
City of San Antonio Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

Transportation Advisory Board Minutes Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Board Members Present:

George Mery
Nick Roberson
George Garcia
Eddie Rodrigues
Robert Gonzales
Erica La Hood
Javier Trista
David Strainge
Ty Edwards

Board Members Absent:

Joey Pawlik
Daniela Serna

Others Present

Rick Riley, Assistant Police Director
Gary Gilbert, Administrative Service Manager SAPD
James Kopp, Assistant City Attorney
Joe Herrera, Ground Transportation Unit Supervisor SAPD

Guests

Capt. Michael Starnes - SAPD
Troy Ragland – Alamodome

Roll Call & Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Mery at 5:00 pm. A Roll Call followed, at least six (6) voting board members were present, and a quorum was established.

1. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes for August 28, 2024 TAB meeting

N. Roberson moved for approval; E. Rodrigues seconded the motion.

For: All Against: None Abstentions: None Minutes Approved

2. Public Comments:

Joe Anthony - Destride

Briefing and Possible Action on the following Items:

3. NCAA Final Four Traffic Plan

Capt. Starnes presented the traffic plan for NCAA Final Four in 2025 to the TAB.

4. NCAA Final Four Pre-Approved Permitted Vehicles:

Mr. Ragland stated that the NCAA has 25 spots in lot C for Dignitaries.

5. Update on the Horse-Drawn Carriage CCR:

Mr. Gilbert informed the TAB that City Council would hear the horse carriage CCR on December 5th.

6. Discussion on Chapter 33 Taxicab Permits Availability:

Mr. Gonzales stated that the taxicab industry is requesting that no new taxicab permits be issued.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Gonzales moved to amend Chapter 33 Sec. 33-929 (c) number of taxicabs permits ratio to one taxicab per 4,540 population within the legal boundaries of the city.
Seconded by Mr. Strainge.

For: All Against: None

Motion Recommended

7. Discussion on Current Electric Vehicle Operations in San Antonio:

Mr. Mery asked about the electric carriage in San Antonio. Mr. Gilbert stated that the electric carriage is registered with the State of Texas and can operate on the streets of San Antonio under the Neighbor Electric Vehicle (NEV) ordinance, but it cannot operate as a vehicle-for-hire and can not be permitted as an Electric Vehicle-for-Hire permit.

Mr. Mery questioned the number of Electric Vehicle-for-Hire permits available. Mr. Gilbert stated that we currently have 15 permits, and all permits have been issued.

Discussion was held.

8. Approval of the 2025 TAB Calendar:

Mr. Gonzales moved to approve the Transportation Advisory Board's 2025 Meeting Calendar. Seconded by Mr. Edwards.

For: All

Against: None

Motion Approved

6. Items for the Next Agenda:

- Updated on Horse-Drawn Carriage CCR
- Electric Vehicles-for-Hire Permit number recommendations

7. Announcements:

None

8. Adjournment:

Motion made by Mr. Gonzales and seconded by Mr. LaHood

For: All

Against: None

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm

George Mery
TAB Vice-Chairperson

Gary J. Gilbert
Administrative Services Manager
Recorder/Transcriber of Minutes