

BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: May 8, 2025 P7X

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager 

Subject: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF NEW MED TRANSIT INC. DBA NEW MED FOR THREE UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMITS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a. **Find** that new Med Transit Inc. dba New Med 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 new Med Transit Inc. dba New Med 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 23, 2025, the Department received an application from Albert Matthews Matthewsian, Owner of new Med Transit Inc. dba New Med, 12143 Magnolia Boulevard, Valley Village, California 91607, requesting three unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits for gurney vans service (Attachment 1). On March 21, 2025, the Department received the last document needed to complete the application.

DISCUSSION

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

The history of new Med Transit Inc.'s business is as follows: On October 25, 2024, the Articles of Incorporation for CA General Stock Corporation were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing new Med Transit Inc. (Attachment 2). On January 26, 2025, the Statement of Information was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Albert M. Matthewsian as the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and Secretary of the company (Attachment 3). On March 21, 2025, New Transit Inc. filed a Fictitious Business Name Statement with the Los Angeles County Clerk to do business as New Med (Attachment 4). Albert M. Matthewsian is the sole shareholder of the company.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of new Med Transit 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 Mr. Albert Matthews Matthewsian. The applicant states that he was the Owner and Operations Manager for new Med Transit Inc. from November 2024 to present. He was also the former owner of Lucky Riders, Inc. from January 2020 to November 2024. His resume states that he was responsible for managing daily operations, issuing payroll, managing drivers' schedules and dispatching drivers.
- b. **Background Check** – The background check was conducted on the owner and operation manager of new Med Transit 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 three unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits.
- d. **Hours of Operation** – The regular hours of operation for the transportation service are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Friday, 6 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, and no service on Sunday.

There is no documented evidence of illegal operation by new Med Transit Inc. dba New Med in the City of Los Angeles in the past 12 months.