

BOARD REPORT
CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Date: December 11, 2025 P7X

To: Board of Transportation Commissioners

From: Laura Rubio-Cornejo, General Manager 

Subject: **RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF APPLICATION OF MTI TRANSIT, LLC DBA MTI
AMBULANCE FOR THREE UNRESTRICTED PRIVATE AMBULANCE VEHICLE PERMITS**

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board:

- a. **Find** that MTI Transit, LLC dba MTI Ambulance based upon evidence of patients in need of transportation; public convenience and necessity, requires the operation of three unrestricted private ambulance vehicles.
- b. **Grant** three unrestricted private ambulance vehicle permits to MTI Transit, LLC dba MTI Ambulance 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 ambulance service as set forth in Board Order No. 609 (Ordinance No. 187588) 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.

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On November 5, 2025, the Department received an application from Mariam Yerkanyan, Chief Executive Officer of MTI Transit, LLC dba MTI Ambulance, 7315 Ethel Avenue, North Hollywood, California 91605, requesting for three unrestricted private ambulance vehicle permits (Attachment 1). On November 20, 2025, the background check documents were cleared to proceed with the application process.

DISCUSSION

MTI Transit, LLC dba MTI Ambulance is not currently authorized by the Board to operate any vehicles for hire in the City of Los Angeles.

The history of MTI Transit, LLC dba MTI Ambulance's business is as follows: On December 28, 2022, Articles of Organization of a Limited Liability Company were filed with the California Secretary of State establishing MTI Transit, LLC (Attachment 2). On January 16, 2025, the Statement of Information (Limited Liability Company) was filed with the California Secretary of State naming Mariam Yerkanyan as Chief Executive Officer of the company (Attachment 3). On January 21, 2025, MTI Transit, LLC filed a Fictitious Business Name Statement with the Los Angeles County Clerk to do business as MTI Ambulance (Attachment 4). Mariam Yerkanyan is the sole owner of the company.

Public Convenience and Necessity

The application of MTI Transit, LLC dba MTI Ambulance 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 private ambulance vehicle permits (Attachment 5).

- a. Experience – The applicant submitted the resume of the General Manager Kristal Thomas. The applicant states that Ms. Thomas is the General Manager of MTI Ambulance from January 2025 to present. She was the Chief Operating Officer for First Rescue Ambulance from October 2022 to December 2024. She was also the Director of Operations for Ambulnz Health, LLC from July 2016 to April 2018. Her resume states that she oversees the critical care transportation, regulation compliance, billing, hiring, training, dispatch, and ambulance operations.
- b. Background Check – The background checks were conducted on the owner and the general manager of MTI Transit, LLC dba MTI Ambulance and no disqualifying criminal history were found as listed in Board Order No. 600.
- c. Financial Capability – The applicant submitted the financial documentation showing that the company demonstrates sufficient liquid assets to support the request for three unrestricted private ambulance vehicle permits.
- d. Hours of Operation – The regular hours of operation for transportation service are 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days in a year.

There is no documented evidence of illegal operation by MTI Transit, LLC dba MTI Ambulance in the City of Los Angeles in the past 12 months.

