

City of San Antonio



AGENDA

Transportation Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

5:00 PM

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

The Transportation Advisory Board Meeting 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 Meeting will take up the following items no sooner than the designated times.

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

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the minutes from the Transportation Advisory Board meeting on September 20, 2023.

Public Comments

2. Public Comments

Briefing and Possible Action on the following items

3. Moratorium on the issuance of new taxicab permits
4. How can the Transportation Advisory Board assist the taxicab industry
5. Horse Carriage industry request for ordinance and rule changes
6. Statutes of the electric vehicle-for-hire industry
7. Items for the next TAB agenda
8. Announcements

9. Adjournment

At any time during the meeting, the Transportation Advisory Board Meeting 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

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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)

Transportation Advisory Board Minutes Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Board Members Present:

George Mery
Eddie Rodriguez
Nick Roberson
David Strainge
Javier Tristan
Erica LaHood

Board Members Absent:

George Garcia
Robert Gonzales
Ty Edwards

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 5:08 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 June 28, 2023, TAB meeting

N. Roberson moved for approval; E. LaHood 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 San Antonio Airport's Procedure on Permitted Drivers Sanctions:

Mr. Gilbert stated that the Airport did not have an update on this item.

Mr. Mery briefed the TAB about the history of this item.

4. Moratorium on the Issuance of the New Taxicab Permits:

Mr. Mery discussed this issue with the TAB, however since Mr. Gonzales and no taxicab member were present to discuss this item will be placed on the next TAB agenda.

5. Items for the Next TAB Meeting

- Moratorium on issue of new taxicab permits.
- Taxicab industry and how the TAB can assist the industry.
- Horse Carriages industry
- Electric Vehicle-for-Hire industry

7. Announcements:

8. Adjournment:

Motion made by Mr. N. Roberson and seconded by D. Strainge

For: All **Against:** None

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm

George Mery
TAB Vice-Chairperson

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

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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) - (l).

(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.

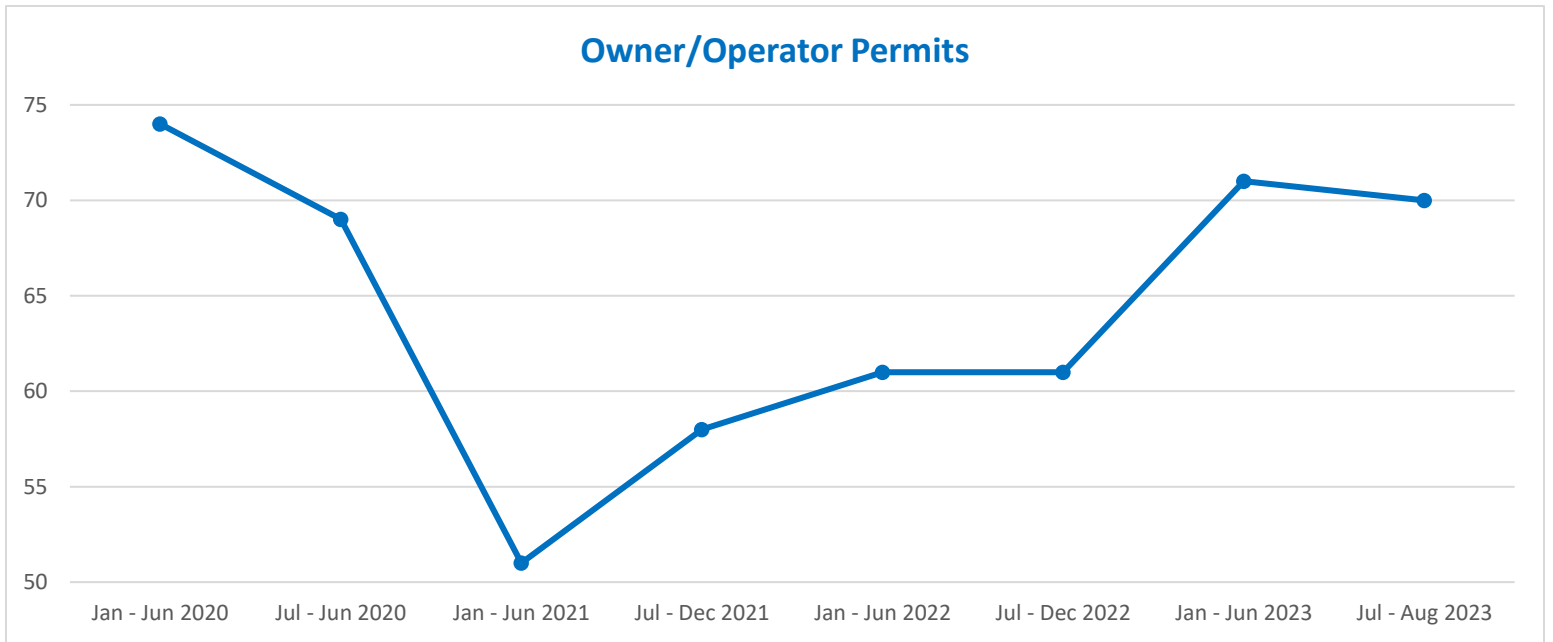
(g) Within ninety (90) days after receipt of an owner/operator permit, the holder shall operate a city-wide ground transportation service in accordance with the provisions of this chapter, the operating permit, permit agreement, and the rules and regulations established by the director, for a period 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.

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
Taxicabs	804	784	751	511	366	299	330	309
Owner/Operator	74	69	51	58	61	61	71	70



Current maximum number of Taxicab Permits: 835



Maximum number of Owner/Operator permits: 75