# TAXICAB AUTHORITY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

MONDAY, June 5, 2023, 9:30 A.M.

# AT THE NEVADA STATE BUSINESS CENTER 3300 W. SAHARA AVE., SUITE 400—NEVADA ROOM LAS VEGAS, NV 89102 OR

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Adjournment

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# ERRATA¹ TO SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND AGENDA

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9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This Errata corrects the error highlighted above wherein the original Notice stated "Wednesday" instead of "Monday". The meeting date, time, and all other information in the Notice remain the same as the original Notice.



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By the Authority,

Karl W. Armstrong, Administrator

Nevada Taxicab Authority

Dated: May 30, 2023 Las Vegas, Nevada

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Nevada Taxicab Authority Board

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# **AGENDA ITEM 1**

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COUNTY OF CLARK) SS:

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300 W. Sahara Aranas Sulta 400 - Nayaba Spora Las Vegas, NV 8042

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Dated this 3rd day of May 2023, at Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Dated: May 30, 2023 Las Vegas, Nevada

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May 30, 2023

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Hi!

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Sincerely,

Amy A. Porray, Esq.
Attorney
Nevada Taxicab Authority
2090 E. Flamingo Road, Ste 200
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Office#: 702-668-4084

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Dated in Las Vegas, Nevada this 1

AMY A. Porray, Esq.

An employee of the Taxicab Authority

Depart of Business and Industry

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# ERRATA¹ TO SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Date and Time of Meeting:

Monday, June 5, 2023

9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(The Hearing will be conducted day-to-day until completed)

Place of Meeting:

Nevada State Business Center

3300 W. Sahara Avenue, Suite 400 Nevada Room

Las Vegas, Nevada 89102

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Members of the public may request the supporting material for this meeting from: Amy A. Porray, Esq., Nevada Taxicab Authority, 2090 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119, (702) 668-4084, email: aporray@taxi.state.nv.us.

In accordance with Nevada's Open Meeting Law, the Authority may consider agenda items taken out of order. The Authority may combine two or more agenda items for consideration. The Authority may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time. The Authority may continue the meeting as deemed necessary. The Authority, at its discretion, may take public comment during times other than the designated Public Comment agenda items. The Authority reserves the right to limit public comment to three minutes. Comments may not be restricted based on viewpoint. Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the board may refuse to consider public comment. See NRS 233B.126.

Persons wishing to intervene must file the appropriate pleading in accordance with the procedures of N.A.C. 706.894 and serve their petitions to intervene on all appropriate persons, pursuant to N.A.C. 706.921. Pursuant to NRS 241.030(1), the State of Nevada Taxicab Authority may conduct a closed meeting to consider the character, allegations of misconduct, professional competence, or physical and mental health of a person. Please be advised that the Authority may discuss or reference applicable governing statutes and regulations during deliberation and action of any of the agenda items, including but not limited to, NRS Chapter 706 and NAC Chapter 706.

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#### **AGENDA**

#### 1. Open Meeting

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Compliance with Open Meeting Law

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- 6. Public Comment
- 7. Adjournment (For Action)

By the Authority,

Karl W. Armstrong, Administrator

Nevada Taxicab Authority

Dan R. Reaser, Chairman

Nevada Taxicab Authority Board

Dated: May 30, 2023 Las Vegas, Nevada

Dated: May 30, 2023 Las Vegas, Nevada



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Amy A. Porray, Esq.

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June 1, 2023

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#### **Amy Porray**

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#### Good morning:

Please see the attached Errata to the Notice of the TA Board Meeting on June 5, 2023, that I previously sent. Will you please replace the original posting with this version and email me back the compliance? Thank you so so much!

#### Sincerely,

Amy A. Porray, Esq.
Attorney
Nevada Taxicab Authority
2090 E. Flamingo Road, Ste 200
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(b) Applications for certificates of public convenience and necessity to operate a taxicab service;

(c) Applications requesting authority to transfer any existing interest in a certificate of public convenience and necessity or in a corporation that holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a taxicab

(d) Applications to change the total number of allocated taxicabs in a county to which NRS 706.881 to 706.885, inclusive, apply; and

(e) Appeals from final decisions of the Administrator made pursuant to NRS 706.8822.
2. Any final decision of the Taxicab Authority pursuant to this section is subject to judicial review pursuant

(Added to NRS by 1969, 1241; A 1977, 746; 1991, 1960; 1997, 1955; 2015, 2601)

NRS 706.8824 Allocation of number of taxicabs by Taxicab Authority: Factors for determination; limitations; annual review.

1. In determining whether circumstances require the establishment of a system of allocations or a change in existing allocations, the Taxicab Authority shall consider the interests, welfare, convenience, necessity and well-

being of the customers of taxicabs.

2. Whenever circumstances require the establishment of a system of allocations, the Taxicab Authority shall allocate the number of taxicabs among the certificate holders in the county in a manner which reflects the number of taxicabs operated by each certificate holder during the 5 years immediately preceding the date of establishment of the Taxicab Authority in the county.

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by the allocation.

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- (b) Limit the hours of service, but such a limitation must not reduce hours of service to less than 12 consecutive hours in a 24-hour period.
- If a limitation is placed on an allocation, taxicabs must be marked in a distinctive manner that indicates the limitation.
  - 6. The Taxicab Authority shall review annually:

(a) The existing allocation of taxicabs; and

(b) The rates, charges or fares of the certificate holders in its jurisdiction.

(Added to NRS by 1969, 1241; A 1977, 747; 1981, 2053; 1983, 1031; 1987, 937; 1991, 1961; 2015, 2601)

NAC 706.471 Rates, charges and fares. (NRS 706.8818)

1. Only the Authority may set, adjust, alter or change the rates, charges or fares for service by a taxicab.

2. A hearing concerning rates, charges or fares may be initiated by the Authority or upon

application of any certificate holder.

3. Except upon a showing that the public interest requires otherwise, the rates, charges or fares of all holders of a certificate in a county will be uniform.

[Taxicab Auth., Gen. Order No. 3 Rule 108, eff. 3-18-71] — (NAC A 6-13-86; 10-13-88)

NAC 706.885 Classification of parties. (NRS 233B.050, 706.8818)

1. Parties to proceedings before the Authority must be entitled applicant, complainant, respondent, intervener or interested party according to the nature of the proceedings and the relationship of the parties thereto as follows:

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authority.

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(c) The respondent is any person or persons against whom any proceeding is brought or an

investigation initiated.

(d) The intervener is any person or persons permitted to intervene pursuant to NAC 706.894.

(e) The interested party is any person or persons who have an interest in the proceedings

but do not satisfy the requirements for intervener status as set forth in NAC 706.894.

2. The Authority's staff may be any member of the Authority, the Administrator or his or her assistant. If counsel is desired, the Attorney General will represent the staff. Members of the Authority's staff have all rights of participation as a party to the proceeding.

[Taxicab Auth., Practice Rule 3, eff. 7-1-70] — (NAC A 10-13-88)

#### NAC 706.894 Intervention. (NRS 233B.050, 706.8818)

1. Persons, other than the original parties to the proceeding, who are directly and substantially affected by the proceeding, shall serve notice on the Authority or Administrator, of their intention to intervene by submitting a clear and concise statement, in writing, of the interest of the applicant in such proceeding, outlining the matters and things relied upon by the applicant as basis for his or her request, together with a statement as to the nature of evidence the applicant will present and the position the applicant will take.

2. Notice to intervene must be filed with the Authority or Administrator 15 days before the commencement of hearing. If filed thereafter, the petition must state a substantial reason

for the delay; otherwise the petition will not be considered.

3. If a notice of intervention shows direct and substantial interest in the subject matter of the proceeding or any part thereof and does not unduly broaden the issues, the Authority, presiding officer or Administrator may grant leave to intervene or otherwise appear in the proceeding with respect to the matters set out in the intervening notice. If it appears during the course of a proceeding that an intervener has no direct or substantial interest or the public interest does not require his or her participation therein, the Authority, presiding officer or Administrator may dismiss the intervener from the proceeding.

[Taxicab Auth., Practice Rule 5, eff. 7-1-70] — (NAC A 10-13-88)

NAC 706.903 Applications generally. (NRS 233B.050, 706.8818) All pleadings requesting a right or authority from the Authority must be styled "applications." They must contain the full name and address of the applicant, and describe fully the facts upon which the application is based, with such exhibits as may be required, and a request for the order, authorization, certificate or permit desired. The application must be signed by the applicant.

[Taxicab Auth., Practice Rule 6 § 6.6, eff. 7-1-70]

NAC 706.909 Applications for change of rates or rules. (NRS 233B.050, 706.8818) Applications by any taxicab company to increase any rate, fare or charge or rule or regulation resulting in any increase must, in addition to complying with the provisions of NAC 706.876 to 706.975, inclusive, applicable to all pleadings, submit the following data, either in the application or attached to it as an exhibit:

1. A statement showing in full the rates or fares, rules or regulations requested to be put

into effect or the general relief asked for.

2. A statement or reference showing in full the rates or fares, rules or regulations which will be superseded by the proposed rates.

3. A complete and accurate statement of the circumstances and conditions relied upon as

justification for the application.

4. A reference record to prior action if any by the Authority in any proceeding relative to

the existing and proposed rates.

5. A financial statement for a full 12-month period including a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement; or in any application filed by or on behalf of a group of companies as parties to a tariff, composite financial statements for all or a representative group of companies involved for a full 12-month period, and a composite and representative profit and loss statement.

[Taxicab Auth., Practice Rule 15, eff. 7-1-70]

NAC 706.924 Notice of hearings. (NRS 233B.050, 706.8818)

1. Hearings will be held before the Authority or Administrator as prescribed by law. Notice of hearing before the Authority or Administrator will be served on all parties at least 20 days before the hearing, indicating the purpose, place, date and hour of the hearing.

2. All hearings before the Authority which encompass rates, certificates or transfer of any existing Authority vested in any person or corporation to operate a taxicab business will be

noticed by publication and mailing.

3. The notice will be published one time not less than 20 days before the day fixed for the hearing in one newspaper of general circulation in Clark County, Nevada.

[Taxicab Auth., Practice Rule 9 §§ 9.1-9.3, eff. 7-1-70] — (NAC A 10-13-88; R064-02, 7-

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### **EXHIBIT 1**

# APPLICATION, PLEADINGS, PAPERS, AND FINANCIAL REPORTS SUBMITTED BY APPLICANTS TO MODIFY RATES

| DOCUMENT   | BATES NUMBERS       |
|--|---------------------|
| Application of Henderson Taxi, Whittlesea Blue Cab, Nevada Yellow Cab, Nevada Checker Cab, Nevada Star Cab, New Cab Co., Virgin Valley, and Desert Cab to Modify Taxi Rates, dated May 2, 2023 | LOA000001—LOA000006 |
| Historical Rate Trends, Operators' Costs, and Rate Adjustment Analysis prepared by Applied Analysis and attached to the Application  | LOA000007—LOA000036 |
| Applicants' Proof of Service of Application  | LOA000037—LOA000038 |
| Applicants' Witness List   | LOA000039—LOA000041 |

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#### BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA TAX

Re: Application of Henderson Taxi, Whittlesea Blue Ĉab, Nevada Yellow Cab, Nevada Checker Cab, Nevada Star Cab, New Cab Co., Virgin Valley, and Desert Cab to Modify Taxi Rates.



COMES NOW, Kimberly Maxson-Rushton, Esq., on behalf of Henderson Taxi, Whittlesea Blue Cab, Nevada Yellow Cab, Nevada Checker Cab, New Cab Co, Nevada Star Cab, Virgin Valley, and Desert Cab (collectively referred to as "Applicants"), and hereby submits this Application to the Nevada Taxicab Authority (referred to as "TA" or "Board") to modify the meter rates currently charged by the taxi industry in Clark County.

Additionally, Applicants request the TA's consideration of a proposal to develop a "Special Event Surcharge," which would be applicable during identified special events occurring in Clark County, Nevada. This Application is filed pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC") 706.909.

All notices, pleading documents and correspondence pertaining to this proceeding should be directed to the following individual:

> Kimberly Maxson-Rushton, Esq. Cooper Levenson, Attorneys at Law 3016 W. Charleston Boulevard, Suite 195 Las Vegas, NV 89102 krushton@cooperlevenson.com

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#### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

#### A. Procedural Background

By law, the TA maintains the responsibility to set, alter, adjust or change the uniform rates or fares charged by taxi carriers for service in and around Clark County, Nevada. NAC 706.471.

As evidenced by a review of information on file with the TA, the last adjustment to the taxi meter rates changed by carriers operating in Clark County was in 2015, at which time the drop rate increased five cents (\$0.05) to the current meter rate of \$3.50 and carriers were authorized to charge a fuel

surcharge to offset the high price of gas1. See, NAC 706.909(4).

Thereafter, in December 2019, pursuant to a pilot program the TA adopted zone pricing for taxi services between Reid International Airport and identified locations on and around Las Vegas Boulevard.<sup>2</sup> See, NAC 706.909(4).

Since 2015, the taxi industry has seen new entrants in the transportation market (i.e. TNC's, Boring tunnel, etc.); it's weathered the economic effects of a global pandemic; and, carriers continue to address the ongoing volatility in gas prices coupled with a lingering recession. As a result, the taxi industry has been forced to absorb the added costs and expenses of operating in the current economic environment in order to meet the high demand for safe, reliable transportation services in Clark County. Without question, these facts support the need for an increase in the taxi rates in Clark County and provide clear justification for this Application. See, NAC 706.909(3). As such, Applicants submit this Application and respectfully request that the TA authorize modification of the respective taxi rates as set forth herein.

#### B. Necessity of Increasing the Meter Rates

Since the time of the last rate increase (2015) the U.S. Consumer Price Index ("CPI") has continued to increase. According to the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (publication date 3/14/2023), over the past twelve months, the *all items index* increased six percent (6%) before seasonal adjustments. Equally notable is the fact that in 2015, the minimum wage was \$7.25, whereas it is currently \$10.50 per hour and will increase to \$11.25 on July 1, 2023. This is a fifty percent (50%) increase in labor costs since 2015. Contributing to the increase in operating costs is the current rate of inflation, which is at its highest level since the early 1980's; due, in part, to time-limited factors such as the COVID-19 recession, geopolitical tensions and ongoing supply chain challenges. See, NAC 706.909(3).

In addition to the heightened operational costs, taxi operators continue to struggle with hiring and maintaining qualified drivers, which if not addressed will ultimately impact our tourism industry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Additionally, in 2015 the Nevada Legislature adopted NRS 372B.150, which imposes a 3% excise tax on all commercial transportation services (sans airport transfer service) originating in Nevada

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> An overview of the Nevada TA Rate History from 1971-present can be found at www.taxi.nv.gav.

The result being fewer qualified drivers available to provide safe, reliable transportation to the 1 2 traveling public. Thus, the rate changes requested herein will directly benefit taxi drivers. 3 C. Current and Proposed (New) Rates 4 Consistent with NAC 706.909(1) & (2), please find below a summary of the current taxi rates authorized in Clark County. Thereafter, is a summary of the requested rate changes. 5 6 Current Taxi Rates - May 2, 2023 7 Meter rates: **Drop rate: \$3.50** 8 Each additional 1/12th mile \$0.23 Wait time / hour \$32.40 9 Zone rates: Zone 1: \$19.00 10 Zone 2: \$23.00 11 Zone 3: \$27.00 12 Fuel surcharge rates: Tier I: \$0.20 / metered mile 13 Tier II: \$0.39 / metered mile Tier III: \$0.60 / metered mile 14 Tier IV: \$0.84 / metered mile 15 Zone fuel surcharge: Tier I: \$1.00 16 Tier II: \$2.00 Tier III: \$3.00 17 Tier IV: \$4.00 18 **Proposed Taxi Rates** 19 Meter rates
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In support of the proposed rate changes, please find attached hereto a [Las Vegas] Taxi Rate Analysis ("Report") prepared by Applied Analysis. See, NAC 706.909(5)3. In preparing the Report, Applied Analysis undertook a review of the fifty-two (52) year rate history of taxi's operating in Clark County (historical rate trends), as well as the operators' costs (both current & historical). Thereafter, based on objective factors, such as increases in minimum wage, operator cost recovery and inflation, Applied Analysis identified potential rate adjustment scenarios, which serve as the basis for the specific rate increases requested herein.

#### D. Special Event Surcharge

In addition to the proposed new rates, Applicant's further request that the TA open a rate docket to discuss the implementation of a "special event surcharge." More specifically, Applicants seek to develop a rate model akin to the fuel surcharge, which would allow taxi carriers to collect a surcharge, in addition to the authorized taxi fare, when certain peak / special events occur in Clark County. By way of example, for events such as the Electric Daisy Carnival, which require drivers to deadhead to the Las Vegas Motor Speedway during the early morning hours (2:00 am to 6:00 am), a special event surcharge would be collected for rides to / from EDC. The objective is to incentivize drivers to work during peak events in order to accommodate the needs of the traveling public. As this is a newly proposed, conceptual idea, which requires further analysis Applicants request that a rate workshop be held to allow industry members and interested parties the opportunity to discuss the need for this type of surcharge, what constitutes a "special event" and the proposed rate(s).

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#### CONCLUSION

Based on the arguments set forth herein Applicants respectfully request that the Nevada Taxicab Authority consider and approve this Application for modification of the applicable taxi rates.

<sup>3</sup> Applicants respectfully submit the Applied Analysis Report in lieu of "composite financial statements" as required pursuant to NAC 706.909(5). Applicants assert that said Report provides a much more comprehensive and detailed financial analysis than composite financial statements. Thereby, making the Report more applicable to the TA's consideration of modifications to (uniform ) taxi rates in Las Vegas. Should the TA determine that a review of the Applicant's financials is necessary, Applicant's submit that said information can be found on file with the TA in the Carriers' respective (confidential) Annual Reports.

Furthermore, Applicants request that a rate docket be held to discuss formulating a "special event surcharge."

DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023.

#### COOPER LEVENSON, P.A.

/s/Kimberly Maxson-Rushton

Kimberly Maxson-Rushton, Esq. Nevada Bar No.: 5065 3016 W. Charleston Boulevard, Suite 195 Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 krushton@cooperlevenson.com

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023, I did deposit for mailing in the United States mail at Las Vegas, Nevada, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing APPLICATION TO MODIFY TAXI RATES in a sealed envelope with first class postage fully prepaid thereon, addressed to:

Louis Csoka, DAG Nevada Attorney General's Office 555 E. Washington Ave., Suite 390 Las Vegas, NV 89101

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HISTORICAL RATE TRENDS

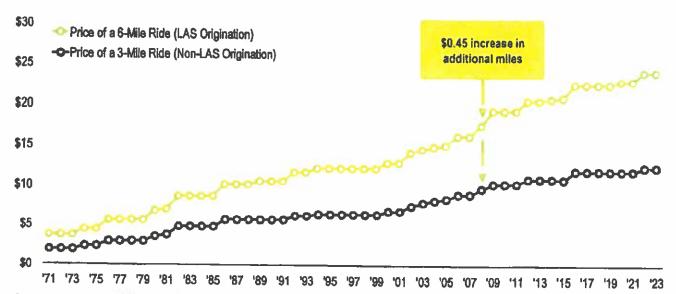
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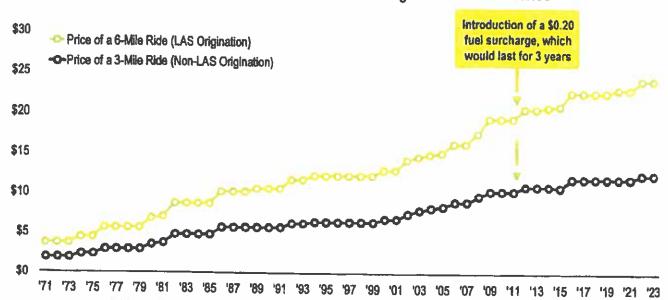
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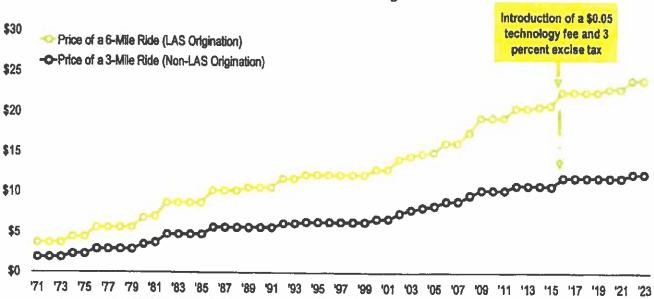
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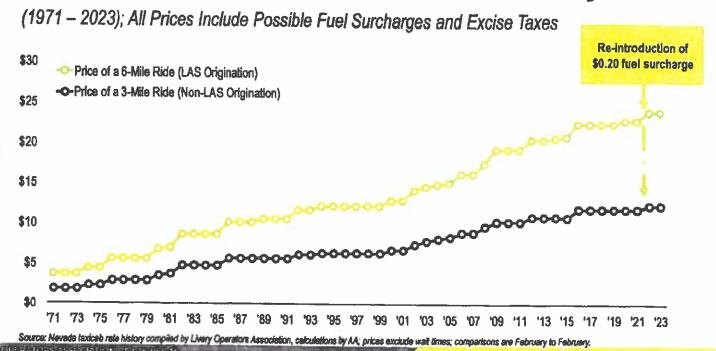


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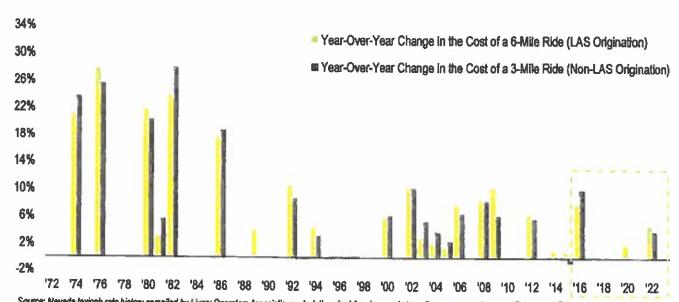
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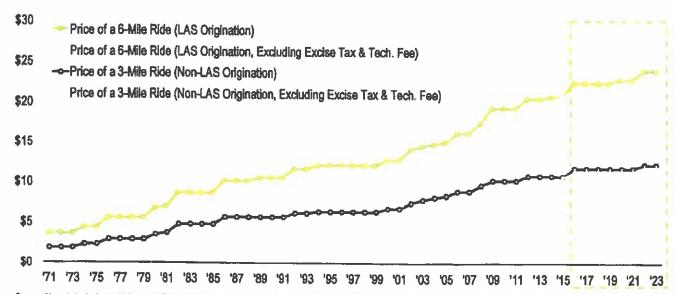


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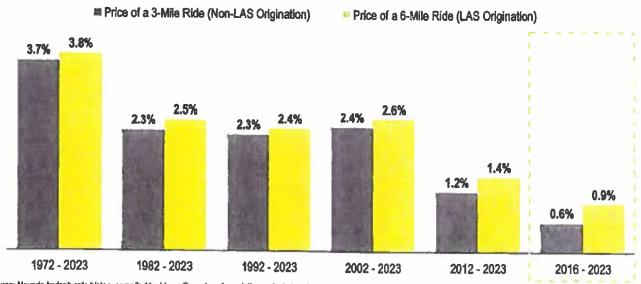


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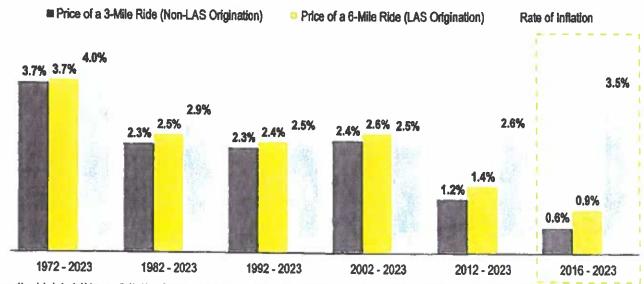


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# Las Vegas Taxicab Rate Comparison

**2016 (Effective November 16, 2015)** 

Present Day (2023)

|   |         | (2020)  |                |
|---|---------|---|----------------|
| Component   | Rate    | Component   | Rate           |
| Drop - Initial Meter Activation (Includes 5¢ Technology Fee Effective 09/01/2015)           | \$3.50  | Drop – Initial Meter Activation (Includes 5¢ Technology Fee Effective 09/01/2015)           | \$3.50         |
| Each 1/12th mile (\$2.76 per Mile)  | \$0.23  | Each 1/8th mile (\$2.96 per Mile – 20¢ Per<br>Mile Fuel Surcharge included)                 | \$0.37         |
| Waiting time per hour   | \$32.40 | Waiting time per hour   | \$32.40        |
| McCarran Airport property fee per pick-up   | \$2.00  | Reld Airport property fee per pick-up (\$0.40 increase total per Reid trip)                 | <b>\$</b> 2.40 |
| 3% "Excise Tax" added to all fares & fees mandated by AB-175 & SB-376 – 2015 NV Legislature |         | 3% "Excise Tax" added to all fares & fees mandated by AB-175 & SB-376 – 2015 NV Legislature |                |

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## Las Vegas Taxicab Flat Rates Initiated in 2019

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| Zone   | Flat Rates |
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| Zone 1 | \$19.00    |
| Zone 2 | \$23.00    |
| Zone 3 | \$27.00    |
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Source: Nevade lexical rate history compiled by Livery Operators Association; excludes fuel charges.

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### **Historical Rate Trends**

#### **Base Taxicab Rate Stagnant Since 2016**

- The overall price for a taxicab ride in Las Vegas has remained virtually unchanged since 2016; in fact, when removing fuel surcharges and excise tax, the base rate for a 3-mile, non-LAS, remains stagnant.
- Strip Zone Rate implementation in 2019, which increased the cost of rides from LAS to specific zones, resulted in a slight increase in the average overall cost of rides, but did not affect the base meter costs.
- Fluctuating fuel surcharges and marginal Increases in LAS pickup costs have caused prices to vary leading to no substantial growth in the base rate since 2016.

#### Rate Increases Lag Behind Inflation

- Since February of 2016, inflation of 3.4 percent per year (CAGR) has far outpaced the growth in fares for the same taxicab ride in Las Vegas (approximately 0.9 percent growth, including possible fuel surcharges since the same month in 2016).
- If excise taxes and fuel surcharges are removed, the current rate for a 3-mile non-LAS originating ride is identical to where it stood in February 2016.

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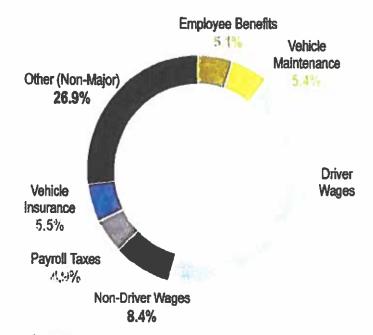
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## Las Vegas Operators' Major Expense Categories

Major expenses equate to approximately 73 percent of total expenses



Source: Approximate industry allocations calculated by AA based on confidential data of Las Veges operators.

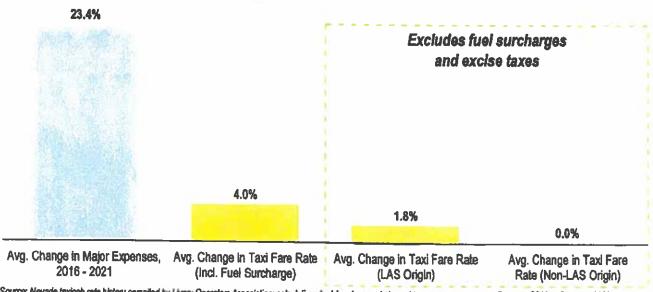
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### Las Vegas Operators' Major Expenses vs. Rates

Percent Change, Per Trip Basis | 2016 - 2021



Source: Nevade texicab rate history compiled by Livery Operators Association; calculations by AA; prices exclude wait times; comparisons are February 2016 to February 2023.

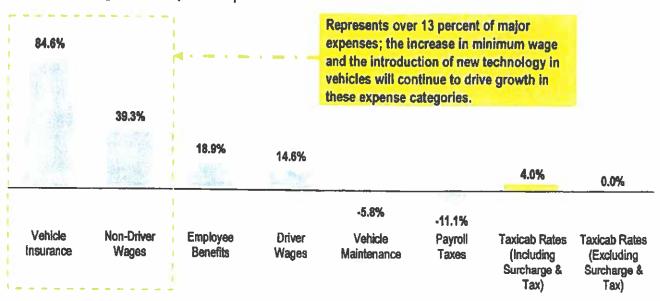
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### **Major Expenses by Category**

Percent Change, Per Trip Basis | 2016 - 2021

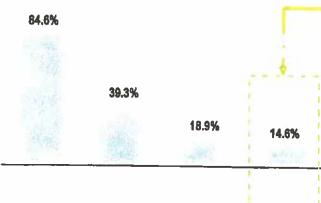


Source: Industry averages calculated by AA based on confidential survey data of Las Vegas operators; rate comperison is from February 2016 to February 2023.



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Percent Change, Per Trip Basis | 2016 - 2021



Represents more than 40 percent of expenses. Expenses in this category are more than double the growth of taxicab costs, even when accounting for fuel surcharges and fees.

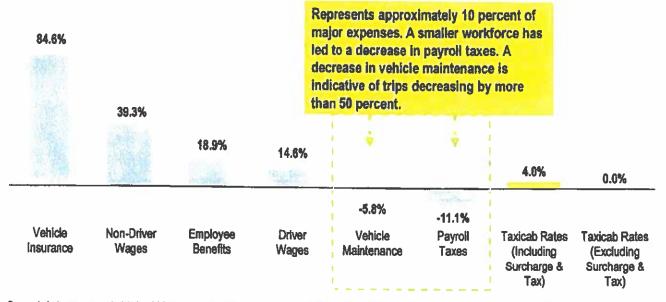
| d <sub>e</sub>       |                     | 18.9%                | 14.6%           |                                 |                            | 4.0%   | 0.0%   |
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| Vehicle<br>Insurance | Non-Driver<br>Wages | Employee<br>Benefits | Driver<br>Wages | -5.8%<br>Vehicle<br>Maintenance | -11.1%<br>Payroll<br>Taxes | Taxicab Rates<br>(Including<br>Surcharge &<br>Tax) | Taxicab Rates<br>(Excluding<br>Surcharge &<br>Tax) |

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### **Trends in Operators' Costs**

#### **Rising Costs**

- Las Vegas taxicab operators report an overall average increase of 19.7 percent in costs across all major expense categories since 2016.
- This compares to an approximately 4.0-percent increase in overall rates when including fuel surcharges (0.0 to 1.8-percent change if excluding fuel surcharges, depending on trip origin).

### **Costs Not Recouped through Volume**

- Much of the rise in expenditures is unrelated to business volume and, therefore, is difficult to recover. Expenditures of note having non-volume related drivers included:
  - Driver wages: Reflect 43.8 percent of expenses, increased by 14.6 percent. Driver's wages will continue to rise due to an impending increase in minimum wage.
  - Vehicle Insurance premiums: Account for 5.5 percent of expenses, increased by 84.6 percent.
     Increase is partly due to increased rates per vehicle.

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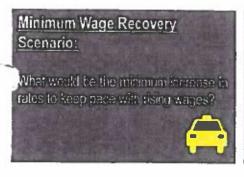
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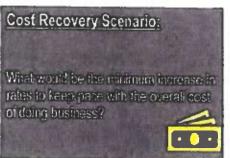


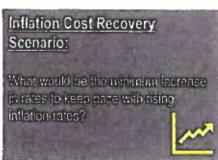
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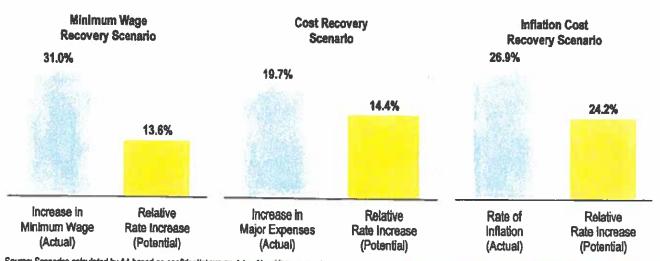








Evaluating factors both internal and external, such as percentage increases in minimum wage, major expenses and inflation, allows for the modeling of scenarios that calculate the minimum rate increase required to keep up with rising costs in each respective scenario. Percent change was calculated from 2016 to most recent available data.



Source: Scenarios calculated by AA based on confidential survey data of Las Vegas operators.

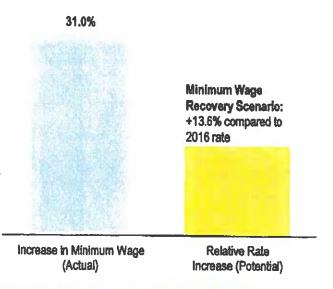
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Minimum Wage Recovery Scenario

Since 2016, the minimum wage has increased by 31 percent. Driver's wages are the largest share of major expenses, accounting for 43.8 percent of all costs. To keep up with the percentage increase of minimum wage in the same period, overall rates would have had to increase by 13.6 percent.



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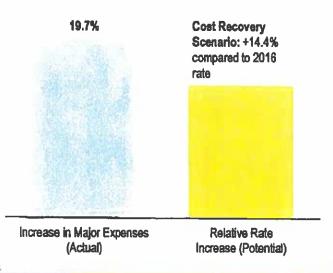
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Cost Recovery Scenario

Since 2016, major expenses have increased by 19.7 percent. The major expenses accounted for 73.2 percent of all operating costs. To keep up with the percentage increase in major expenses across the same time period, rates would have had to increase by 14.4 percent.

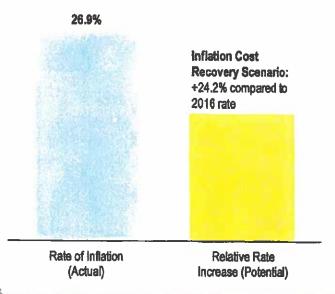


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Inflation Cost Recovery Scenario

Since 2016, inflation has far outpaced the increase in taxicab rates. To keep up with the rate of inflation across the same time period, rates would have had to increase by approximately 3.5 percent annually or 24.2 percent total since 2016.



Source: Scenarios calculated by AA based on confidential survey data of Las Vegas operators.

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## **Taxicab Rate Comparison**

### As of February 2016

#### **Current Rate**

| Component                               | Rate                 | Component                              | Rate  |
|---|----------------------|--|---|
| Drop for 1st 1/12th mile                | \$3.50               | Drop for 1st 1/8th mile                | \$3.50  |
| Each additional 1/12 <sup>th</sup> mile | \$0.23 (\$2.76/mile) | Each additional 1/8 <sup>th</sup> mile | \$0.37 (\$2.76/mile + \$0.20/mile fuel surcharge, or \$2.96/mile) |
| Waiting time/hour                       | \$32.40              | Waiting time/hour                      | \$32.40   |
| LAS Airport fee                         | \$2.00 (set by LAS)  | LAS Airport fee                        | \$2.40 (set by LAS)   |

Source: Nevade texticals rate history compiled by Livery Operators Association; calculations by AA
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# **Taxicab Rate Comparison: Metered Rides**

| Component                            | As of February 2016 (Baseline) | Minimum Wage<br>Recovery Scenario<br>(+13.6%) | Cost Recovery<br>Scenario<br>(+14.4%) | Inflation Cost<br>Recovery Scenario<br>(+24.2%) | Livery Operators Association Proposal |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Drop Rate<br>(Includes 5¢ Tech. Fee) | \$3.50                         | \$3.98  | \$4.00                                | \$4.35  | \$5.25                                |
| Each Additional 1/8th Mile           | \$0.35<br>(\$2.76/mile)        | \$0.39<br>(\$3.13/mile)                       | \$0.39<br>(\$3.16/mile)               | \$0.43<br>(\$3.43/mile)                         | \$0.37<br>(\$2.96/mile)               |
| Waiting Time Per Hour                | \$32.40                        | \$36.80                                       | \$37.07                               | \$40.25   | \$32.40                               |
| LAS Airport Fee                      | \$2.00<br>(Set by LAS)         | \$2.40<br>(Set by LAS)                        | \$2.40<br>(Set by LAS)                | \$2.40<br>(Set by LAS)                          | \$2.40<br>(Set by LAS)                |

Source: Scenarios calculated by AA based on confidential survey data of Las Vegas operators, rate per mile calculated based on rounded rate per 1/8 mile.

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### **Taxicab Fare Comparison: Metered Rides**

|                            |                                       |                        |                                       | Scenarios                             |   |   |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|
|                            |                                       | As of<br>February 2016 | Wage Recovery<br>Scenario<br>(+13.6%) | Cost Recovery<br>Scenario<br>(+14.4%) | Inflation Cost<br>Recovery Scenario<br>(+24.2%) | Livery Operators<br>Association Proposal<br>(14.9%) |
| 92                         | Drop Rate                             | \$3.50                 | \$3.98                                | \$4.00                                | \$4.35  |   |
| 2                          | 1/8th Mile Equiv. Rate                | \$0.35                 | \$0.39                                | \$0.39                                | \$0.43  | ¥-:   |
|                            | Wait Time per Hour                    | \$32.40                | \$36.80                               | \$37.07                               | \$40.25   | •   |
| A Post                     | Average Ride Distance (Miles)         | 3.5 Miles              | 3.5 Miles                             | 3.5 Miles                             | 3.5 Miles                                       | 3.5 Miles   |
| ~ E                        | Avg. Wait Time                        | 6:02 Minutes           | 6:02 Minutes                          | 6:02 Minutes                          | 6:02 Minutes                                    | 6:02 Minutes  |
| <b>6</b> 8                 | Orop Fare                             | \$3.50                 | \$3.98                                | \$4.00                                | \$4.35  |   |
| 春星                         | Metered Fare (3-Mile Ride)            | \$8.28                 | \$9.40                                | \$9.47                                | \$10.28   | • -   |
| Components<br>Computed Far | Metered Fare (Avg. 3.5-Mile Ride)     | \$9.66                 | \$10.97                               | \$11.05                               | \$12.00   | •   |
| E B                        | Metered Fare (6-Mile Ride)            | \$16.56                | \$18.81                               | \$18.95                               | \$20.57   | \$17.76   |
| 3                          | Wait Fare (Average Per Ride)          | \$3.25                 | \$3.69                                | \$3.72                                | \$4.04  | ·   |
| 25 0                       | Total Fare (3-Mile Ride)              | \$15.03                | \$17.07                               | \$17.20                               | \$18.67   |   |
| Total<br>Fares             | Total Fare (Avg. 3.5-Mile Ride)       | \$16.41                | \$18.64                               | \$18.78                               | \$20.38   | •   |
|                            | Total Fare (6-Mile Ride)              | \$23.31                | \$26.48                               | \$26.67                               | \$28.96   |   |
|                            | 3-Mile Ride Fare % Increase from 2016 | Baseline               | +13.6%                                | +14.4%                                | +24.2%  |   |
| E 8                        | 3.5-Mile (Avg.) % Increase from 2016  | Baseine                | +13,6%                                | +14.4%                                | +24.2%  |   |
| *E                         | 6-Mile Ride % Increase from 2016      | Baseline               | +13.6%                                | +14.4%                                | +24.2%  | +12.7%  |

Note: Livery Operators Association (LOA) proposed rates are sourced to the association. The average 3.5-mile ride and average wall time of 6:02 minutes data are sourced to LOA's Kaplyn system.

# **Taxicab Fare Comparison: Flat Rate Fares**

|         |        | Rates at implementation (2019) | Livery Operators Association Proposal |
|---------|--------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|         | Zone 1 | \$19.00                        | \$21.00                               |
| Patter  | Zone 2 | \$23.00                        | \$25.00                               |
|         | Zone 3 | \$27.00                        | \$29.00                               |
| B 25    | Zone 1 | Baseline                       | +10.5%                                |
| % Incre | Zona 2 | Baseline                       | +8.7%                                 |
| * I     | Zone 3 | Baseline                       | +7.4%                                 |

Note: Nevada laxicab rate history compiled by Livery Operators Association, calculations by AA.

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### Conclusion

The accompanying tables to the right summarize the proposed rates offered by the Livery Operators Association (LOA), which results in metered fare increases falling within the range of three modeled scenarios contained in this analysis. Based on the historical average ride length (3.5 miles) and historical average wait times (6:02 minutes), the proposed pricing results in a fare increase of 14.9 percent, which is slightly above the wage recovery scenario (+13.6 percent) and the cost recovery scenario (+14.4 percent) but below the inflation cost recovery scenario (+24.2 percent). Notably, longer rides (e.g., 6-mile ride) result in a 12.7-percent fare increase, which is less than the lowest case scenario modeled (i.e., the wage recovery scenario). The shift to a higher drop rate while holding the metered fare component stable has the potential to incentivize drivers to seek out shorter rides (potentially increasing capacity within the resort corridor) while resulting in a lower rate of increase on longer rides (potentially mitigating the absolute fare increase for suburban riders). With metered rides accounting for approximately 65 percent of activity, the overall increase on operator revenue would be slightly less than 10 percent (65 percent of a 14.9-percent increase). The \$2 flat rate fare increase for each zone supplements the cost recovery.

| Metered Fares | LOA Proposed Rates |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Deen Date:    | A                  |

Drop Rate: \$5.25

Additional 1/8th Mile: \$0.37 (\$2.96 per mile)

Waiting Time Per Hour: \$32.40

Zone 3:

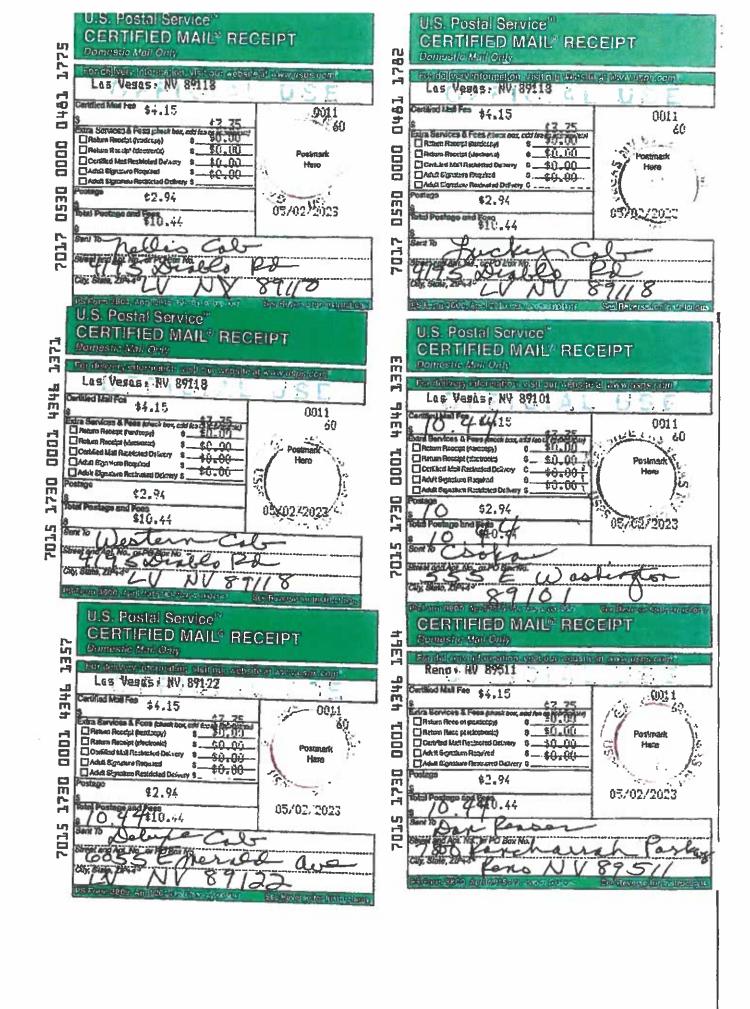
| Flat Fares | LOA Proposed Rates |
|------------|--------------------|
| Zone 1:    | \$21.00            |
| Zone 2:    | \$25.00            |

\$29,00

Note: Ride mix of a 65-35 split sourced to data provided by LOA from Kaplyn.

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#### BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA TAXICAB AUTHORITY

Re: Application of Henderson Taxi, Whittlesea Blue Cab, Nevada Yellow Cab, Nevada Checker Cab, Nevada Star Cab, New Cab Co., Virgin Valley, and Desert Cab to Modify Taxi Rates.

Docket#

### APPLICATION TO MODIFY TAXI RATES

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#### APPLICANTS' WITNESS LIST

COMES NOW, Kimberly Maxson-Rushton, Esq., on behalf of Henderson Taxi, Whittlesea Blue Cab, Nevada Yellow Cab, Nevada Checker Cab, New Cab Co, Nevada Star Cab, Virgin Valley, and Desert Cab (collectively referred to as "Applicants"), and respectfully submits the following Witness List to the Nevada Taxicab Authority ("TA") in anticipation of the Application Hearing scheduled for June 5, 2023.

Brent Bell
 Henderson Taxi & Whittlesea Blue Cab
 1900 Industrial Road
 Las Vegas, NV 89102

Mr. Bell is the President of the Livery Operators Association and he is President of Applicant carriers, Henderson Taxi and Whittlesea Blue Cab. Mr. Bell is expected to provide testimony in support of the Application and the necessity for a rate increase for taxi's operating in Las Vegas, Nevada.

George Balaban
 Desert Cab & Virgin Valley
 4675 Wynn Rd.
 Las Vegas, NV 89103

Mr. Balaban is the Treasurer of the Livery Operators Association and the Managing Member of Applicant carriers, Desert Cab and Virgin Valley. Mr. Balaban is expected to provide testimony in support of the Application and the necessity for a rate increase for taxi's operating in Las Vegas, Nevada.

 Mr. Jonathan Schwartz
 Nevada Yellow Cab, Nevada Checker Cab, Nevada Star Cab & New Cab Co. 5225 W. Post Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89118

Mr. Schwartz is the Vice-President of the Livery Operators Association and President of Applicant carriers, Nevada Yellow, Checker and Star Cab Companies and New Cab Co. Mr. Schwartz is expected to provide testimony in support of the Application and the necessity for a rate increase for taxi's operating in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Jeremy Aguero
 Applied Analysis
 6385 S. Rainbow Blvd. Ste. 105
 Las Vegas, NV 89102

Mr. Aguero is a principal analyst with Applied Analysis. His areas of expertise include economic analysis, operational model development and fiscal impact analysis. Mr. Aguero is expected to provide testimony relative to the financial report submitted to the TA in support of the Application to Modify Taxi Rates. Additionally, Mr. Aguero will provide testimony relative to the analysis undertaken in preparation of the report and the conclusions reached by Applied Analysis.

DATED this 30th day of May, 2023.

#### COOPER LEVENSON, P.A.

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023, I did deposit for mailing in the United States mail at Las Vegas, Nevada, a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing WITNESS LIST in a sealed envelope with first class postage fully prepaid thereon, addressed to:

Louis Csoka, DAG Nevada Attorney General's Office 555 E. Washington Ave., Suite 390 Las Vegas, NV 89101

A-Cab Co 1500 Searles Las Vegas, Nevada 89101

Deluxe Cab Co 6055 Emerald Avenue Las Vegas, NV 89122 Dan Reaser, Chairman C/O Fennemore 7800 Rancharrah Pkwy Reno, Nevada 89511

Western Cab 4195 Diablo Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89118

Lucky Cab Co. 4195 Diablo Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89118

Nellis Cab Co 4195 Diablo Road Las Vegas, Nevada 89118

/s/ Christiane Smith
An employee of COOPER LEVENSON

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#### **AGENDA ITEM 5**

# Special Event Surcharge for Taxicab Rides (For Discussion and Possible Action)

The hearing is expected to involve NRS 706.8819, NRS 706.8824, NAC 706.471, NAC 706.894, NAC 706.903, NAC 706.909, NAC 706.924, Nevada Revised Statutes Chapters 233B and 706 generally, Nevada Administrative Code 706 generally, and any other relevant statutes and regulations.

A copy of the Application, Petitions, other pleadings and papers, and further information is available at the Taxicab Authority office located at 2090 E. Flamingo Road, Suite 200, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6**

#### **Public Comment**

Members of the public must identify themselves for the record and are then invited to use three minutes to comment on items on the meeting agenda or on items not contained therein. Comments shall be directed to the Board and presented in a professional demeanor and not in a threatening, profane, vulgar, or abusive manner. \*The Board may limit repetitive comments to balance time constraints.

\*NRS 203.090 Disturbing meeting. Every person who, without the authority of law, shall willfully disturb an assembly or meeting not unlawful in its character shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

### **AGENDA ITEM 7**

Adjournment (For action)