BOARD REPORT CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date:

August 14, 2025

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To:

Board of Transportation Commissioners

From:

Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager

Subject:

RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION OF ALMAMED TRANSPORTATION INC

FOR THREE UNRESTRICTED NON-AMBULATORY PASSENGER VEHICLE PERMITS

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a. **Find** that Almamed Transportation 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 Almamed 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 May 20, 2025, the Department received an application from Davit Kamikyan, Owner of Almamed Transportation Inc, 8939 Woodman Avenue, Suite 8, Arleta, California 91331, requesting three unrestricted non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits for gurney vans service (Attachment 1). On July 16, 2025, the background check documents were cleared to proceed with the application process.

DISCUSSION

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

The history of Almamed Transportation Inc's business is as follows: On January 1, 2025, the Articles of Incorporation were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing Almamed Transportation Inc (Attachment 2). On January 7, 2025, the Statement of Information was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Davit Kamikyan as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Chief Financial Officer, and Secretary of the company (Attachment 3). Davit Kamikyan is the sole owner of the company.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The Department evaluated the application of Almamed Transportation Inc 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 Operations Manager Suren Vardanyan. The applicant states that Mr. Vardanyan was the General Manager for Orian Transit, Inc from May 2021 to October 2024, Dispatch Manager for SVAG Transit Inc. from September 2018 to April 2021, and Manager for Ambiance Medical Transportation Inc. from August 2012 to July 2015. His resume states that he had the experience of managing the operations of the business from hiring, payroll, training drivers, managing drivers' schedule, and dispatch operations.
- b. <u>Background Check</u> The Department conducted background checks on the owners and operation manager of Almamed Transportation Inc and no disqualifying criminal history were 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 three non-ambulatory passenger vehicle permits.
- d. <u>Hours of Operation</u> The regular hours of operation for transportation service are 8 AM to 7 PM Monday to Saturday, and no service on Sunday.

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

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Approved:

Commission Executive Assistant