



**THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO
INTERIM MAYOR
TODD GLORIA**

November 6, 2013

Mr. Paul Jablonski
Chief Executive Officer
Metropolitan Transit System
1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000
San Diego, CA 92101

Subject: Taxi and For-Hire Vehicle Administration Contract Renewal

Dear Mr. Jablonski:

The City of San Diego is interested in renewing a long-term contract with the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) for the administration of the taxi and for-hire vehicle program.

As you know, the City recently requested a one year extension for the contract which was granted by MTS and approved by City Council on June 27, 2013 (City Council Resolution #308296 is attached). That extension was established to allow the City to explore options for transferring all administrative and regulatory responsibilities of the taxicab and for-hire vehicles from MTS to the City of San Diego.

That exploration has concluded, and City staff now believes that a five-year contract with MTS will provide the best option for administration of these services. The City is interested in working with MTS to draft a contract renewal that will help address the findings made during our exploration of management options for taxis and for-hire vehicles. We also hope to work with MTS to examine other administrative options for other vehicle types including pedi-cabs.

The City's Transportation & Storm Water Department will contact MTS colleagues to begin discussions about our preferred contract renewal. We believe that there are options for initiating a new contract that can be in force prior to the end of the existing extension. Again, we are looking for a longer term agreement that will help ensure stability for taxi and for-hire services, and their customers, through the region now covered by MTS.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call Kip Sturdevan, Director of the Transportation & Storm Water Department at (619) 236-6595.

Sincerely,



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cc: Assistant Chief Operating Officer, Scott Lewis
Garth K. Sturdevan, Director, Transportation & Storm Water Department
Linda Marabian, Deputy Director, Transportation Engineering Operations
Division

Attachments:

1. Signed City Council Resolution
2. Signed Extension Agreement
3. 2/21/2013 Letter from Filner to Jablonski