

TAC HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 17, 2011 MEETING

- Kathy Krystal submitted a letter from Monterey County Cab Drivers. Chair Penko asked that the letter be emailed to all TAC and RTA members.
- Steve Cardinalli requested a copy of the grant submitted for Senior Scrip funding. Chair Penko requested that staff provide the requested grant information to the TAC Committee.

REVIEW DRAFT EQUIPMENT, SAFETY, SECURITY AND OPERATIONAL POLICY AND PROVIDE COMMENT

The Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the Draft Equipment, Safety, Security and Operational Policy and provided the following recommendations:

- Item 2-K: change language to conform to Code Requirements that require only one side mirror and rearview mirror be operational.
- Item 3-C: There was consensus that new companies would not be allowed to duplicate color schemes already established by current companies. There was no consensus on how to deal with the current confusion caused by similar color schemes among currently operating taxi companies once the jurisdictions were open to all licensed operators.
- Item 3-O: Increase personal container space allotted to taxi drivers to 2 cubic feet.
- Item 3-P: Strike Item 3-P be from document, and add “hazard lights” or “emergency lights” to Item 3-E after “signal lights.”
- Item 3-R through 3-V: Strike the entire section from document with the exception of the first line, “The rates of fare charges for for-hire vehicles shall be clearly displayed in the passenger compartment.”
- Item 4: Change “taxi vehicle permit and a driver permit” in line 2 to “taxi vehicle permit and taxi driver permit.” Change “license” in line 3 to “taxi permit.”
- Item 5-A: Change “offer” to “provide” in line 1 and “upon payment of the fare” to “upon request” in line 1.
- Item 5-H: Keep first line, strike rest of item.
- Chair Penko requested that staff research other best practices regarding dealing with offensive odors such as cologne, etc.

- Item 5-K: Add “unless directed otherwise” to end of sentence.
- Item 5-M: Chair Penko requested that staff research ADA laws and acceptable reasonable accommodations for taxi drivers that are allergic to animals.
- Item 5-L: Chair Penko stated that case law determines the definition of a “reasonable person.” He stated that the TAC would be the body to hear any issue relating to taxi driver behavior and would make a recommendation to the RTA.
- Item 5-N: Mr. Harvath stated that counsel questioned striking Item N in its entirety. It was recommended that the restriction on drivers reference refusing service based on “shortness of trip” and not “length of trip.”
- Item 5-Q: Leave item as-is.
- Item 5-S: Add “(company trainers)” after “RTA” in line 1.
- In response to Public Comment by Mike Cardinalli, Chair Penko requested that a recommendation be made to add an item specifically addressing “peak hours” from 12:00 a.m to 3:00 a.m., allowing a driver to limit trips to direct routes only.
- In response to Public Comment, Chair Penko requested that staff provide information on taxi cab inspection sheet.