


BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: August 10, 2023 P7X
To: Board of Transportation Commissioners
From: Connie Llanos, Interim General Manager 
Subject: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF MEDQUEST MEDICAL TRANSPORT, INC. FOR ONE UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMIT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That your Board:

- a. **Find** that MedQuest Medical Transport, Inc. based upon evidence of patients in need of transportation; public convenience and necessity, requires the operation of one unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle.
- b. **Grant** one unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permit to MedQuest Medical Transport, Inc. 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 driver(s) and attendant(s) obtaining the required permits;
 3. The applicant obtaining commercial or exempt registration for the vehicle;
 4. The vehicle 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 May 23, 2023, the Department received an application from Ivan Grigorian, CEO of MedQuest Medical Transport, Inc., 155 North Lake Avenue, Suite 800, Pasadena, CA 91101, and requesting one unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permit for a gurney van (Attachment 1). On June 20, 2023, the Department received the last document needed to complete the application and the background check document was cleared to proceed with the application process.

DISCUSSION

MedQuest Medical Transport, Inc. is not currently authorized by the Board to operate any vehicles for hire in the City of Los Angeles.

The history of MedQuest Medical Transport, Inc.'s business is as follows: On October 2, 2022, the Articles of Organization of a Corporation were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing LA Medical Transport, Inc. (Amendment 2). On November 10, 2022, an Amendment was filed changing the name from LA Medical Transport, Inc. to MedQuest Medical Transport, Inc. (Attachment 3). On March 24, 2023, the Statement of Information (Corporation) was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Ivan Grigorian as Chief Executive Officer, and Gino Mekerdichian as Chief Financial Officer and Secretary (Attachment 4). Gino Mekerdichian and Ivan Grigorian are the shareholders of the company.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of MedQuest Medical Transport, Inc. 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 5).

- a. Experience – The applicant submitted the resume of the Operation Manager Ivan Grigorian. The applicant states that he has been CEO and Operations Manager for MedQuest Medical Transport, Inc. from January 2023 to present. His resume states that he is responsible for managing hiring, training employees, scheduling, and developing business contracts. Prior to MedQuest Medical, from March 2019 through November 2020, he was fleet manager for CareTech responsible for patient safety at all levels of service.
- b. Background Check – The background checks were conducted on the owners and operation manager of MedQuest Medical Transport, Inc. 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 one non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permit.
- d. Hours of Operation – The regular hours of operation for transportation service are from 3AM to 10PM, seven days a week.

There is no documented evidence of illegal operation by MedQuest Medical Transport, Inc. in the City of Los Angeles in the past 12 months.