

TAC Highlights

October 18, 2011 MEETING

REVIEW PROPOSED ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES/FINES AND PROVIDE COMMENT TO RTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The TAC reviewed and commented on the Proposed Administrative Penalties and Fines based on RTA Equipment, Safety, Security and Operational Policy (ESSOP). **The committee approved the Proposed Administrative Penalty Guidelines, as stated in Attachment 1 of Agenda Item 5-1, by the following votes:**

Section 2: approved by a vote of 5-3

Section 3: approved by a vote of 5-3

Section 4: approved by a vote of 7 with one abstention

Section 5: approved by a vote of 6-2

The following administrative and procedural suggestions were made during the course of discussion:

- A law enforcement officer should be called to evaluate citations to ensure that they comply with California vehicle code.
- Recommend the RTA Board discuss the issue of companies converting to shuttles (PUC vehicles) to avoid complying with RTA regulations.
- A 30-Day Notice of Cancellation should be requested of all insurance companies.
- A request was made to establish whether random inspections would be performed on a 24-hour basis. There was a concern that drivers would have their vehicles taken out of service without the opportunity to correct the problem if cited after hours.

The TAC reviewed and commented on the Proposed Administrative Penalty Guidelines based on RTA Program Regulations. **The committee approved the Proposed Administrative Penalty Guidelines, as stated in Attachment 2 of Agenda Item 5-1, by a vote of 6-2.**

CORRESPONDENCE FROM GENERAL COUNSEL PROVIDED

The TAC was provided with three memos from David C. Laredo, RTA General Counsel, regarding the RTA's authority to regulate color schemes of taxicabs and taxi companies, on the authority of the RTA to adopt proposed Section 5(n) of the ESSOP, and on the effect of recent amendments to ADA Regulations on the RTA's policy on service animals.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RTA/TAC TAXI STUDY SESSION

The TAC was provided information on the RTA/TAC Taxi Study Session to take place at the MBUAPCD at 24580 Silver Cloud Ct., Monterey, CA 93901, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.