

MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL TAXI AUTHORITY HIGHLIGHTS

**July 30, 2012
BOARD MEETING**

ADOPT NEW QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE SET ON THE FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Under Consent Agenda, the RTA Board approved changing all quarterly Board meetings to the fourth Monday of the month. Meetings were previously held on the last Monday of the month.

CONDUCT PUBIC HEARING ON INCREASE OF TAXI DISPATCHING COMPANY PERMIT FEES FROM \$1,000 PER COMPANY/FIRST VEHICLE PLUS \$300 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL VEHICLE TO \$1,200 PER COMPANY/FIRST VEHICLE PLUS \$500 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL VEHICLE

The RTA Board unanimously voted to postpone the Public Hearing on fare increases until the next Board meeting of October 22, 2012. Staff will return with an updated FY 2013 Budget including Board recommendations for reducing expenses.

ADOPT FY 2013 OPERATING BUDGET AS RECOMMENDED BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

The RTA Board unanimously approved adopting the FY RTA Budget as an Interim Budget, without proposed permit fee increases, and to include the recommendations made by the Finance Committee to reduce expenses.

CONDUCT ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The RTA Board unanimously approved appointing Sergio Sanchez to serve as Board Chair and Libby Downey to serve as Board Vice-Chair. The RTA board also approved appointing Carl Sedoryk as Secretary, Deanna Smith as Deputy Secretary, Carl Sedoryk as Treasurer, Hunter Harvath as Deputy Treasurer, and David Laredo as General Counsel.

APPROVE TAC STAKEHOLDER APPLICATION FOR KAREN FAUROT OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The RTA Board unanimously approved the application of Karen Faurot to serve as the Law Enforcement stakeholder for the Technical Advisory Committee.

RECEIVE TAXI LIVERY NEGOTIATING SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The RTA Board approved by a 5-4 vote the following:

Item #1:

Change the language in the Equipment, Safety, Security, and Operational Policy (ESSOP) to read:

Section 3(b): "The color scheme of for-hire vehicles for new taxicab companies permitted by the RTA is subject to the approval of the RTA and must use a color scheme for their taxi livery that is not already in use by an existing RTA permitted taxicab company."

Item #2:

Add language to the Equipment, Safety, Security, and Operational Policy (ESSOP) to read:

"The name of new taxicab companies and 'Doing Business As' names must be sufficiently distinctive from existing RTA permitted taxicab companies."

Item #3:

Continue to the next regular meeting of the RTA Board:

"Require Yellow Cab of Monterey County to change their color scheme within 60 days, to be sufficiently different from the complainant, Salinas Yellow Cab"

BOARD MEMBER REFERRALS TO TAC OR FUTURE AGENDAS.

The RTA Board made the following requests of RTA staff:

Provide an update regarding insurance requirement minimums rising from \$500,000 prior to the establishment of the RTA to \$1,000,000 after its establishment.

Provide more information on the cost of installing and operating credit card machines in taxicabs.

Research the possibility of adjusting the RTA Administrator's hours in the City of Monterey without increasing costs. Director Downey asked that Ms. Faurot also follow up on this issue.

Find out if the City of Monterey Taxi Administrator has received any complaints on taxi permitting operating hours.

Report back to the Board information on possible insurance pooling for members of the RTA.

Brief TAMC in the next three (3) to six (6) months on the challenges and progress of the RTA.