AGENDA

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council		**Item ID**	43731	**Agenda Number**		10.
Meeting Date:	4/23/2015			**Department:**	Transportation	

Subject

Consider and develop recommendations regarding an ordinance on second reading relating to the Greater Austin Transportation Company, d.b.a. Yellow Cab Company taxicab franchise. Related to Items # 9 and # 11.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	Robert Spillar, 512-974-2488, Carlton Thomas, 512-974-7020; Gilda Powers, 512-974-7092.
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	Reviewed by the Mobility Council Committee on April 8, 2015. The Mobility Committee recommended on a 4/0 vote to refer this item back to Council and to extend the existing taxicab franchise for the purposes of first reading only. April 14, 2015 - No action taken by the Urban Transportation Commission due to lack of quorum.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

Greater Austin Transportation Company d.b.a. Yellow Cab Company has filed a taxicab franchise renewal application. The existing franchise expires on August 8, 2015. Austin Cab proposes to continue to operate 461 taxicabs to provide taxicab service to the entire city, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The application has been reviewed and all required information is on file with the Austin Transportation Department.

Yellow Cab Company, originally known as American Cab, has provided taxicab service in Austin since 1985 and has exhibited the character, experience, and ability to provide taxicab service. The Austin Transportation Department recommends approval of renewal of the taxicab franchise for a period ending 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 until 30 days after the first reading. Following is the schedule for the second and third readings:

    Second reading – May 21, 2015
    Third reading – June 4, 2015