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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 8, 2011
TO: MGSA Board of Directors
FROM: Paul Berlant, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM: E: Taxicab Regulation Program Update

Recommendation Accept this update report. No action is requested.

Program Update There are currently 18 companies permitted, using 20 names, which is an increase of one new company since the last Board meeting. We have issued permits for 82 vehicles, an increase of one cab. We have issued permits to 158 drivers, with six driver applications pending clearance from the background check or the drug/alcohol test. This is a reduction of eight drivers since the last report. The primary reason for the current decline is some drivers did not renew their participation in the anti-alcohol /drug program that Norton Medical Industries administers for MGSA. A reconciliation was recently completed between the Norton Medical, taxi companies and MCTRP's data bases. Most of the drivers and companies were cooperative in the process. In addition, there has been some driver turnover due to natural attrition.

MCTRP currently has one Compliance Order outstanding with a permitted company. One of the issues involved in this order is the transfer of a taxi vehicle permit to a vehicle for which a permit had not been issued. This transfer was discovered by County Weights and Measures in their annual inspection of taxi meters. MCTRP staff and County Weights and Measures staff regularly share data which helps both regulatory functions. The State PUC had also received complaints regarding this company and again information was shared to both agencies benefit.

One driver permit is in the process of being revoked because the driver lost his California drivers license. The loss of license was revealed from an update posted on the live scan website. The taxi company was aware of the loss of license and states that they will not allow the person to drive.