

**Orange County Taxi Administration Program (OCTAP)
Steering Committee and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2015**

Steering Committee and Safety Committee Members Present:

City of Anaheim Steering and Safety Committees, Jesse Penunuri
City of Anaheim Steering and Safety Committees, Sandra Sagert
City of Garden Grove Steering Committee, Jeff Kuramoto
City of Garden Grove Steering Committee, Pam Gillis
City of Huntington Beach Steering and Safety Committees, Robert Barr
City of Irvine Steering and Safety Committee, Scott Crones
City of Laguna Beach Steering and Safety Committees, Matt Gregg
City of La Habra Steering and Safety Committees, Sumner Bohee
City of Mission Viejo Steering Committee, Brett Canedy
City of Newport Beach Steering Committee, Monique Navarrete
City of Newport Beach Safety Committee, Rachel Johnson
City of Santa Ana Steering and Safety Committee, Ronald Moreno
County of Orange Steering Committee, Robert Holden
Large Taxi Cab Company Representative Steering Committee, Tim Conlon
Small Taxi Cab Company Representative Steering Committee, Mehdi Sarreshtedari

Not Represented:

City of Aliso Viejo
City of Brea
City of Buena Park
City of Costa Mesa
City of Cypress
City of Dana Point
City of Fountain Valley
City of Fullerton
City of Laguna Hills
City of Laguna Niguel
City of Laguna Woods
City of Lake Forest
City of La Palma
City of Los Alamitos
City of Orange
City of Placentia
City of Rancho Santa Margarita
City of San Clemente
City of San Juan Capistrano
City of Seal Beach
City of Stanton
City of Tustin
City of Villa Park
City of Westminster
City of Yorba Linda

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Others Present:

Sue Zuhlke, OCTAP
Patrick Sampson, OCTAP
Sandy Boyle, OCTAP
David DeBerry, OCTA Legal Counsel
Rich Girard, OCTAP
Angela Gatchell, OCTAP
John Williams, Public
Greg Akins, CABCO
Patrick Dreis, Happy Taxi
Armando Lara, Go Yellow Taxi

Call to Order and Introductions

Steering Committee Chairman Navarrete (City of Newport Beach) called the July 16, 2015, regular meeting of the Orange County Taxi Administration Program (OCTAP) Steering Committee and Safety Committee to order at 12:15 pm.

Consent Calendar (Items 1 and 2)

All matters on the Consent Calendar are to be approved in one motion unless a Committee Member or member of the public requests a separate action on a specific item.

1. Approval of Minutes

Of the April 16, 2015, combined Steering Committee and Safety Committee Meeting.

2. Staff Information Items – Receive and File the:

- a) OCTAP Quarterly Operations and Financial Reports
 - 1. OCTAP Quarterly Operations Report, April 1 through June 30, 2015
 - 2. OCTAP Financial Report, March 2015 through May 2015
 - 3. CPI Historical Data
 - 4. Fuel Cost Historical Data

Due to a lack of quorum, no action was taken on Items 1 and 2. The items on the consent calendar will be forwarded to the November 4, 2015, Steering Committee and Safety Committee meeting for consideration and approval.

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Regular Calendar

3. Elect Safety Committee Chair and Vice Chair

Due to lack of a quorum, no action was taken on this item. This item will be forwarded to the November 4, 2015 Steering Committee and Safety Committee meeting for consideration.

4. OCTAP Regulation Review Subcommittee

OCTAP Administrator Sandy Boyle reported that the Regulation review sub-committee continued to review the OCTAP regulations. It is expected that the sub-committee's recommendations will be brought to the next scheduled Steering Committee and Safety Committee meeting. Committee Members will have an opportunity to review recommendations prior to the meeting. It is anticipated that the changes will be effective January 1, 2016, if approved.

5. Legislation Regarding Transportation Network Companies

OCTAP Administrator Sandy Boyle provided a synopsis of the five Assembly Bills pertaining to Transportation Network Companies (TNC) introduced and currently in the California Legislature. AB 24 is currently held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee. AB 828 passed the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee and referred to the Committee on Rules. AB 886 was cancelled at the request of the author in Assembly. AB 1360 passed the Assembly and is currently awaiting consideration by the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications. AB 1422 was passed by the Assembly and forwarded to the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. OCTAP staff will continue to monitor legislation and provide information to the OCTAP Steering and Safety Committees.

Large Taxi Cab Company Representative Tim Conlon added that SB 372 was introduced to the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities, and Communication on July 13, 2015. This bill is intended to ensure that a transportation network company will not contract with, employ, or retain a participating driver who is required to register as a sex offender.

Discussion Items

6. OCTAP Staff Updates

a) Enforcement Efforts

OCTAP Administrator Sandy Boyle reported on OCTAP's enforcement and outreach activities in the cities of Huntington Beach, Newport Beach, Fullerton, and Anaheim. OCTAP staff distributed brochures and spoke with local business

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managers, taxicab customers, and people who reported to be TNC customers about taxicab safety.

The night time enforcement resulted in the removal of two taxicabs from service, one for a bald tire and the other for an expired vehicle permit. The proprietor of 21 Oceanfront asked for assistance to reduce the practice of taxicabs parking in the red zones blocking the entrance to their restaurant.

b) OCTAP Extended Hours

OCTAP extended office hours to Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. On Fridays, vehicle inspections are offered on a first come, first serve basis with no appointment needed.

c) OCTAP Website and Outreach Material Review

Based on comments from committee members in the April Committee meeting, the OCTAP website landing page was changed to be more public facing, reflecting places to travel to by taxicab in Orange County.

A Public Service Announcement (PSA) was developed to educate the public about permitted taxicabs and their benefits. It was distributed to every city in Orange County for inclusion on their local cable channel and was published in the 101 Things to do in Orange County, summer publication.

A flyer was distributed to companies and drivers regarding the July 1, 2015, increase in OCTAP permit fees.

7. Committee Representative Reports

Tim Conlon, the committee's Large Taxi Company representative mentioned the recent efforts of the Los Angeles Police Department and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, regarding TNC and transportation services operating without a valid taxicab permit. He asked OCTAP to initiate similar efforts that would result in issuance of fines, confiscation of unpermitted vehicles, and arrests.

Manager of Motorists Services and Taxi Administration Patrick Sampson responded that OCTAP has no sworn officers. Instead, each Agency adopts the OCTAP regulations into their respective municipal codes and retains enforcement responsibility within its jurisdiction.

Safety Committee Member Crones (City of Irvine), addressed OCTAPs status related to law enforcement and confirmed that the cities retain enforcement responsibility. Only the county, and in some cases the sanitation districts can make amendments to city ordinances or make certain offenses a misdemeanor or infraction.

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8. Public Comments

Former OCTAP Code Administrator Brigham Tiafau's years of service and professionalism was praised by a member of the public.

The Committee was asked if they saw a correlation between TNCs and the decline in the number of taxicab drivers. Steering Committee Chairman Navarrete (City of Newport Beach) stated this topic was covered in the April meeting in detail and that OCTAP staff is continually monitoring the situation. Director of Maintenance and Motorist Services Sue Zuhlke gave a brief synopsis of what was covered in the reports from the last meeting.

A question was posed regarding the formation of a Joint Powers Authority. Steering Committee Chairman Navarrete (City of Newport Beach) stated that to date, there was not enough interest given from the members of the committees to pursue this option. Manager of Motorist Services and Taxi Administration Patrick Sampson stated further discussion would need to take place at the City Manager level.

9. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the OCTAP Joint Meeting of the Steering Committee and Safety Committee will be held at 12:00 p.m. at 11800 Woodbury Road, Annex 2nd floor, Room #219-220, Garden Grove, CA 92843. Because of scheduling conflicts, the exact date will be published and distributed at a later time.