


BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: February 13, 2025 P7X
To: Board of Transportation Commissioners
From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager 
Subject: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF KNB TRANSPORTATION INC FOR TWO UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMITS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a. **Find** that KNB Transportation Inc 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 KNB 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 January 24, 2024, the Department received an application from Jesse Sweiss, Owner of KNB Transportation Inc, 2600 West Olive Avenue, Suite # 571, Burbank, California 91505, requesting two unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits; of the two, one is for a wheelchair van and one is for a gurney van (Attachment 1). On December 26, 2024, the Department received the documents needed to complete the application.

DISCUSSION

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

The history of KNB Transportation Inc's business is as follows: On September 27, 2021, the Articles of Incorporation of General Stock Corporation were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing KNB Transportation Inc (Attachment 2). On November 21, 2024, the Statement of Information was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Jesse Sweiss as Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Secretary (Attachment 3). Jesse Sweiss is the sole shareholder of the company.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of KNB 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 Mr. Jesse Sweiss. The applicant states that he is the Medical Transportation Manager for KNB Transportation Inc from September 2022 to present, and as Medical Transportation Manager for Oasis Medical Transportation Inc. dba V&A Non-Emergency Medical Transportation from July 2018 to August 2022. His resume states that he is responsible for the management of staff selection, development, discipline, performance reviews and terminations. He also assumes lead driver responsibilities for assigned locations, tracking and logging of driver records, manages and develops transportation teams, and manages business operations.
- b. Background Check – The background check was conducted on the owner and operation manager of KNB Transportation 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 two non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits.
- d. Hours of Operation – The regular hours of operation for transportation service are Monday through Sunday, from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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