




MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Council

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

DATE: October 12, 2016

SUBJECT: **Update: City's Fourth Taxicab Franchise – ATX Coop Taxi**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with an update on the City's fourth taxicab franchise, ATX Coop Taxi.

On May 21, 2015, the Austin Transportation Department (ATD), at the direction of Mayor and Council, initiated the process of creating an opportunity for a fourth franchise, consistent with a driver-owned cooperative model. Resolution No. 20150521-034 directed ATD to provide recommendations on the projected timeline, scope and number of permits for bids of a new franchise. On June 23, 2016 Council approved an ordinance granting a fourth taxicab franchise to ATX Coop Taxi.

Staff has met with ATX Coop Taxi to inspect their facilities, fleet, and assure that the regulations outlined in the City Code have been met. After meeting all regulations, ATD has subsequently approved the authority to operate.

If your office has additional questions please contact Lee Davila at Lee.Davila@austintexas.gov or (512) 974-7714.

cc: Elaine Hart, Interim City Manager
Robert Goode, P.E., Assistant City Manager
Lee Davila, Infrastructure Operations Division Manager