

BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: September 14, 2023 P7X
To: Board of Transportation Commissioners
From: Connie Llanos, Interim General Manager *Jay Kinn* For C.L.
Subject: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF MEDISON TRANSPORTATION FOR THREE UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMITS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That your Board:

- a. **Find** that Medison Transportation based upon evidence of patients in need of transportation; public convenience and necessity, requires the operation of three unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicles.
- b. **Grant** three unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits to Medison Transportation 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 June 5, 2023, the Department received an application from Marina Edison, Owner of Medison Transportation, 2221 West Olive Avenue, Unit K, Burbank, California 91506, requesting three unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits for gurney vans service (Attachment 1). On August 8, 2023, the Department received the last document needed to complete the application.

DISCUSSION

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

The history of Medison Transportation's business is as follows: On September 2, 2022, the Articles of Incorporation of a General Stock Corporation were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing Medison Transportation (Attachment 2). On September 9, 2022, the Statement of Information was filed with the California Secretary of State Marina Edison as the Chief Executive Office, Chief Financial Officer, and Secretary of the company (Attachment 3). Marina Edison is the sole shareholder of the company.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of Medison Transportation 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 applicant submitted the resume of the Operations Manager Marina Edison. The applicant states that Ms. Edison is the operations manager for Safe Med Tranz, Inc. from January 2018 to present. Her resume states that she is responsible for managing billings, payrolls, employee's files and shifts, and dispatching, and organizing daily operations.
- b. Background Check – The background check was conducted on the owner and operation manager of Medison Transportation 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 three non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits.
- d. Hours of Operation – The regular hours of operation for transportation service are 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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