



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mobility Committee

CC: Marc A. Ott, City Manager
Robert Goode, P.E., Assistant City Manager

FROM: Robert Spillar, P.E., Director,
Austin Transportation Department

DATE: March 30, 2015

SUBJECT: Austin Cab Franchise Renewal

Austin Cab I, Incorporated has filed a taxicab franchise renewal application, which has been reviewed and all required information is on file with the Austin Transportation Department (ATD). The existing franchise expires on August 8, 2015. Austin Cab proposes to continue to operate 187 taxicabs to provide taxicab service to the entire city, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Austin Cab has provided taxicab service in Austin since 1984 and has exhibited the character, experience, and ability to provide taxicab service. Austin Cab has proposed to continue providing taxicab service. ATD recommends approval of a renewal of the Austin Cab taxicab franchise for a period ending August 3, 2025.

The City Charter requires a franchise renewal to be granted by ordinance and read at three regular City Council meetings. The third reading may not occur within 30 days of the first reading. Following is the schedule for the three readings: First reading – April 23, 2015, Second reading – May 21, 2015, and Third reading – June 4, 2015.

ATD requests the Mobility Committee approve the recommendation of renewing the Austin Cab Company franchise agreement to operate 287 taxicabs (an additional 100 permits) for a ten-year renewal term.