


BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: January 11, 2024 P7X

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager 

Subject: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF BEST LINE TRANSPORTATION, INC. FOR THREE UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMITS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That your Board:

- a. **Find** that Best Line Transportation, Inc. 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 Best Line Transportation, 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 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 November 7, 2023, the Department received an application from Sevak Allahverdian, Owner of Best Line Transportation, Inc., 1219 North Pacific Avenue, Unit C, Glendale, California 91202, requesting three unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits for gurney vans service (Attachment 1). On November 8, 2023, the Department received the last two documents needed to complete the application. On December 30, 2023, the background check documents were cleared to proceed with the application process.

DISCUSSION

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

The history of Best Line Transportation, Inc.'s business is as follows: On February 21, 2022, the Articles of Incorporation were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing Best Line Transportation, Inc. (Attachment 2). On March 24, 2023, the Statement of Information was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Sevak Allahverdian as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer, and Yourik Sarkisians as the Secretary of the company (Attachment 3). Sevak Allahverdian and Yourik Sarkisians are the shareholders of the company.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of Best Line Transportation, 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 4).

- a. Experience – The applicant submitted the resume of Operations Manager Sevak Allahverdian. The applicant states that Mr. Allahverdian is the Owner and Operations Manager for Care Line Transportation, Inc. from April 2012 to present. He was also the Manager and Dispatcher for South Coast Medical Transportation from March 2009 to December 2011. His resume states that he is the CEO, Finance Manager, and he manages the operations of the business from hiring, payroll, training drivers, managing drivers' schedule, and dispatch operations.
- b. Background Check – The background checks were conducted on the owners and operation manager of Best Line Transportation, Inc. and no disqualifying criminal history were 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 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday, and no service on Sunday.

There is no documented evidence of illegal operation by Best Line Transportation, Inc. in the City of Los Angeles in the past 12 months.

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Attachments