BOARD REPORT CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: August 14, 2025 P7X

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager

Subject: RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF ELEGANT TRANSPORTATION

GROUP FOR TWO UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMITS

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a. **Find** that Elegant Transportation Group 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 Elegant Transportation Group contingent upon:
 - 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;
 - 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 October 8, 2024, the Department received an application from Sameh Mohamed Elgamal, Owner of Elegant Transportation Group, 160 South Springs Road, Suite 100 D, Anaheim, California 92808, requesting two unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits for gurney vans service. On July 28, 2025, the Department received the revised cover letter dated June 11, 2025 (Attachment 1).

DISCUSSION

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

The history of Elegant Transportation Group's business is as follows: On June 11, 2020, the Articles of Incorporation for California General Stock Corporation were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing Elegant Transportation Group (Attachment 2). On July 2, 2024, the Statement of Information was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Sameh M. Elgamal as the Chief Executive Officer, Ahmed Marey as the Chief Financial Officer, and Mohamed Mansour as the Secretary of the company (Attachment 3). Sameh Mohamed Elgamal, Ahmed Shehata Ahmed Marey, and Mohamed Mansour are the shareholders of the company.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The Department evaluated the application of Elegant Transportation Group 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. <u>Experience</u> The applicant submitted the resume of Mr. Sameh Elgamal. The applicant states that he was the Dispatch Manager for Elegant Transportation Group from June 2020 to present. His resume states that he was responsible for payroll, hiring, training, and assigning and monitoring the schedules of the drivers.
- b. <u>Background Check</u> The Department conducted background checks on the owners and operation manager of Elegant Transportation Group and no disqualifying criminal history was found as listed in Board Order No. 600.
- c. <u>Financial Capability</u> The applicant submitted financial documentation showing that the company demonstrates sufficient liquid assets to support the request for two unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits.
- d. <u>Hours of Operation</u> The regular hours of operation for the transportation service are 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

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

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