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Recommendation for Council Action

Mobility Committee		Item ID	43155	Agenda Number	4.
Meeting Date:	3/25/2015		Department:	Transportation	
Subject					
Proposed code amendment related to taxi services and task force recommendations.					
Amount and Source of Funding					
Fiscal Note					
Purchasing Language:					
Prior Council Action:					
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Boards and Commission Action:					
MBE / WBE:					
Related Items:					

Additional Backup Information

This item will be presented to City Council at their April 23, 2015 meeting.

The Austin Transportation Department (ATD) has been engaged in an ongoing effort to modernize and update the City's transportation regulations related to vehicles for hire within the City of Austin. In 2014 the Department was directed by Council to assemble the Austin Taxi Task Force. This task force is comprised of members offering an array of perspectives such as the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau, Austin Hotel and Lodging Association, Urban Transportation Commission, Taxi Drivers Association of Austin, and ADAPT of Texas, a national disability organization. The discussions related to issues identified by ATD and the task force contained staff's recommendations, which are intended to address improvements with taxi service delivery.

On May 15, 2014, Council adopted resolution No. 20140515-025 directing the City Manager to engage stakeholders to address identified issues. Those issues include universal dispatch, a transition toward employee drivers, green vehicle incentives, limits on terminal fees, improvements to ADA service, insurance, workplace protections for taxi drivers, and "legacy" permits. The City Manager was also directed to make a recommendation as to the need for additional or

specialized permits and the role of Transportation Network Companies.

These recommended amendments are responsive to the resolution.