

TAC HIGHLIGHTS

June 23, 2011 MEETING

REVIEW TAXI FARE STRUCTURE AND PROVIDE COMMENT

The Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the Taxi Fare Comparison Chart for California Cities and Counties and the following recommendation was agreed upon unanimously:

- A maximum limit for all taxi fares within the RTA jurisdictions should be set at \$3.50 for flag drop/initial charge, \$3.50 per mile, and \$35.00 per hour for wait time. Taxi cab companies may not charge more than the maximum allowable fares, but may charge less as deemed appropriate by each individual dispatching company.

Still to be discussed at a future TAC meeting are special surcharges above and beyond the basic fare structure as recommended. In addition, the recommended fares do not include a surcharge for the Monterey Peninsula Airport. This issue will be discussed further after the Airport presentation at the June 27, 2010 RTA Board meeting.

REVIEW SCHEDULE OF TAXI FEES AND PROVIDE COMMENT

The Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the current Interim Schedule of Fees, the Taxi Fee Comparison Chart of Orange County and San Diego Fees, and a handout of FY 2012 Licensing and Permit Fees as recommended by the RTA Finance Committee at their June 27, 2010 meeting.

The Finance Committee recommended that MST subcontract to the Cities of Monterey and Salinas to provide administration for the issuance of approximately 200 annual Taxi Driver Permits and for monitoring compliance.

The Committee unanimously agreed to approve the recommended Taxi Fee Structure, as recommended by the RTA Finance Committee, to include the following fees:

- A total of \$550 per Taxi Driver to include a \$475 permit fee and a \$75 Vehicle Inspection Fee.
- A total of \$1,000 per Taxi Dispatching Company to include one dispatched vehicle and \$300 for each additional Taxi Cab dispatched by the Company.

REVIEW TAXI ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM REGULATIONS REFERRALS FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND PROVIDE COMMENT

The following comments were provided by the Technical Advisory Committee:

Item 4: Continued operation of authorized business required—exceptions to 24-hour operations.

- The Committee recommended that all Taxi Cab Companies must operate 24 hours per day. Exceptions could be made in occasional extreme circumstances (i.e., death in the family)

Item 21: Service to the general public—complaints against taxi drivers, trip prohibitions, trip requirements.

- The Committee recommended adding the verbage “within reason or must refer to another cab company.”

Item 26: Mandatory controlled substance and alcohol testing program.

- The Committee recommended keeping the item as written with deletions.

Item 27:

- The Committee recommended deleting the first sentence in Item 27.1 and to defer to the County Department of Weights and Measures established standards.