

WHAT: Taxi Fleet Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, 11/09/2017

TIME: 10:00am – 11:00am

WHERE: Natomas Community Center

ATTENDEES:

Chan PW Shah – SITO, Careden – SITO, Chemseddine Haddane – Capital City Cab

Yasir Arafat – STA, Aman Singh – SMART, Jaswinder Mann – SMART, Greig Best – Yellow Cab

City staff, Shawn Bartosh – Code Enforcement, Dafna Gauthier, Tessa St. John, and Cynthia Smith – City of Sacramento, Revenue

- This meeting is being held to address follow up from the last meeting and to hear about any current concerns from the Taxi Fleet Association
- New vehicle requirements for January 2019 will remain in effect, however, effective immediately, brand new vehicles purchased by taxi drivers will not need a paratransit inspection. The definition of “brand new” is any vehicle that has been purchased and has never been registered before.
 - The City is providing ongoing training through the administration of the taxi testing and this in turn will help to raise the standards of the service provided by the taxi industry
 - However, the standards for hiring taxi drivers is set with the fleet associations as taxi drivers must be part of a fleet to obtain a City permit
 - Update on taxi test:
 - The fleet managers and the City of Sacramento agreed that drivers can take 8 modules of the computer test, and that will complete the requirement for the drivers. All drivers must take the taxi knowledge test. However, instead of completing the 9 modules of the computer test, the drivers will only have to complete 8 modules. The taxi drivers will now complete 2 modules at a time for testing (as agreed by their fleet managers). Once the drivers have completed all 8 modules they will no longer have to take the computer portion of the taxi test, but still must take the written. This is to compromise with the taxi drivers, along with still meeting requirements of the City of Sacramento and the hospitality committee. The 9th module will be used for training purposes or complaints if needed.
- The taxi industry complained that illegal taxi drivers are driving at night and at big events. Code enforcement and Business permits conducted a taxi string operation Nov 18, as a follow up to the complaints. The results showed no one was operating without a valid taxi permit.