


BOARD REPORT  
CITY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: July 7, 2023 P7X

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners 

From: Connie Llanos, Interim General Manager

Subject: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF MEDEX FOR TWO UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMITS**

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That your Board:

- a. **Find** that MedEx based upon evidence of patients in need of transportation; public convenience and necessity, requires the operation of two unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicles.
- b. **Grant** two unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits to MedEx contingent upon:
  1. The applicant filing with the Department in such form as the Department requires and thereafter, keeping in full force and effect a policy of automobile liability insurance acceptable to the City Attorney and the City Risk Manager;
  2. The drivers and attendants obtaining the required permits;
  3. The applicant obtaining commercial or exempt registration for the vehicles;
  4. The vehicles passing Department inspection;
  5. The applicant complying with all Board rules and regulations and City ordinances pertaining to the operation of non-ambulatory passenger vehicles;
  6. The applicant charging only those rates for non-ambulatory passenger vehicle service as set forth in Board Order No. 608 (Ordinance No. 187587) and successor regulations; and
  7. The vehicles must be placed into service within 120 days after the Board of Transportation Commissioners' (Board) approval, or such authority shall become invalid. Upon written request and for good cause, the Department in its discretion, may grant an extension of time beyond the initial 120-day period after Board approval. Any request for an extension beyond the initial deadline date must be received prior to the 120-day deadline. Furthermore, if an extension is granted, only one extension may be allowed per application.

**INITIATED BY**

On April 11, 2023, the Department received an application from Marine Pogosyan, Owner of MedEx, 417 Arden Avenue, Suite 211, Glendale, California 91203, requesting two unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits to be used for gurney vans (Attachment 1). On May 16, 2023, the Department received the last document needed to complete the application. On June 21, 2023, the background check documents were cleared to proceed with the application process.

**DISCUSSION**

MedEx is not currently authorized by the Board to operate any vehicles for hire in the City of Los Angeles.

The history of MedEx's business is as follows: On August 31, 2020, the Articles of Incorporation of a General Stock Corporation were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing MedEx (Attachment 2). On March 29, 2023, the Statement of Information was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Marine Pogosyan as the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Secretary of the company (Attachment 3). Marine Pogosyan is the sole shareholder of the company.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of MedEx was evaluated against Section 2 of the Guidelines for Establishing Public Convenience and Necessity as established by the Board on August 11, 2005, for applicants with no unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits (Attachment 4).

- a. Experience – The resume of Operations Manager Marine Pogosyan was submitted. The applicant states that she was the Operation Manager for Socal Med from January 2016 to March 2017. She was also the Operations Manager for United Ride Medical Transportation Inc. from March 2017 to September 2018. Her resume states that she was responsible for the company's billing, overseeing employees' files, scheduling their shifts, and managing vehicles, and daily operations.
- b. Background Check – The background check was conducted on the owner and general manager of MedEx and no disqualifying criminal history was found as listed in Board Order No. 600.
- c. Financial Capability – The applicant submitted financial documentation showing that the company demonstrates sufficient liquid assets to support the request for two non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits.
- d. Hours of Operation – The regular hours of operation for transportation service are Monday to Saturday from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

There is no documented evidence of illegal operation by MedEx in the City of Los Angeles in the past 12 months.