



BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION

Urban Transportation Commission

Recommendation Number: 20151013-03C: Taxi Co-op

WHEREAS, the City of Austin continues to experience significant growth in population as a business and tourism destination; and

WHEREAS, such growth creates a greater demand for ground transportation for-hire services where there is currently unmet demand; and

WHEREAS, multiple business models are entering the Austin market to meet that demand; and

WHEREAS, the taxicab industry occupies a unique role in providing ground transportation for-hire to all Austinites; and

WHEREAS, a driver-owned taxicab cooperative model would allow owner-operators the opportunity to compete in the ground transportation for-hire marketplace

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Urban Transportation Commission recommends to the City Council their support to the concept of the Taxi Co-op with 548 new permits.

(Please note: Austin Transportation Department's (ATD) recommendation is attached and it differs from UTC's recommendation.)

Date of Approval: October 13, 2015

Record of the vote: 5/1/2/3 – Commissioner Bingham-opposed; Commissioners Johnson and Baez-abstaining; Commissioners Mantero, Calistrat, and Hosek absent.

Attest: _____

(Staff or board member can sign)

Austin Transportation Department (ATD) Recommendation: Taxi Co-Op

Austin Transportation Department (ATD) recommends a total of 140 franchise permits with 9 special (ADA accessible) franchise permits for the franchise opportunity.