

CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION and INNOVATION, GRANTS, TECHNOLOGY, COMMERCE AND TRADE COMMITTEE REPORT relative to the first amendment to the agreement with Authorized Taxicab Supervision, Inc. (ATS) to revise the driver penalty structure for taxicab operations at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

Recommendations for Council action:

1. ADOPT the determination by the Board of Airport Commissioners (Board) that the proposed action is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as provided in Article III, Class 1(18)(c) of the Los Angeles City CEQA Guidelines.
2. APPROVE the first amendment to the Concession Agreement with ATS.
3. CONCUR with the Board's action of January 14, 2016 by Resolution No. 25872 authorizing the Executive Director, Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), to execute the first amendment to the agreement with ATS to revise the driver penalty structure for taxicab operations at LAX.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The City Administrative Officer (CAO) reports that approval of the proposed first amendment will have no impact on LAWA's Operating Budget in that no appropriations or additional expenditures are being requested. Any increase in LAWA revenue resulting from monetary penalties assessed against ATS for failing to promptly respond to and address passenger complaints and/or to submit required reports on complaint handling and taxi driver infractions are projected to be minimal. This project and agreement comply with LAWA's adopted Financial Policies. Approval of the amendment will have no impact on the City's General Fund.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

**TIME LIMIT FILE – FEBRUARY 13, 2016**

**(LAST DAY FOR COUNCIL ACTION – FEBRUARY 12, 2016)**

**SUMMARY**

At the meeting held on January 19, 2016, your Innovation, Grants, Technology, Commerce and Trade Committee considered a LAWA transmittal relative to a first amendment to a 10-year agreement with ATS for the management of taxicab operations at LAX. The CAO reports that the proposed amendment will strengthen the driver penalty provisions, increase LAWA's involvement in and oversight of the hearing and adjudication process and complaint handling procedures for cab drivers, and require ATS to pay monetary penalties for unsatisfactory handling and/or reporting of passenger complaints and late- or non-submission of required reports to LAWA. The proposed revisions to the current procedures are in response to a September 2015 incident whereby a passenger at LAX was refused service by an authorized taxicab driver. An opportunity for public comment was held. After a brief discussion, the Committee moved to approve the recommendations contained in the transmittal. This matter is now forwarded to the Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

INNOVATION, GRANTS, TECHNOLOGY, COMMERCE AND TRADE COMMITTEE



<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>VOTE</b>
BLUMENFIELD:	YES
BONIN:	YES
KREKORIAN:	YES
BUSCAINO:	YES
MARTINEZ:	YES

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