
City of San Antonio Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

Transportation Advisory Board Minutes Wednesday, September 29, 2022

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Nick Roberson

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

Shannon Sims – Animal Care Services Director

Roll Call & Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gilbert at 5:05 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 August 31, 2022

T. Edwards moved for approval; E. Rodriguez seconded the motion.

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

Public Comments:

Ms. Stephanie Garcia – Permit Holder for Yellow Rose and HRH Carriages
Chris David – Driver - Yellow Rose and HRH Carriages
Kathryn Stephens – Manager - Bluebonnet and Lollypop Carriages
Marisela Martinez – Manger - Lone Star Carriage

Briefing and Possible Action on the following Items:

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

Mr. Mery presented an update to the TAB, on the Transportation and Mobility Committee meeting held on September 20th. Mr. Mery stated that several questions were asked by the Councilmembers of that committee. He specifically wanted to know why Staff was not recommending the amendment to the TAB Ordinance to authorize a TAB Industry member to serve as the TAB Chairperson.

Mr. Gilbert stated that Staff believes that the TAB Chairperson should be an unbiased individual with no vested interest in any industry since the TAB Chairperson sets the agenda and the TAB procedures. The Chairperson could decide not to place a new industry or industry change on the TAB agenda because it would not be in that individual's best interest. In addition, the TAB should be perceived as being unbiased as they should be looking into the needs of the riding public.

Discussions continued.

3. Addition of Article IX, Electric Vehicle for Hire (EVH) industry to Chapter 33:

Mr. Gilbert presented this new Article to the TAB, He informed the TAB that this item had already been approved under the Alternative Vehicles for Hire (AVH) at the February 28, 2022, meeting.

Mr. Gilbert informed the TAB that it is being brought back to the TAB because the Transportation and Mobility Committee requested it as a stand-alone Article in Chapter 33 in case the AVH Article is not approved.

R. Gonzales a motion to recommend the addition of Article IX; T. Edwards seconded the motion.

For: Gonzales, Edwards, Rodriguez, Mery, Tristan **Against:** None
Abstentions: Garcia **Motion Approved**

4. Equine-Drawn Carriages Hours of Operations, Section 33-431 (c) 95-degree temperature limitations and (d) Air Quality Health Alert Day limitations:

Director Sims addressed the TAB on the Air Quality Health Alert Day limitations. Director Sims stated that he had spoken to Dr. Espy (Contracted as the City's equine specialist). Dr. Espy was in favor of removing this limitation, and based on the recommendation of Dr. Espy, ACS also recommended the removal.

Director Sims also stated that he had not discussed the 95-degree temperature issue with Dr. Espy and could not comment on what direction the TAB should recommend.

Discussion was held.

T. Edwards made a motion to recommend the removal of Section 33-431 (d) Air Quality Health Alert Day from Chapter 33. E. Rodriguez seconded the motion.

For: Edwards, Rodriguez, Mery, Tristan **Against:** None
Abstentions: Garcia, Gonzales **Motion Approved**

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

Mr. Gilbert presented to the board the proposal to remove Limousine, Tours, and Charters from the Chapter 33 annual inspection requirement. Mr. Gilbert informed the board that he did not see a reason to continue performing these inspections since a 16 or more passenger vehicle must register with TxDOT and would undergo a more rigorous inspection than done by GTU.

Mr. Gilbert also informed the board this issue was brought up by a member of the Transportation and Mobility Committee as an item they supported.

R. Gonzales made a motion to recommend the removal of limousines, tour, and charter vehicles that are rated as 16 or more passengers that are registered with TxDOT to be exempt from the annual inspection process. T. Edwards seconded the motion.

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

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

- Equine-Drawn Carriages Hours of Operations, Section 33-731 (c) 95-degree temperature limitations

7. Announcements:

None

8. Adjournment:

Motion made by T. Edwards and seconded by E. Rodriguez

For: All **Against:** None

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm

George Mery
TAB Vice-Chairperson

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