

# City of San Antonio



## AGENDA

### Transportation Advisory Board

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

**Public Safety Headquarters  
- Room 1403, 315 South  
Santa Rosa, San Antonio,  
TX 78207**

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The Transportation Advisory Board will hold its regular meeting in the Public Safety Headquarters - Room 1403, 315 South Santa Rosa, San Antonio, TX 78207 beginning at 5:00 PM. Once convened, the Transportation Advisory Board will take up the following items no sooner than the designated times.

Once a quorum is established, the Transportation Advisory Board shall consider the following:

#### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of the minutes from the Transportation Advisory Board meeting on June 28, 2023

#### **Public Comments**

2. Public Comments

#### **Briefing and Possible Action on the following items**

3. Update on the San Antonio Airport's Procedure on Permitted Drivers Sanctions
4. Moratorium on the Issuance of New Taxicab Permits
5. Items for the Next TAB Meeting
6. Announcements
7. Adjournment

At any time during the meeting, the Transportation Advisory Board may meet in executive session for consultation with the City Attorney's Office concerning attorney client matters under Chapter 551 of the

Texas Government Code.

**DISABILITY ACCESS STATEMENT**

**This meeting site is wheelchair accessible. Auxiliary Aids and Services, including Deaf interpreters, must be requested forty-eight [48] hours prior to the meeting. For assistance, call (210) 207-7268 or 711 Texas Relay Service for the Deaf.**

Intérpretes en español estarán disponibles durante la junta del consejo de la ciudad para los asistentes que lo requieran. También se proveerán intérpretes para los ciudadanos que deseen exponer su punto de vista al consejo de la ciudad. Para más información, llame al (210) 207-7253

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# City of San Antonio Transportation Advisory Board (TAB)

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## Transportation Advisory Board Minutes Wednesday, June 28, 2023

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### **Board Members Present:**

George Mery  
George Garcia  
Robert Gonzales  
Nick Roberson  
Ty Edwards  
Javier Tristan  
Erica LaHood  
Amanda Almanza

### **Board Members Absent:**

Eddie Rodriguez

### **Others Present**

Richard 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 5:03 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 March 15, 2023, TAB meeting

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

Mr. Roberson presented a correction to the March 15, 2023, minutes to Item 3. Mr. Roberson stated that no one seconded his motion; thus, the motion was not accepted, so the motion could not have failed.

This correction was accepted by T. Edwards and seconded by R. Gonzales.

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

## 2. Public Comments:

None

## Briefing and Possible Action on the following Items:

### 3. San Antonio Airport's Permitted Drivers Sanctions:

Mr. Gonzales opened the discussion with stating that he represented the Taxi Industry and he stated that he had requested this item on the agenda.

Mr. Gonzales briefed the history of how the Airport Ground Transportation handled issues with drivers. He brought up a specific situation with a driver that had his driving privileges permanently suspended.

Mr. Gonzales stated that this was done without any appeal process. He has attempted to work with Airport Management on this situation without a resolution and he is requesting that the Board help address the need for an appeal process.

Ms. Amanda Almanza was present from the Aviation Department to respond to board questions.

Discussion was held.

### 4. TAB Chairperson Requirements:

Mr. Garcia stated that he wanted the chairperson to go back to City Council for consideration.

Discussion was held.

Mr. Garcia made a motion to amend Ordinance #74977 to authorize any Transportation Advisory Board Voting Member to serve as the Chairperson of the Board. Second: Mr. Gonzales

For: Mr. Mery, Mr. Garcia, Mr. Gonzales, Ms. LaHood, Mr. Tristan, Mr. Edwards

Against: None

Abstentions: Mr. Roberson

**Motion: approved**

**5. Recommendation on the removal of the following portion of Chapter 33-029 (Drug Free Workplace) of the City Code:**

- **33-029 (b) (2) – The first date on which any new driver operates a vehicle under the holder’s operating permit.**

Mr. Roberson moved to remove Chapter 33, Sec. 33-029 (b) (2), Second by Mr. Gonzales.

Discussion was held.

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

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

Moratorium on issue of new taxicab permits.

**7. Announcements:**

Mr. Edwards stated that he was elected to the Alamo Heights School Board, and he may be unable to attend some of the TABs future meetings.

**8. Adjournment:**

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

**For:** All                      **Against:** None

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm

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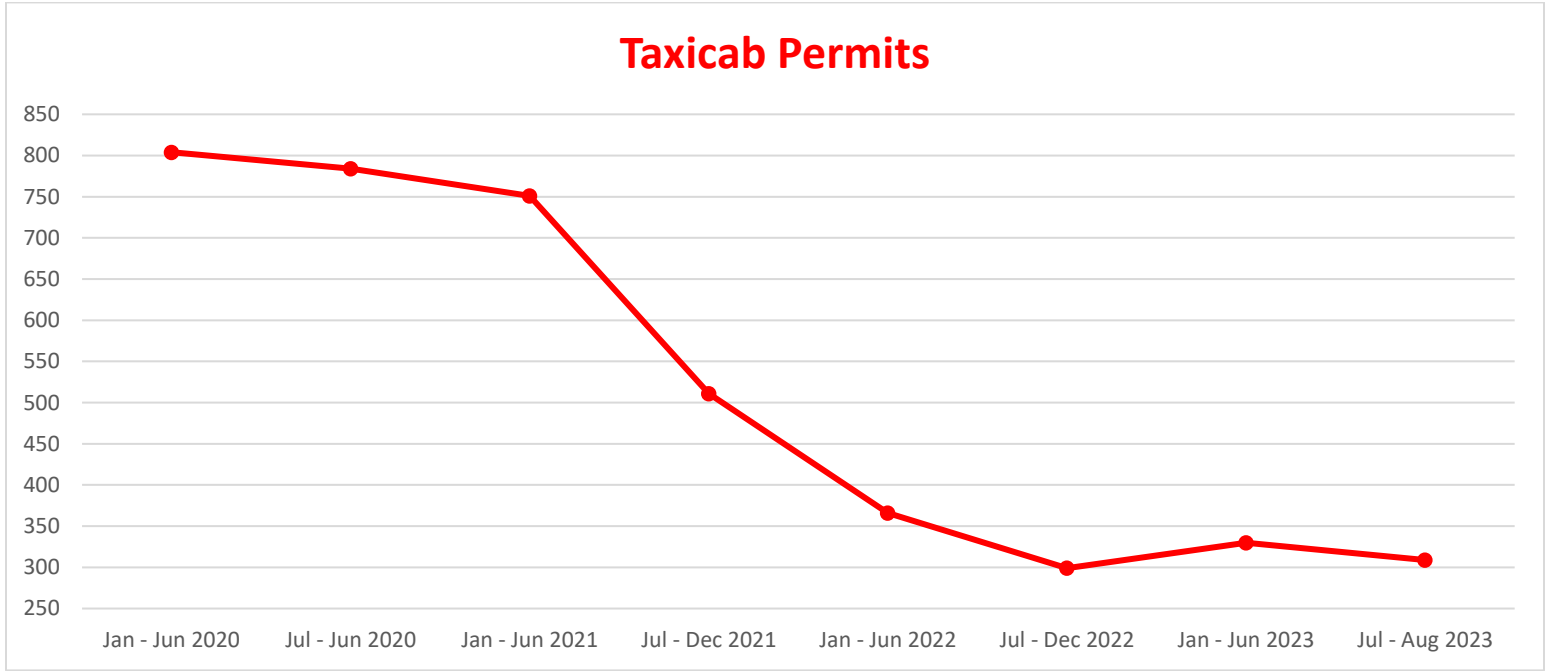
George Mery  
TAB Vice-Chairperson

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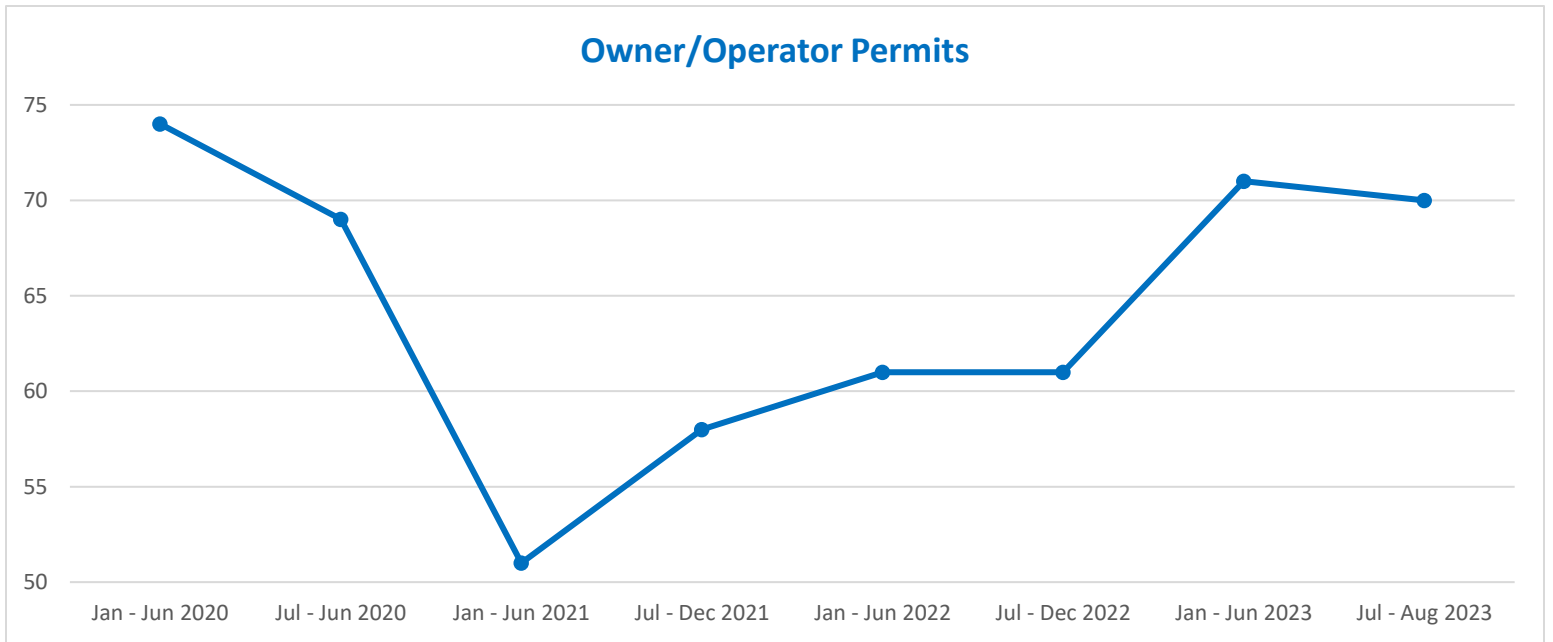
Gary J. Gilbert  
Administrative Services Manager  
Recorder/Transcriber of Minutes

# Taxicab Permit Data

| Number of Permits     | Jan – Jun 2020 | Jul – Dec 2020 | Jan – Jun 2021 | Jul – Dec 2021 | Jan – Jun 2022 | Jul – Dec 2022 | Jan – Jun 2023 | Jul – Sep 2023 |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Taxicabs</b>       | <b>804</b>     | <b>784</b>     | <b>751</b>     | <b>511</b>     | <b>366</b>     | <b>299</b>     | <b>330</b>     | <b>309</b>     |
| <b>Owner/Operator</b> | <b>74</b>      | <b>69</b>      | <b>51</b>      | <b>58</b>      | <b>61</b>      | <b>61</b>      | <b>71</b>      | <b>70</b>      |



Current maximum number of Taxicab Permits: 835



Maximum number of Owner/Operator permits: 75

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## ARTICLE VIII. TAXICABS

### Sec. 33-929. Number of taxicabs; authority to operate additional taxicabs.

- (a) A holder shall maintain in service a minimum of three taxicabs.
- (b) The number of vehicles authorized by the permit agreement and the number of vehicle permits issued pursuant thereto shall be reduced to reflect the actual number of vehicles the holder is able to operate and maintain in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the operating permit, the permit agreement, and the rules and regulations established by the director.
- (c) All applicants for permits or additional permits shall be eligible to receive only such additional taxicab permits as are necessary to meet the service needs of the city's population growth. The number of additional taxicab permits for each calendar year shall be determined by a ratio of one taxicab per 1,700 population within the legal boundaries of the city. The population figure for the city will be based upon the annual population estimate as determined by the planning department as of December 31 of the year preceding the allocation period.
- (d) The procedure to distribute the Taxicab permits shall be outlined in the City of San Antonio rules and regulations.
- (e) In addition to the requirements of subsection (c) above, other factors which may be relied on in determining eligibility for additional or new permits include, but are not limited to, whether:
  - (1) One hundred percent of the holder's authorized taxicabs passed the most recent scheduled semi-annual inspection;
  - (2) Holder has complied with this chapter and the rules and regulations established by the director.
- (f) The holder's application for additional vehicle permits may be denied if any of the requirements of the section above are not met or if at any time during the twelve month period immediately preceding the application for additional permits the holder:
  - (1) Failed to pay a fine or fee owed within the time required by this chapter or the director;

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(2) Failed to maintain the license/permit bond or insurance required by this chapter;

(3) Had a vehicle permit revoked or suspended; or

(4) Has failed to assign any previously issued vehicle permits to a vehicle.

(g) A holder who is approved for additional vehicle permits shall execute an amended permit agreement authorizing the additional vehicles. The amended permit agreement shall supersede any such agreements previously executed between the city and the holder. The duration of the amended permit agreement shall be for the same period of time as provided for in the original permit agreement.

(h) A holder receiving new or additional vehicle permits shall, within 180 days of signing the permit agreement have presented the vehicle(s) to the City and passes the initial inspection.

## **Sec. 33-932. Owner/ Operators.**

(a) The director shall issue up to 75 owner/operator permits to individual persons who own a motor vehicle for use as a taxicab service. These permits shall be included in calculating the number of additional permits available pursuant to the Sec. 33-929(c). Owner/Operators are exempt from Sec. 929 (d) - (I).

(b) An applicant for an owner/operator permit must be a continuously active and permitted taxicab driver in San Antonio for at least one year at the time of the application.

(c) The owner/operator vehicle may not be operated as a vehicle for hire by anyone other than the permitted owner/operator

(d) The procedure for distribution of owner/operator permits is outlined in City of San Antonio Taxicab Rules and Regulations.

(e) An individual who is approved for an owner/operator permit must make timely payment of all tax assessments and fees.

(f) Applicants and vehicles for owner/operator permits shall comply with all provisions of Chapter 33 except for the following:



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Sec. 33-007 (f), (h), (i), (l), and (m)

Sec. 33-009

Sec. 33-971.

(g) Within ninety (90) days after receipt of an owner/operator permit, the holder shall operate a city-wide ground transportation service in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the operating permit, permit agreement, and the rules and regulations established by the director, for a period of five (5) years beginning on the date stated in the permits agreement. Thereafter, the owner/operator permit shall be renewed for a period of two (2) years, subject to the provisions in Sec. 33.025.