
City of San Antonio Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

Transportation Advisory Board Minutes Wednesday, August 31, 2022

Board Members Present:

George Mery
George Garcia
Robert Gonzales
Eddie Rodriguez
Ty Edwards
Javier Tristan
Nick Roberson

Board Members Absent:

Others Present

Rick Riley, Assistant Police Director SAPD
Janette Torres-Gloria, Administrative Services Officer SAPD
Gary Gilbert, Administrative Service Manager SAPD
James Kopp, Assistant City Attorney
Joe Herrera, Ground Transportation Unit Supervisor SAPD

Guests

None

Roll Call & Call to Order

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

1. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Minutes for July 27, 2022

T. Edwards moved for approval; R. Gonzales seconded the motion.

For: All **Against:** None **Abstentions:** None **Minutes Approved**

2. Public Comments:

None

Briefing and Possible Action on the following Items:

3. Update on the TAB proposed amendments to Chapter 33 and TAB Chairperson:

Mr. Gilbert reported to the TAB that the Transportation and Mobility committee had several issues and comments about the proposed amendments:

- The proposed rates made San Antonio the highest taxicab rates in Texas, and we are one of the poorest cities in Texas
- Group Cycles and the concern that there is no limit on the number of permits
- What are the average hours worked and wages for taxicab drivers in San Antonio?

The committee did not move the amendments forward to the full City Council, and we would be taken the items back to the Transportation and Mobility Committee on September 20, 2022.

A discussion was held on taxicab rates, and Mr. Gilbert presented the TAB with new Staff recommended rates to be closer to other Texas Cities.

Mr. Rodriguez made a motion to reject the Staff rate recommendation and move forward with the industry proposed rates; R. Gonzalez second the motion.

For: All

Against: None

Motion Approved

4. Owner/Operator's ability to utilize an additional driver:

Item tabled until next meeting

5. Charter and Limousine annual inspection process on vehicles with a seating capacity of 16 or more passengers:

Mr. Mery stated that all vehicles with 16 or more passengers must be registered with TxDOT and have to complete a more rigid inspection that the City performs. Mr. Mery noted that all other cities in Texas have already done away with vehicle inspections on vehicles with 16 or more passengers.

6. Request for items to be placed on future agenda:

- GTU jurisdictions of vehicles-for-hire on San Antonio roads.
- Limousine requirement to have 16 + passengers vehicles regulated by TXDOT and the City of San Antonio
- Owner / Operators additional drivers
- Update on the TAB proposed amendments to Chapter 33 and TAB Chairperson

7. Announcements:

None

8. Adjournment:

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

For: All **Against:** None

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm

George Mery
TAB Vice-Chairperson

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