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## City of San Antonio Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

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### Transportation Advisory Board Minutes Wednesday, January 25, 2023

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#### **Board Members Present:**

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

#### **Board Members Absent:**

Eddie Rodriguez

#### **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**

LT. Brent Bell – SAPD Traffic

#### **Roll Call & Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Gilbert at 5:01 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 September 28, 2022, TAB meeting

T. Edwards moved for approval; N. Roberson seconded the motion.

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

#### **2. Public Comments:**

None

## **Briefing and Possible Action on the following Items:**

### **3. Vehicle-for-Hire Drivers Permit Requirements (Taxicabs):**

Mr. Gonzales explained his concern of market share losses due to drivers in ability to speak English to taxicab passengers. He requested that the City look into reinstituting the taxicab drivers test as a way to verify a drivers ability to speak English.

Discussion was held

Mr. Mery requested that this item be brought back to the TAB after City Staff had time to locate test copies.

### **4. The City of San Antonio's Alamodome Traffic Plan for Vehicles-for-Hire (Briefing Only):**

Mr. Mery reported to the board what the traffic plan was for events at the dome, specifically Limousine and Charter vehicles would be able to utilize Lot B as a drop off and pick up locations. Taxicab and Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) will utilize Lot D as a drop off and pick up location.

Lt. Bell from SAPD Traffic was present to answer any questions the TAB had on traffic ingress and digress to either lot.

### **5. Amendments to the Taxicab Rules and Regulations:**

Mr. Gilbert present amendments to the taxicab rules and regulations that were part of the recent Chapter 33 amendments. Specific items were age of vehicles, top light requirements, permit process, and others.

Mr. Gonzales state he was not in favor of removal of the top light as it is a traditional marketing sign for taxicabs.

Mr. Gilbert informed the TAB that City Staff has received several requests to change the regulation to allow for window signage that is less expensive to install and would allow them to compete with TNCs.

Mr. Gonzales agree to vote for this amendment as long as taxicabs that operate with a taxicab top light are not required to have the tell-tale light operational anymore.

Mr. Gilbert agreed.

R. Gonzales made a motion to approve the amendments to the rules and regulations; T. Edwards seconded the motion.

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

**6. Public Hearing on the Proposed Motorbike Sidecar Rules and Regulations:**

Public Hearing was opened at 6:11 pm  
No Public Comments  
Public Hearing was closed at 6:13 pm

**7. Public Hearing on the Proposed Electric Vehicle-for-Hire Rules and Regulations:**

Public Hearing was opened at 6:13 pm  
No Public Comments  
Public Hearing was closed at 6:14 pm

**8. Approval of the 2023 Transportation Advisory Board Meeting Dates:**

T. Edwards made a motion to approve the TAB meeting dates; R. Gonzales seconded the motion.

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

**9. Items for the Next TAB Meeting**

- Vehicle-for-Hire Drivers Drug Testing
- TAB Chairperson requirements
- Vehicle-for-Hire Drivers Permit Requirements

**10. Announcements:**

None

**11. Adjournment:**

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

**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