fare, and to provide for annual review of cost-recovery regulatory fees.

POLICY:

34.1 City of San Diego Entry Policy

New City of San Diego taxicab permits will be issued in accordance with San Diego City Council Policy No. 500-02, "Taxicab Permits".

34.2 Maximum Rates of Fare Policy

Maximum rate of fare for exclusive ride and group ride hire of taxicabs shall be made in accordance with the change in the Annual All Urban Western Transportation Consumer Price Index (CPI)/San Diego. The fare structure shall consist of the dollar amounts charged by permit holders for the flag drop, the per-mile charge, waiting-time charge, first zone, and each additional zone charge. The maximum rates of fare shall be computed annually by the Chief Executive Officer and presented at a noticed public hearing of the Taxicab Advisory Committee.



34.2.1 Maximum Rates of Fare Determination

Unless Section 34.2.2 applies, the maximum fare determination shall be adjusted annually based on the 1990 Western transportation CPI/San Diego amounts of \$1.40 flag drop, \$1.50 per mile, and \$12.00 per hour waiting. Adjustments shall be rounded up or down, as appropriate, to the nearest even \$0.10 increment.

34.2.2 Maximum Rates of Fare Determination Only for Taxicabs Equipped with Point Of Sale Devices Electronically Connected to the Taximeter and Equipped with Printed or Electronically Conveyed Receipt Capability

Taxicabs equipped with point of sale devices electronically connected to the taximeter and capable of printing or electronically conveying receipts may charge the an increase of 6% more than the Maximum Rates of Fare for Taxicabs without such devices, as determined pursuant to Section 34.2.1. Adjustments shall be rounded up or down, as appropriate, to the nearest \$0.10 increment.

34.3 Airport Taxicab Fare Policy

In addition to the applicable maximum rate of fare described in Section 34.2.1, a taxicab operator may charge an “extra” equal to the Airport Trip Fee assessed against the individual taxicab operator by the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. The extra may not be charged on any trip that does not originate at the airport or on any trip where the taxicab operator does not pay the fee to the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. The extra charge may only be charged to the customer by utilizing the extra button on the taxicab meter. A driver may not verbally request payment.

34.4 Regulatory Fee Review

The following procedures will be utilized for the establishment of for-hire vehicle regulatory fees.

34.4.1 In accordance with State of California Public Utilities Code Section 120266, MTS shall fully recover the cost of regulating the taxicab and other for-hire vehicle industry. Pursuant to MTS Ordinance No. 11, Sections 1.3(b), 1.4(a), 1.4(c), and 1.5(d), the Chief Executive Officer establishes a fee schedule to effect full-cost recovery and notify affected permit holders of changes in the fee schedule.

34.4.2 The procedure for establishing a regulatory fee schedule will include an annual review of the audited expenses and revenue of the previous fiscal year associated with MTS for-hire vehicle activities. The revised fee schedule will be available for review by interested parties in November each year and is subject to appeal as provided for in Ordinance No. 11, Section 1.5(d).

34.4.3 A fee schedule based on previous year expenses and revenue amounts will be put into effect each January.

POLICY.34.FOR-HIRE VEHICLE SERVICES

This policy was originally adopted on 12/8/88.

This policy was amended on 7/26/90.

This policy was amended on 5/9/91.

This policy was amended on 6/13/91.

This policy was amended on 1/28/93.

This policy was amended on 5/11/95.

This policy was amended on 10/31/02.

This policy was amended on 4/24/03.

This policy revised on 3/25/04.

This policy was amended on 4/26/07.

This policy was amended on 7/17/08.

This policy was amended on 4/19/12.

This policy was amended on 4/16/15.

This policy was amended on 12/12/2019.

2023 Maximum Rates of Fare

	<u>2023 Maximum Rate of Fare</u>	<u>2023 Maximum Rate of Fare, Point of Sale (POS) Device Equipped Taxicabs, additional 6%</u>
Flag Drop	\$3.80 flag drop	\$4.00 flag drop
Per Mile Rate	\$4.10	\$4.30
Per Hour Waiting Time	\$33.00	\$35.00

Instructions on how to calculate rates of fare:

293.475 (Annual Consumer Price Index report value for 2022)

-121.000 (1990 Value)

172.475 (Replace "Y" with the subtracted value)

Flag Drop

Step 1 - $1.40 \times 172.475(Y) = 241.465$ convert it into a dollar amount **\$2.41**

Step 2 - $\$1.40 + 2.41 = \3.81 round up/down to the nearest .10 cent = **\$3.80 flag drop**

Per Mile

Step 1 - $\$1.50 \times 172.475(Y) = 258.712$ convert it into a dollar amount **\$2.58**

Step 2 - $\$1.50 + 2.58 = \4.08 round up/down to the nearest .10 cent = **\$4.10 per mile**

Wait Time

Step 1 - $\$12.00 \times 172.475(Y) = 2069.7$ convert it into a dollar amount **\$20.69**

Step 2 - $\$12.00 + 20.69 = \32.69 round up/down to the nearest \$1.00 = **\$33.00 wait time**

Fraction Calculation

Step 1 - $\$4.10$ (per mile) / .10 cent (fraction in which the meter clicks) = .41 = 1/10th fraction

Time it Takes for Each Fraction to Click the Meter

Step 1 - $\$33.00 / .41 = 80$ clicks / hr

Step 2- 3600 (seconds per hr) / $80 = 45$ seconds the meter will click .35 cents every 1/10th of a mile



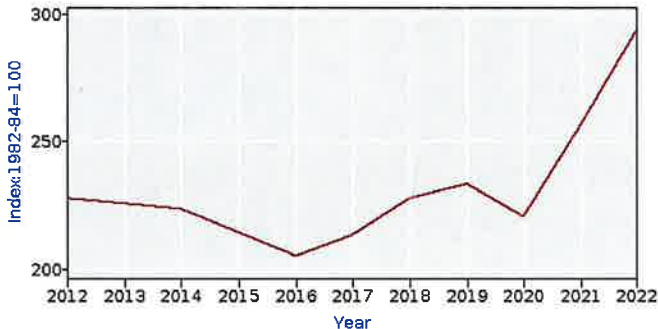
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Area: San Diego-Carlsbad, CA
Item: Transportation
Base Period: 1982-84=100



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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual	HALF1	HALF2
2012													227.691	229.775	225.608
2013													225.570	227.028	224.112
2014													223.308	228.254	218.362
2015													214.442	213.587	215.297
2016													205.271	205.418	205.124
2017											216.601		213.424	213.765	213.083
2018	220.368		225.661		229.934		229.921		229.015		228.504		227.594	226.494	228.694
2019	225.073		225.313		240.940		234.757		234.106		235.748		233.299	232.005	234.592
2020	231.819		223.714		210.241		218.122		218.701		224.415		220.628	220.500	220.757
2021	231.390		248.311		256.596		266.031		259.830		265.840		256.345	247.856	264.834
2022	274.672		295.251		300.607		301.990		299.113		289.404		293.475	291.916	295.033

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Agenda Item No. 5

MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
TAXICAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

February 22, 2023

SUBJECT:

Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Amended Budget Updated Forecast

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

Budget Impact

None with this informational item.

DISCUSSION:

FY 2023 Amended Budget Forecast

Attachment A includes forecasted expenditures and revenues in a summary format. Attachment B includes the same information but in a more detailed format.

Revenues. FHV Administration receives operating revenue from annual regulatory fees and other processing fees. The revised forecast for operating revenue for FY 2023 is \$711,000, an increase of \$123,000 (21.0%) from the original FY 2023 budget. Regulatory fee revenue is increasing by \$63,000 (14.7%) as a result of revising the forecasted permit volume from 1,094 to 1,264 based on current registration data. Other processing revenue is increasing by \$60,000 (38.4%), primarily due to higher application processing revenue from higher application volumes experienced in the first half of FY 2023.

Expenses. Total operating expenses are projected to be \$623,000, an increase of \$22,000 (3.6%) from the prior forecast.

Personnel costs are projected to be \$500,000, an increase of \$37,000 (8.0%) from the original budget. This increase is due to filling one vacant Regulatory Analyst position in January 2023. The original budget did not assume this position would be filled.

Outside Services are projected to be \$22,000 for FY 2023, a decrease of \$6,000 (-20.7%) from the original budget. This is due to a reduction in general outside services costs associated with moving the location of the FHV Administration, which has resulted in less services being needed for facility and equipment maintenance.



Materials and Supplies costs are projected to be \$500 in the amended FY 2023 budget, a decrease of \$27 from the original budget.

Energy costs are projected to remain at the original budget of \$7,000.

Risk Management costs are expected to remain at the original budget of \$9,000. This includes the annual Special Liability Insurance premium for the FHV Administration.

General and Administrative costs are decreasing by \$4,000 (-9.6%) from the original FY 2023 budget. This is due to removing credit card fees from the budget as a result of MTS not accepting credit cards as had originally been planned.

Vehicle Lease costs are projected to decrease by \$6,000 (-21.9%) from the original FY 2023 budget, primarily due to reducing the projected spend for the NRV lease vehicles.

Overhead allocation charges are projected to remain at the original budget.

Net Revenues less Expenses. Total operating expenses are projected to be \$623,000, and total operating revenues are projected to be \$711,000, resulting in a net operating surplus of \$87,000 in FY 2023.

Contingency Reserves. The FHV Administration is a self-funded entity, meaning all expenses must be covered by FHV Administration revenues. If expenses exceed revenues, the deficit must be funded by the FHV Administration contingency reserve. Attachment C details the contingency reserves. The audited FY 2022 year-end contingency reserve balance was \$523,000. The current forecast of the FY 2023 amended budget projects the addition of \$87,000 to the contingency reserve in FY 2023. This results in a projected contingency reserve balance of \$610,000 at the end of FY 2023.

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Leonardo Fewell
For-Hire Vehicle Administration Manager

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Attachment: A. Summary report of the FY 2023 midyear budget
B. Detailed report of the FY 2023 midyear budget
C. Contingency reserve balance report

**SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
FOR HIRE VEHICLE (FHV) ADMINISTRATION (761)
OPERATING BUDGET - CONSOLIDATED
FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Attachment A

	ACTUAL FY22	ORIGINAL BUDGET FY23	AMENDED FORECAST FY23	\$ CHANGE AMENDED/ ORIGINAL	% CHANGE AMENDED/ ORIGINAL
OPERATING REVENUE					
PASSENGER REVENUE	-	-	-	-	-
ADVERTISING REVENUE	-	-	-	-	-
CONTRACT SERVICE REVENUE	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER INCOME	627,969	587,415	710,600	123,185	21.0%
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	627,969	587,415	710,600	123,185	21.0%
NON OPERATING REVENUE					
SUBSIDY REVENUE	-	-	-	-	-
RESERVE REVENUE	-	14,003	(87,375)	(101,378)	-724.0%
OTHER INCOME	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL NON OPERATING REVENUE	-	14,003	(87,375)	(101,378)	-724.0%
TOTAL COMBINED REVENUES	627,969	601,418	623,225	21,807	3.6%
OPERATING EXPENSES					
LABOR EXPENSES	278,427	292,000	320,374	28,374	9.7%
FRINGE EXPENSES	152,555	171,276	180,044	8,768	5.1%
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES	430,982	463,276	500,418	37,142	8.0%
SECURITY EXPENSES	-	-	-	-	-
REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	3,399	4,000	3,000	(1,000)	-25.0%
ENGINE AND TRANSMISSION REBUILD	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER OUTSIDE SERVICES	13,182	23,500	18,800	(4,700)	-20.0%
PURCHASED TRANSPORTATION	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL OUTSIDE SERVICES	16,581	27,500	21,800	(5,700)	-20.7%
LUBRICANTS	-	-	-	-	-
TIRES	-	-	-	-	-
OTHER MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	(520)	527	500	(27)	-5.1%
TOTAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	(520)	527	500	(27)	-5.1%
DIESEL FUEL/GASOLINE	6,083	7,000	7,000	-	0.0%
CNG	-	-	-	-	-
TRACTION POWER	-	-	-	-	-
UTILITIES	2,126	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ENERGY	8,209	7,000	7,000	-	0.0%
RISK MANAGEMENT	8,075	9,000	9,000	-	0.0%
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	33,055	41,464	37,464	(4,000)	-9.6%
DEBT SERVICE	-	-	-	-	-
VEHICLE / FACILITY LEASE	18,397	25,608	20,000	(5,608)	-21.9%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	514,779	574,375	596,182	21,807	3.8%
NET OPERATING SUBSIDY	113,189	13,040	114,418	101,378	-777.4%
OVERHEAD ALLOCATION	(1,521)	(27,043)	(27,043)	-	0.0%
ADJUSTED NET OPERATING SUBSIDY	111,668	(14,003)	87,375	101,378	724.0%
TOTAL REVENUES LESS TOTAL EXPENSES	111,668	-	-	-	-

**SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
FOR HIRE VEHICLE (FHV) ADMINISTRATION (761)
OPERATING BUDGET - DETAIL
FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Attachment B

	ACTUAL FY22	ORIGINAL BUDGET FY23	AMENDED FORECAST FY23	\$ CHANGE AMENDED/ ORIGINAL	\$ CHANGE AMENDED/ ORIGINAL
OPERATING REVENUE					
OTHER INCOME					
425100 TAXI VEHICLE ANNUAL REGULATORY FEES	446,700	426,375	494,600	68,225	16.0%
425150 TAXI REGULATORY FEE ADJUSTMENT	4,400	5,000	-	(5,000)	-100.0%
425160 TAXI REGULATORY FEE WRITE-OFF	(27,480)	-	-	-	-
425200 TAXI PROCESSING FEES	176,594	130,000	200,000	70,000	53.8%
440200 CASH GAIN/LOSS	-	6,040	-	(6,040)	-100.0%
425900 OTHER INCOME	27,755	20,000	16,000	(4,000)	-20.0%
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	627,969	587,415	710,600	123,185	21.0%
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	627,969	587,415	710,600	123,185	21.0%
NON OPERATING REVENUE					
491100 CONTINGENCY RESERVES	-	14,003	(87,375)	(101,378)	-724.0%
TOTAL NON OPERATING REVENUE	-	14,003	(87,375)	(101,378)	-724.0%
TOTAL COMBINED REVENUES	627,969	601,418	623,225	21,807	0
OPERATING EXPENSES					
LABOR EXPENSES					
502010 ADMINISTRATIVE WAGES REGULAR	278,427	292,000	320,374	28,374	9.7%
502020 ADMINISTRATIVE WAGES OVERTIME	-	-	-	-	-
507010 TEMP HELP	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LABOR EXPENSES	278,427	292,000	320,374	28,374	9.7%
FRINGE EXPENSES					
521100 FICA	23,135	28,000	28,000	-	0.0%
523100 HEALTH & WELFARE - MGMT	98,295	99,436	108,658	9,222	9.3%
523120 HEALTH & WELFARE - MGMT DEDUCTIONS	(14,424)	(15,892)	(17,298)	(1,406)	8.8%
524200 VACATION - REGULAR CASH BASIS	21,895	25,550	28,033	2,483	9.7%
524220 VACATION PAYOFF	3,469	10,000	10,000	-	0.0%
524300 HOLIDAY	15,595	16,908	18,551	1,643	9.7%
524900 OTHER PAID ABSENCE	3,170	-	2,000	2,000	-
525100 WORKERS COMP - DISABILITY PAYMENTS	-	-	-	-	-
525150 WORKERS COMP - MEDICAL PAYMENTS	-	-	-	-	-
525250 WORKERS COMP - APPLICANT LEGAL	-	-	-	-	-
525300 WORKER COMP - RECOVERIES	-	-	-	-	-
525500 WORKERS COMP - LEGAL FEES	-	-	-	-	-
525600 WORKERS COMP OUTSIDE SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-
526100 CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	-	100	100	-	0.0%
526300 OTHER FRINGE BENEFITS	1,420	7,174	2,000	(5,174)	-72.1%
TOTAL FRINGE EXPENSES	152,555	171,276	180,044	8,768	5.1%
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSES	430,982	463,276	500,418	37,142	8.0%
OUTSIDE SERVICES EXPENSES					
REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES					
536200 NON REV VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SERVICES	3,399	3,000	3,000	-	0.0%
536300 FACILITY MAINTENANCE REPAIR SVC	-	-	-	-	-
536500 EQUIP MAINTENANCE REPAIR SVC	-	1,000	-	(1,000)	-100.0%
TOTAL REPAIR/MAINTENANCE SERVICES	3,399	4,000	3,000	(1,000)	-25.0%
OTHER OUTSIDE SERVICES					
571110 GENERAL LEGAL EXPENSES	-	10,000	10,000	-	0.0%
571142 CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	-	-	-	-	-
571180 MANAGEMENT TRAINING	500	500	500	-	0.0%
571190 MAINTENANCE TRAINING	-	-	-	-	-
571200 OPERATOR TRAINING	-	-	-	-	-
571210 GENERAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS	130	-	-	-	-
571230 PUBLIC NOTICES	-	-	-	-	-
571240 OTHER PRINTING SERVICES	395	1,000	1,300	300	30.0%
571250 GENERAL OUTSIDE SERVICES	11,726	10,000	5,000	(5,000)	-50.0%
571280 UNIFORM PURCHASES	431	2,000	2,000	-	0.0%
TOTAL OTHER OUTSIDE SERVICES	13,182	23,500	18,800	(4,700)	-20.0%
TOTAL OUTSIDE SERVICES	16,581	27,500	21,800	(5,700)	-20.7%

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FOR HIRE VEHICLE (FHV) ADMINISTRATION (761)
OPERATING BUDGET - DETAIL
FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Attachment B

	ACTUAL FY22	ORIGINAL BUDGET FY23	AMENDED FORECAST FY23	\$ CHANGE AMENDED/ ORIGINAL	\$ CHANGE AMENDED/ ORIGINAL
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES					
OTHER MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES					
545300 MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES (NON REV VEHICLES)	(714)	-	-	-	-
545400 MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES (FACILITIES)	29	-	-	-	-
545500 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	-	-	-	-	-
545910 INVOICE DISCOUNT TAKEN	-	27	-	(27)	-100.0%
545700 SAFETY AND MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES	165	500	500	-	0.0%
TOTAL OTHER MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	(520)	527	500	(27)	-5.1%
TOTAL MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	(520)	527	500	(27)	-5.1%
ENERGY					
DIESEL FUEL					
541100 DIESEL FUEL	-	-	-	-	-
541200 GASOLINE	6,083	7,000	7,000	-	0.0%
541300 FUEL TAXES	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL DIESEL FUEL	6,083	7,000	7,000	-	0.0%
UTILITIES					
552100 FACILITY ELECTRIC	2,126	-	-	-	-
553100 GAS	-	-	-	-	-
554100 WATER	-	-	-	-	-
555100 TELEPHONE	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL UTILITIES	2,126	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ENERGY	8,209	7,000	7,000	-	0.0%
RISK MANAGEMENT					
561110 PAYOUT LIABILITY CLAIMS	-	-	-	-	-
562210 PREMIUM WORKMAN'S COMP EXCESS	8,075	9,000	9,000	-	0.0%
TOTAL RISK MANAGEMENT	8,075	9,000	9,000	-	0.0%
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE					
575120 RENT	31,142	29,064	29,064	-	0.0%
575130 OFFICE SUPPLIES	364	1,000	1,000	-	0.0%
575150 NON CAPITAL FURNITURE/OFFICE EQUIPMENT	-	1,800	2,800	1,000	55.6%
575170 NON MAINTENANCE GENERAL SUPPLIES	33	100	100	-	0.0%
575180 LICENSES AND PERMITS	-	-	-	-	-
575220 DUES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.	-	-	-	-	-
575230 TRAVEL AND MEETINGS	650	3,000	3,000	-	0.0%
575270 POSTAGE	159	500	500	-	0.0%
579900 OTHER MISC.	707	6,000	1,000	(5,000)	-83.3%
TOTAL GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE	33,055	41,464	37,464	(4,000)	-9.6%
VEHICLE / FACILITY LEASE					
596150 NON REVENUE VEHICLE LEASE COSTS	18,397	25,608	20,000	(5,608)	-21.9%
TOTAL VEHICLE / FACILITY LEASE	18,397	25,608	20,000	(5,608)	-21.9%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	514,779	574,375	596,182	21,807	3.8%
NET OPERATING SUBSIDY	113,189	13,040	114,418	101,378	777.4%
OVERHEAD ALLOCATION					
597151 OVERHEAD ALLOCATION	(1,521)	(27,043)	(27,043)	-	0.0%
TOTAL OVERHEAD ALLOCATION	(1,521)	(27,043)	(27,043)	-	0.0%
ADJUSTED NET OPERATING SUBSIDY	111,668	(14,003)	87,375	101,378	-724.0%
TOTAL REVENUES LESS TOTAL EXPENSES	111,668	-	-	-	-

Attachment C**SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
FOR HIRE VEHICLE (FHV) ADMINISTRATION
RESERVES ANALYSIS****Fiscal Year 2021 (Audited)**

Contributions / (Usage)	266,542
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Contingency Balance - FY 2021 (Audited)	411,218
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Fiscal Year 2022 (Projected)

Contributions / (Usage)	111,668
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Contingency Balance - FY 2022 (Projected)	522,886
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Fiscal Year 2023 (Projected)

Contributions / (Usage)	87,375
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Contingency Balance - FY 2023 (Projected)	610,261
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Agenda Item No. 6

MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
TAXICAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

February 22, 2023

SUBJECT:

2023 REGULATORY FEE PAYMENT UPDATE (LEONARDO FEWELL)

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

Budget Impact

None.

DISCUSSION:

For-Hire Vehicle Administration operating revenue is based on the collection of regulatory and other administrative processing fees. Under California Public Utilities Code Section 120266, all for-hire vehicle regulatory activities administered by MTS must generate full cost recovery.

For-Hire Vehicle Administration will provide the Taxicab Advisory Committee with an update on regulatory fee payments that were billed and collected between January 1 and as of February 20, for the 2023 calendar period.

/S/ Leonardo Fewell

Leonardo Fewell

For-Hire Vehicle Administration Manager

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Agenda Item No. 7

**MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
TAXICAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

February 22, 2023

SUBJECT:

**FOR-HIRE VEHICLE INDUSTRY EMERGING TOPIC: PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN
TAXICABS AND TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES (LEONARDO FEWELL)**

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

Budget Impact

None.

DISCUSSION:

On November 9, 2022, Transportation Network Company UBER and the City of San Francisco Taxicabs launched a partnership pilot program that allows taxicabs to accept and provide trips through the UBER app. The pilot program allows riders to book taxi rides directly on the Uber app with the same user experience as booking an UberX.

Fares will be the same as those for UberX rides, enabling taxi drivers to take advantage of surge pricing. Taxi drivers will be able to see fares in advance and will have the power to decline any trip. Earnings would be calculated differently than the meter-based system but taxi drivers could make less, the same, or more money compared to a cab fare with an Uber customer. According to the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Authority (MUNI), preliminary data shows an overall increase in taxicab trips.

Industry experts believe this will not only provide more customers to the taxi industry, some that it lost to rideshare companies years ago, but it could also give drivers more income over time. Currently, there are plans to launch similar pilot programs in New York City and Washington D.C.

UBER and Yellow Cab entered a similar partnership covering the Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego Counties. According to Yellow Cab of San Diego, the partnership will be finalized and launched in the following weeks.



The following is a summary of the upcoming partnership between Yellow Cab of San Diego and Uber Technologies to provide trips booked through the UBER app. Taxi trips provided as part of this partnership will be booked through the Uber App and provided by Yellow Cab.

1. Fare Structure:

- a) Fares will be set by the Uber App, and may be higher or lower than the MTS authorized maximum rates of fare for taxicabs.
- b) Yellow Cab drivers may choose not to accept a trip based on factors such as trip length, total fare, etc.
- c) All trips provided by Yellow Cab through the UBER App will be “Up Front Fare” based. Therefore, the taximeter will not be activated at the beginning or throughout the trip.

2. Driver Payments:

- a) All fare payments for UBER app trips will be disbursed through Yellow Cab at intervals established by Yellow Cab.

3. Vehicle Markings:

- a) Yellow Cab will not require any additional vehicle markings (trade dress) as those required by TNCs (UBER)

4. Passenger Complaints:

- a) If a passenger wishes to make a complaint on a driver, they may: 1) file a complaint through the UBER app, just as they would with any other non-taxi (traditional) UBER driver, or 2) file a complaint directly with MTS if they so choose.
- b) Yellow Cab drivers will be subject to UBER’s driver rating system and risk being “deactivated” if they fall short of the approved rating threshold.
- b) Yellow Cab may investigate driver complaints and remove a driver from the UBER platform if warranted.

For-Hire Vehicle Administration will provide a presentation to the Taxicab Advisory Committee on this Partnership.

/S/ Leonardo Fewell
Leonardo Fewell
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Agenda Item No. 8

MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
TAXICAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

February 22, 2023

SUBJECT:

VEHICLE SHARING PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR TAXICAB AND NONEMERGENCY
MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES (ARUN PREM OF FACT)

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

Budget Impact

None.

DISCUSSION:

Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation (FACT) is the Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CTSA) for San Diego County. FACT serves as an information resource for specialized transportation providers and provides technical assistance and public outreach to increase awareness of specialized transportation options.

FACT manages a brokerage of transportation providers that fill gaps in existing transportation services. Through ride referrals and trips provided through the brokerage, FACT facilitates coordination among providers and consolidates services into a one-stop mobility center for seniors, individuals with disabilities, low-income individuals, and other low-mobility groups.

FACT will provide a presentation on their upcoming service plan that includes the potential use of four to five vehicles that maybe shared with qualified Taxicab and Nonemergency Medical Transportation companies.

/S/ Leonardo Fewell

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Agenda Item No. 9

MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
TAXICAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)

February 22, 2023

SUBJECT:

FOR-HIRE VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS UPDATE (LEONARDO FEWELL)

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

Budget Impact

None.

DISCUSSION:

For-Hire Vehicle Administration will provide a report on the following categories: number of permitted companies, number of active and surrendered permits by vehicle type, number of field contacts, issued citations, taxicab airport originated trips, and other For-hire vehicle statistics, as well as an update on administrative operations.

/S/ Leonardo Fewell

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Agenda Item No. 10

**MEETING OF THE SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
TAXICAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

February 22, 2023

SUBJECT:

TOPICS FOR NEXT TAXICAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (LEONARDO FEWELL)

INFORMATIONAL ONLY

Budget Impact

None.

DISCUSSION:

Feedback is requested on what topics should be addressed at the next Taxicab Advisory Committee meeting on May 24, 2023. At this time, staff recommends the following agenda items: Taxicab Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) Incentive Recommendations, Available Advertisement Opportunities for Taxicabs at the Airport, and For-Hire Vehicle Administration Quarterly Report and Operations Update.

/S/ Leonardo Fewell

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Taxicab Advisory Committee Meeting

February 22, 2023

2023 Maximum Rates of Fare

Agenda Item #4

2023 Maximum Rates of Fare

2022 v. 2023 Maximum Rates of Fare Comparison

2022 Maximum Rates of Fare

	<u>2022 Maximum Rate of Fare</u>	<u>2022 Maximum Rate of Fare, Point of Sale (POS) Device Equipped Taxicabs, additional 6%</u>
Flag Drop	\$3.30 flag drop	\$3.50 flag drop
Per Mile Rate	\$3.50	\$3.70
Per Hour Waiting Time	\$28.00	\$30.00

2023 Maximum Rates of Fare

	<u>2022 Maximum Rate of Fare</u>	<u>2022 Maximum Rate of Fare, Point of Sale (POS) Device Equipped Taxicabs, additional 6%</u>
Flag Drop	\$3.80 flag drop	\$4.00 flag drop
Per Mile Rate	\$4.10	\$4.30
Per Hour Waiting Time	\$33.00	\$35.00

2023 Maximum Rates of Fare

- Adoption of maximum rates is optional
 - No additional steps are needed if a taxicab charges equal or less than the 2023 maximum rates of fare
- Taxicab may charge 6% more if equipped with an electronic Point of Sale device
 - Contact FHVA to file a statement of rate of fare form
- Changes to taximeter rates must be performed by an authorized service agent.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Amended Budget Updated Forecast

Agenda Item #5

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
FHV ADMINISTRATION
Total Operating Revenues (\$)

	FY22 ACTUAL	FY23 ORIGINAL	FY23 AMENDED	\$ VARIANCE	% VARIANCE
Annual Regulatory Fees	\$ 423,620	\$ 431,375	\$ 494,600	\$ 63,225	14.7%
Processing/Other Fees	204,349	156,040	216,000	59,960	38.4%
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 627,969	\$ 587,415	\$ 710,600	\$ 123,185	21.0%

- Annual Regulatory Fees
 - Finished FY22 with 1,080 active permits versus
 - FY23 original budget assumed 1,094 permits
 - Increasing assumption to 1,264 based on experience so far

- Processing/Other Fees
 - Projecting increase of \$66K versus original budget based on high volume of applications in first half of year

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
FHV ADMINISTRATION
Total Operating Expenses (\$)

	FY22	FY23	FY23	\$	%
	ACTUAL	ORIGINAL	AMENDED	VARIANCE	VARIANCE
Personnel Costs	\$ 430,982	\$ 463,276	\$ 500,418	\$ 37,142	8.0%
Outside Services	16,581	27,500	21,800	(5,700)	-20.7%
Materials & Supplies	(520)	527	500	(27)	-5.1%
Energy	8,209	7,000	7,000	0	0.0%
Risk	8,075	9,000	9,000	0	0.0%
General & Administration	51,452	67,072	57,464	(9,608)	-14.3%
Overhead Allocation	1,521	27,043	27,043	0	0.0%
Total Costs	\$ 516,300	\$ 601,418	\$ 623,225	\$ 21,807	3.6%

- Personnel Costs – increasing budget to account for new Administrative Assistant hired in January
- Outside Services – reduced general outside services budget after moving to new location
- G&A – removed credit card fees and reduced NRV lease costs

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
FHV ADMINISTRATION
Net Operating Income (\$)

	<u>FY22</u> <u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>FY23</u> <u>ORIGINAL</u>	<u>FY23</u> <u>AMENDED</u>	<u>\$</u> <u>VARIANCE</u>	<u>%</u> <u>VARIANCE</u>
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 627,969	\$ 587,415	\$ 710,600	\$ 123,185	\$ 0
Total Operating Costs	516,300	601,418	623,225	21,807	3.6%
Net Operating Income	\$ 111,668	\$ (14,003)	\$ 87,375	\$ 101,378	-724.0%
Contingency Reserves	111,668	(14,003)	87,375	101,378	-724.0%
Revenues Less Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	

- FHV Administration is self-funded and must fund operating deficits with contingency reserves
- Forecasting addition of \$87K in reserves for FY23

**SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
FOR HIRE VEHICLE (FHV) ADMINISTRATION
RESERVES ANALYSIS**

Fiscal Year 2021 (Audited)

Contributions / (Usage) 266,542

Contingency Balance - FY 2021 (Audited) 411,218

Fiscal Year 2022 (Projected)

Contributions / (Usage) 111,668

Contingency Balance - FY 2022 (Audited) 522,886

Fiscal Year 2023 (Projected)

Contributions / (Usage) 87,375

Contingency Balance - FY 2023 (Projected) 610,261

**SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM
FHV ADMINISTRATION
RESERVES ANALYSIS**

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
Operating Revenues	\$ 627,969	\$ 710,600	\$ 710,600	\$ 710,600	\$ 710,600
Operating Expenses*	516,300	623,225	653,225	672,822	693,006
Net Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 111,668	\$ 87,375	\$ 57,375	\$ 37,778	\$ 17,594
Contingency Reserve - Beginning Balance	\$ 144,677	\$ 522,886	\$ 610,261	\$ 667,636	\$ 705,414
Contingency Reserve - Ending Balance	\$ 522,886	\$ 610,261	\$ 667,636	\$ 705,414	\$ 723,008

- Current reserve balance of \$523K
- Projecting addition of \$87K in FY23
- Assuming revenue stays where it is today (keeping lower fees in place), we're still forecasting gradual increase to reserves over time with no need to increase fees

2023 Regulatory Fee Payment Update

Agenda Item #6

2023 Regulatory Fee Payment Update

- Invoices were sent to Permit Holders via e-mail
- Payments were received via mail, office drop box, or collected in the field by Regulatory Inspectors
- Permits Billed (\$350 per permit) * Renewals as of Feb 20.
 - Taxicabs (709 permits, 40%renewal)
 - Low-Speed Vehicles (22 permits, 10% renewal)
 - Jitneys (4 permits, 0%)
- Permits Billed (\$440 per permit) * Renewals as of Feb 20.
 - 494 Nonemergency Medical (402 permits, 1% renewal)
 - 91 Charter Vehicles (58 permits, 90% renewal)

2023 Regulatory Fee Payment Update

- Per the 2022 FHVA Administrative Fee Schedule, permit holders that are not able to meet the March 3, 2023 payment deadline, are still able to submit a late regulatory fee payment by March 31, 2023, with an addition of a \$100 late payment fee.
- Payments can be made via personal or cashiers check or money order.
- Permit holders who fail to pay the 2023 regulatory fee would have to reapply for voided permits
 - Payments may be:
 - Mailed to: For-Hire Vehicle Administration. 100 16th St. San Diego CA 92101 *or*, deposit at FHVA (red) drop box at lobby
 - Collected in the field by MTS Inspectors
- Void permit letters will be sent to permit holders via e-mail

For-Hire Vehicle Industry Emerging Topic: Partnerships Between Taxicabs and Transportation Network Companies

Agenda Item # 7

For-Hire Vehicle Industry Emerging Topic: Partnerships Between Taxicabs and Transportation Network Companies

- TNC companies have expressed an interest in adding additional modes of transportation to their –e-hail platforms (E-scooters, E-bikes, Limos, NEMT, Taxicabs)
- Uber has said it plans to include every taxicab on its app by 2025
 - <https://www.sfchronicle.com/sf/article/Uber-users-could-soon-be-picked-up-by-S-F-taxis-17060031.php>
- San Francisco Taxicab-Uber partnership has shown an increase in taxicab trips
- Plans to expand partnership to Southern California (Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego)

For-Hire Vehicle Industry Emerging Topic: Partnerships Between Taxicabs and Transportation Network Companies

- Yellow Cab trips through the UBER app are considered an UBER trip
 - Passenger selects taxicab ride and agrees to up-front fare provided by UBER
 - Since fare pricing is based on UBER's app, fare may be higher or lower than taxicab maximum rate of fare.
- Driver may choose to accept or decline trip request and no additional markings required on taxicab
- FHVA will provide TAC with future updates on this Yellow Cab and Uber partnership

Vehicle Sharing Program Opportunities for Taxicab and Nonemergency Medical Transportation Companies (FACT)

Agenda Item #8

For-Hire Vehicle Administration Operations Update

Agenda Item #9

FHVA Operations Update

- E-mail is primary method of communication for all purposes
 - Check Spam/Junk Folders, set e-mail filters to accept FHVA e-mails
- Permit Holders must notify FHVA of any changes in their address, phone number or e-mail information
- FHVA staff available by appointment only. All calls and e-mails are returned by the next business day

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FHVA Operations Update

- All MTS permitted vehicles are required to pass an annual safety vehicle inspection by a state certified Bureau of Automotive Repair (BAR) mechanic.
- Permit holders may contact the mechanic of their choice to complete the MTS Vehicle Inspection Form
- Virtual Inspections conducted by RideShare Mechanic are now accepted by MTS
- [Ridesharemechanic.com](https://ridesharemechanic.com)

FHVA Operations Update

Number of Active vs. Surrendered Permits

Number of Active vs Surrendered For-Hire Vehicle Permits (As of 2/20/2023)				
Number of Permit Holders: Taxi: 518 Low-Speed: 3 NEM/Charter: 68 Jitney: 2 TOTAL: 538				
Permit Type	Total Number of Permits	Number of Permits Surrendered	Currently Active Permits	% Loss in Active Permits
Charter	91	4	87	5%
Jitney	4	2	2	50%
Low Speed Vehicle	22	0	22	0%
NEMT	499	14	485	3%
Taxi	725	112	613	15%
Total (All Types)	1341	132	1209	10%

FHVA Operations Update

2022 QUARTERLY (OCT-DEC) F.H.V.A. FIELD INSPECTIONS & STATS											
	San Diego	National City	Chula Vista	La Mesa	El Cajon	Lemon Grove	Santee	Poway	Imperial Beach	San Ysidro /Otay Mesa	TOTAL
Contacts	343	58	180	57	94	22	5	11	14	175	959
Cites	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parking	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Warnings	24	2	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	31
Field Rep	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3

Definitions:

Contacts: Field contacts to verify driver and vehicle compliance

Cites: Notice to Appear in Court

Parking: Parking Citation (administrative fine)

Warnings: Verbal Warning to driver to correct violation

Field Rep.: Field report requiring reinspection to ascertain violation has been corrected

FHVA Operations Update

Contacts Per Vehicle Type

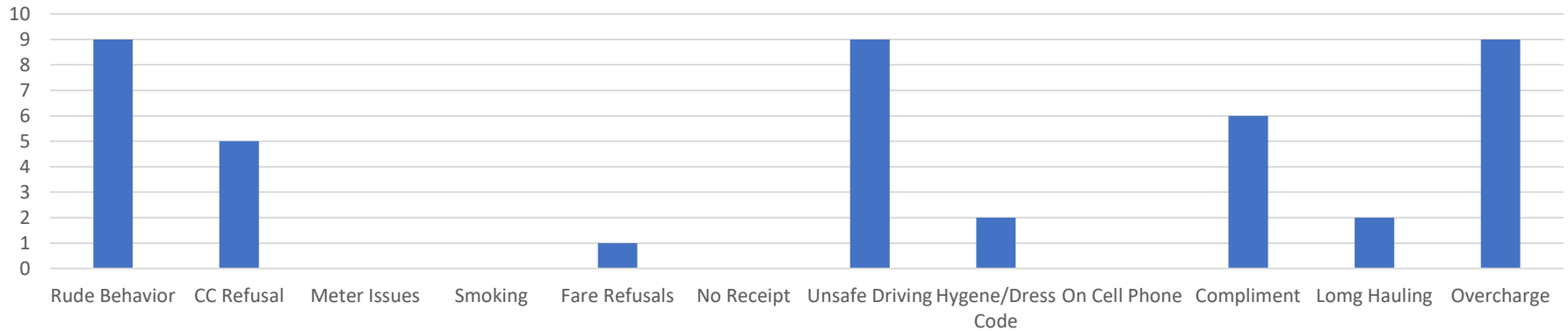
Vehicle Type	Contacts	Percent
Taxi	365	38%
NEM/Charter	589	61%
Jitney	1	0.1%
Low Speed Vehicle	4	0.4%
TOTAL	959	100%

FHVA Operations Update

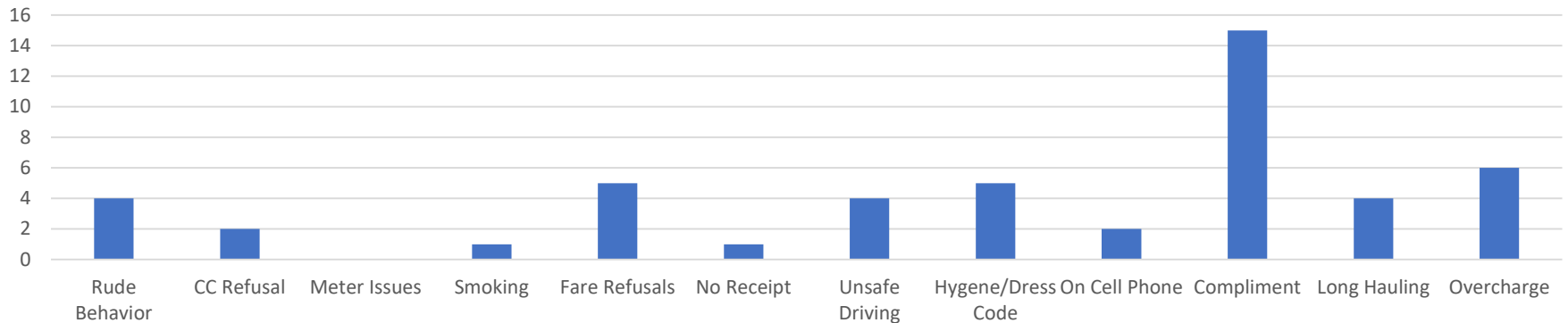
Warnings	
No Sheriff Driver ID	5
Has Sheriff Driver ID but they are not Displaying ID Visibly	20
Not Complete Trip Logs	0
Mechanical	0
No Permit	1
Other (e.g. no First Aid Kit in NEMs)	5

FHVA Operations Update

Customer Feedback Cases August – October 2022

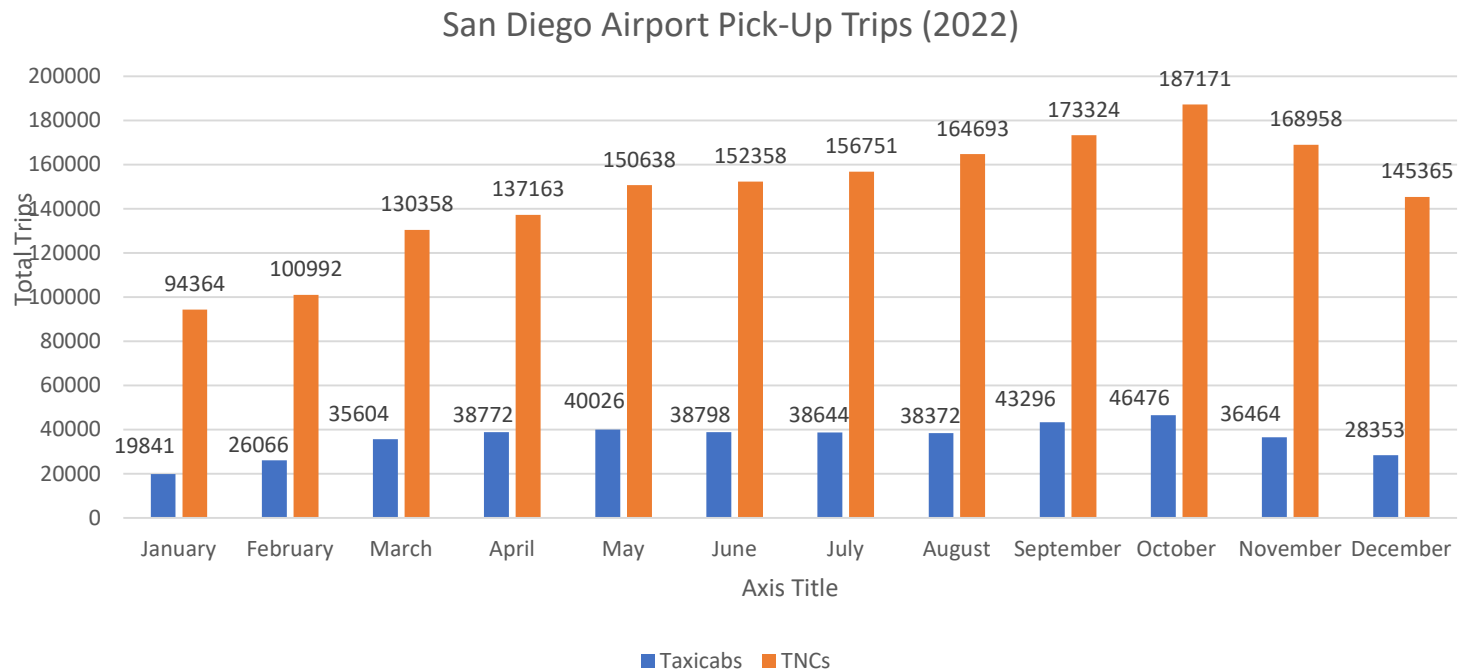


Customer Feedback Cases October 2022 - January 2023



FHVA Operations Update

San Diego Airport Taxicab and TNC trips



Topics for Next Taxicab Advisory Committee Meeting

Agenda Item #10

Topics for Next Taxicab Advisory Committee Meeting

- Taxicab Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) Policy Incentive Recommendations
- Available Advertisement Opportunities for Taxicabs at the Airport
- For-Hire Vehicle Administration Quarterly Report and Operations Update
- Other Suggestions?
 - Contact FHVA Manager Leonardo Fewell to provide any Agenda Topic Suggestions

Committee Member Communications

Brief comment on any taxicab related item
not included in the Agenda