

Taxi Fleet Association
Meeting notes
May 9, 2013

- **Introductions**-Attendees: California Coop, Yellow Cab, SMART, BC Fleet, Capitol City Fleet, National, SITO, STA, A & A Express. (City staff-Brad, Dafna, Ricardo, & Julia)

- **Insurance** – All taxi vehicles shall remain insured during the entire time a vehicle has a City of Sacramento vehicle permit. No taxi vehicle in a fleet shall drop their vehicle insurance for any reason. If a driver/owner cancels their insurance, it is an automatic revocation of their taxi vehicle permit. There may be extenuating circumstances which will be handled on case by case bases, however, no driver will be granted permission to cancel their insurance while they go on vacation.
 - The Risk Department will be conducting insurance audits throughout the year. The audit is to make sure drivers are not canceling their insurance while holding a city permit. If the City finds out a vehicle has no insurance at any time the vehicle had a permit the vehicle permit will be immediately revoked, regardless of when the insurance lapse was discovered. For example, if a vehicle does not have insurance in March 2013, and the City of Sacramento risk Department discovers it in June or July 2013, that taxi vehicle permit will be revoked until the moratorium is lifted.

 - It is also the responsibility of each FLEET MANAGER to make sure all vehicles within your fleet has the proper insurance, and is in compliance with the Sacramento City Code. Fleet managers, if you have independent drivers who refuse to give you their information, the City of Sacramento will hold you accountable for your drivers, you have the option and discretion to allow the driver in the fleet.

- **Fleet colors**-Sacramento Code Enforcement has inspected all of the fleet association's fleet colors and has obtained the color codes submitted by each fleet. As of May 9, 2013, any vehicle that does not have the EXACT SAME COLOR SCHEME that the fleet association submitted will not pass inspection and will need to have their vehicle re-inspected for the correct color scheme which will also incur a re-inspection fee.

- **Paratransit**-City of Sacramento plans to submit to City Council a request for proposal for quasi-government agencies to inspect the taxi vehicles. There is not a set timeframe for this, as the City is working on the taxi moratorium study, along with the several different request/issues that the taxi industry continues to bring forward.

- **SULEV vehicles**-Discussion of taxi vehicles having low emission type vehicles and discussion of where taxi owners can go if they are interested. Car dealers (such as Toyota and Ford) stated they are working with the taxi industry to help them obtain new vehicles if the person chooses to do so.
- **Uber & Mobile Apps**-discussion of the mobile app Uber and there invading the taxi industry. There are no clear cut answers yet on how to approach this, however, the city will look at the mobile application to see if the City has a stand in this issue. Fred will also contact the associations to discuss the Uber situation with the fleet managers.
- **TPAC**- There was discussion about the Taxi Paratransit Association of California (TPAC) and the benefits that TPAC offers to the taxi industry. TPAC is a nonprofit trade association formed in 1968 to represent the interests of operators comprising the taxicab/paratransit industry of the state. Member companies range from the largest fleets to small owner operated firms. The mission of the Taxicab Paratransit Association of California is to enhance the ability of member organizations to effectively and profitably serve the transportation needs of the public; provide timely information and educational opportunities to members; represent industry interests before legislative and regulatory bodies; and assist member organizations in dealing with special issues.
- **10th/K Street**-Taxi drivers are causing a major traffic jam on 10th Street during the hours the night clubs are letting out. Taxi drivers are to be reminded they CAN NOT STOP in the middle of the street in front of the nightclubs to pick up or drop off passengers. Taxi drivers must not park in the loading zones to wait for a fare. Any driver violating the rules will be cited by the Sacramento Police department.
- **Taxi Stands**- The taxi industry has requested stands and the Department of Transportation have been working trying to attain taxi stands at the areas requested. The Transportation Dept. has been turned down by businesses not wanting taxi stands near their location due to the unprofessional conduct of taxi drivers.
- **Forms signed off by fleet managers**-Taxi drivers are to be reminded that when they are leaving an association that the driver should work with their fleet manager and have the fleet manager sign off on their paper. If the fleet manager does not sign does not mean the driver can not leave their fleet. They may turn in their paperwork to the City and the City will look at each situation on a case by case basis.
- Drivers are asking that when vehicles are brand new can they not be held for inspection at Paratransit. This will be an issue that the City will look into later after the moratorium.

- Fleet managers would like Parking Enforcement to attend the next taxi meeting, and to have the meetings at a later time like 1pm.