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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 8, 2012

TO: MGSA Board of Directors

FROM: Paul Berlant, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM: D: Taxicab Regulation Program Update

Recommendation Accept this update report. No action is requested.

Program Update There are currently 20 permitted companies using 22 names, which is one additional company since the last report. Another individual is anticipated to complete his application to start another new company in early March. Insurance cancellation notices have been received from the insurance broker of two of the older small companies, which may result in those companies ceasing operation.

There are 94 permitted vehicles, up from 91 in the last report. However, insurance issues noted above may cause two vehicles to be dropped. Many of the permitted vehicles in the fleet have a March renewal dates, but at this point there is no indication of companies reducing their permitted vehicles.

The current driver list totals 170, which is up from 169 listed in the last report. Applications are also pending for additional new drivers, but overall the number is relatively stable.

Apparently bicycle rental companies in San Francisco have an active business with tourists who take their rental bikes on the ferry to Sausalito in the summer. The return trip on the ferry gets backed up and Sausalito Police Department is looking for ways to help the tourists and their bikes return to San Francisco. On February 10, 2012 the Sausalito Police Department invited the permitted taxi cab companies and Jeff Rawles to a meeting to determine if the taxi industry could help transport the bicycle riders out of Sausalito. In addition to issues of liability and handling the bikes, the drivers were concerned about the profitability of the trips out of town. However since the meeting, many of the cab owners have installed bike racks. The cab companies were glad to have a meeting with Sausalito Police and have the opportunity to have a dialogue and establish a better working relationship with the Sausalito Police Department. Sausalito is one of the most active locales for taxi business, and the Sausalito Police have been very cooperative in enforcing MGSA permits. The outcome seems to have been positive for all involved.