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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 10, 2016
TO: MGSA Board of Directors
FROM: Jeff Rawles, Taxicab Regulation Program Manager
SUBJECT: Taxicab Regulation Program Update

Recommendation

Accept this update regarding the Marin Taxi Regulation Program. No action is requested.

Update

The current inventory is as follows:

- 🚗 Drivers 137 (139 in January)
- 🚗 Companies 29 (30 in January)
- 🚗 Vehicles 113 (115 in January)

Since January 2016, one company with two drivers has not renewed and has been removed from the permitted list of taxi companies in Marin. Some companies have also deleted vehicles, while other companies are continuing to renew their permits and in some cases added to and upgrading their fleet with newer vehicles. The loss of the one company does not appear to be a trend. Because the winter months have traditionally been the slowest months for taxicab activity, it would not be surprising to see an uptick in the taxi inventory later in the year.

As the Smart Train progresses, it is anticipated the current taxi stand at the San Rafael Transit Center will disappear as the San Rafael to Larkspur phase gets developed. Golden Gate Transit operates the current taxi stand and that space will be no longer available as Smart will eventually need that space. Clearly, access to taxicabs for SMART and other transit center customers is very important as well as to the taxi company business.

As the planning process proceeds, MGSA staff will continue to strive to ensure taxicab passenger and company interests are considered. Staff has arranged a meeting with San Rafael staff in the near future to discuss this issue.