


BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: May 9, 2024 P7X
To: Board of Transportation Commissioners
From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager 
Subject: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF RAPID TRANS, INC. FOR THREE UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMITS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That your Board:

- a. **Find** that Rapid Trans, 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 Rapid Trans, 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 August 10, 2023, the Department received an application from Andranik Bableyan, Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Rapid Trans, Inc., 8630 Tamarack Avenue, Sun Valley, California 91352, requesting three unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits for gurney van service (Attachment 1). On April

23, 2024, the Department received the owner's background result from the Department of Justice. On April 29, 2024, the Department received the final document needed to complete the application.

DISCUSSION

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

The history of Rapid Trans, Inc.'s business is as follows: On October 18, 2011, the Articles of Incorporation were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing Rapid Trans, Inc. (Attachment 2). On December 3, 2022, the Statement of Information was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Andranik Bableyan as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Secretary and Chief Financial Officer (Attachment 3). On June 29, 2023, an updated Statement of Information with the current business address was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Allen Bableyan as the Chief Executive Officer, Andranik Bableyan as the Chief Financial Officer and Secretary, and David Bableyan as Vice President (Attachment 4). KADA Group, LLC, Allen Bableyan and David Bableyan are the shareholders of the company. On June 13, 2016, Articles of Organization of a Limited Liability Company (LLC) were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing KADA Group, LLC (Attachment 5). On June 17, 2022, a Statement of Information (Limited Liability Company) was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Andranik Bableyan as Manager of KADA Group, LLC (Attachment 6). KADA Group, LLC is also 100% shareholder of another Department permitted company - Royalty Ambulance. KADA Group, LLC shareholders are Andranik Bableyan and Kristina Bableyan.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of Rapid Trans, 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 7).

- a. Experience – The applicant submitted the resume of David Bableyan. The applicant states that he has been the Vice President of Rapid Trans, Inc. from July 2023 to present. He has also been the Billing Coordinator for Firstmed Ambulance Services, Inc. since March 2022. His resume states that he is responsible for billing, training, contracting, quality control, and business development.
- b. Background Check – The background checks were conducted on the owners and operation manager of Rapid Trans, 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 8 p.m. seven days a week.

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