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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 11, 2018
TO: MGSA Board of Directors
FROM: Jeff Rawles, Taxicab Regulation Program Manager
SUBJECT: Taxicab Regulation Written Program Update

Recommendation

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

Update

The current inventory is as follows:

- 🚗 Drivers 115 (113 in September)
- 🚗 Companies 23 (25 in September)
- 🚗 Vehicles 85 (84 in September)

As noted above the inventory of the taxicab industry in Marin remains relatively stable. Staff continues to keep abreast of driver and fleet turnover, collection of renewals, and compliance issues. Competition from Transportation Network Companies (TNC) continues to add to the competitive environment for taxi operations in Marin. However, the taxicab industry in Marin continues to be resilient and number of actual taxicabs varies little. Finding new drivers does seem to be challenging for the existing companies. However, the Marin's taxicab industry continues to stay in compliance with Marin General Services Authority's permit program, and State law.

Golden Gate Transit recently notified staff as a result of the SMART Train Larkspur extension work, they are terminating the permits for taxi companies to use the taxi lane at the San Rafael

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Transit Center effective February 1, 2018. This will change the dynamics in the area, as historically only a few taxi companies were allowed to use this taxi lane. Staff is aware San Rafael Public Works has been actively involved with this issue and it is anticipated they will offer an alternate pickup area. However, for the taxi industry this area will now be open to all permitted companies and is a significant change.