

BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: June 12, 2025 P7X

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager 

Subject: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF A5 TRANSPORTATION LLC FOR ONE UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMIT**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a. **Find** that A5 transportation llc based upon evidence of patients in need of transportation; public convenience and necessity, requires the operation of one unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle.
- b. **Grant** one unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permit to A5 transportation llc 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 requests 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.

8. **Impose** a one-year probationary period.

INITIATED BY

On March 25, 2025, the Department received an application from Shakirat Abdullahi, Owner of A5 transportation llc, 7225 Deering Avenue, Canoga Park, California 91303, requesting one unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permit for gurney van services (Attachment 1). On March 31, 2025, the Department received the last document needed to complete the application.

DISCUSSION

A5 transportation llc is not currently authorized by the Board to operate any vehicles for hire in the City of Los Angeles.

The history of A5 transportation llc's business is as follows: On October 10, 2023, the Articles of Organization of CA Limited Liability Company were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing A5 transportation llc (Attachment 2). On May 21, 2024, the Statement of Information was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Shakirat Abdullahi as the manager of the company (Attachment 3). Shakirat Abdullahi is the sole owner of the company.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of A5 transportation llc 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 Owner Shakirat Abdullahi. Ms. Abdullahi is the Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Manager of A5 transportation llc from October 2023 to present. Her resume states that she is responsible for overseeing daily operations, managing drivers and fleet of vehicles, implementing route optimization system, and ensuring compliance with the industry regulations.
- b. Background Check – The background check was conducted on the owner and operations manager of A5 transportation llc 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 has sufficient liquid assets to support the request for one non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permit.
- d. Hours of Operation – The regular hours of operation for transportation service are Monday through Friday 9 AM to 5 PM, Saturday 10 AM to 2 PM, and closed on Sunday.

A5 transportation llc is not currently authorized to operate any form of passenger transportation within the City. A5 transportation llc was found in violation of the City's rules and regulations, on May 23, 2024, of LAMC § 71.02(a) Unpermitted vehicle and LAMC § 71.03(b) Unpermitted driver. A Notice to Cease Operations was issued to the company on May 30, 2024. On July 26, 2024 and October 9, 2024, A5 transportation llc was found in violation of LAMC § 71.02(a) Unpermitted vehicle, LAMC § 71.03(b) Unpermitted driver. All the cases were referred to the City Attorney, and the outcome is still unknown.

Due to the violations, it is staff's recommendation that a one-year probationary period be imposed on the company based on these incidents, should vehicle authority be granted. If the company is found in violation of any rules, regulations, laws or statutes of the City, County, or State within the probationary period, it shall result in the revocation of all authorities without any further action from the Board.

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Attachments

