

MINUTES

Central Australian Commercial Passenger Vehicles Forum (CACPVF)

Tuesday, 9 May 2017

Time 9.00am – 11am

Greenwell Building, Alice Springs

1.1 Present/Apologies

Present: Chairperson
Department of Infrastructure, Planning & Logistics representative
Tourism representative
PH representative
Commercial Passenger Vehicle representatives Darwin
Australian Hoteliers Association representative
NT Taxi Council representative
MVR representative
Alice Springs Taxis representative
Alice Springs Town Council representative

Apologies: Tangentyere Council representative
Eagle Training Services representative
Taxi Driver's Association representative
Minibus representative
VSS representative

1.2 Confirm Minutes from previous meeting

Previous Minutes were accepted:
Tourism Representative
Alice Springs Taxi Representative

2 General Business

Outstanding Actions

- 2.1** ASTC have agreed to install a dedicated MPT/MPB drop off/pick up bay on Hartley Street. Currently under review as part of proposed traffic management changes to Hartley Street. The Forum also requested that ASTC look at the current location of the Taxi Zone on Grevillea Drive. **Ongoing**
- 2.2** The new CPV complaint system and database. Integration with the MOVERS computer program is still causing problems. Testing is scheduled for mid-June 2017. **Ongoing**
- 2.3** Rock Throwing incidents – The Chair has sent a reminder email to all Forum members and Networks requesting that all incidents of rock throwing be reported to Police. Alice Springs Taxi network representative requested that the email be resent as he cannot recall receiving the advice. **Ongoing**
- 2.4** Fading MO Plates – Advice has been received from the ASCC that new inks will be used for manufacturing of all new MO number plates. MVR to look to consider options for the replacement of existing faded MO plates and advise Operators. **Ongoing.**

- 2.5** Ride-Sharing – CPV Representative provided an overview of the outcome of the ride sharing recommendations:
- Ridesharing to initially operate under the Special Passenger Vehicle Category.
 - Reduce all CPV licence fees reflecting market access and implement a \$1 levy on all point-to-point transport services being taxis, minibuses, private hires and Ridesharing. This will come into effect from the commencement of the regulations.
 - Undertake a review of taxi fares based on the new approved regulatory model through an updated basket of costs methodology.
 - CPV licences fees and levy will be assessed after two years.
 - **Number Plates**
 - Ridesharing vehicles are issued with a general issue number plate and not a CPV number plate.
 - **In-Car Security Cameras**
 - Taxis and minibuses will still be required to have approved in-car security cameras.
 - **Rank and Hail Jobs**
 - Taxi, minibus and private hire cars (in specified ranks) are allowed to rank.
 - Taxi and minibus industries allowed to be hailed by passengers from the street.
 - Ridesharing vehicles are not authorised to undertake rank and hail work.
 - **Price Setting**
 - Retain status quo with Government setting fares for taxis only.
 - Prohibit surge pricing by Ridesharing providers in a declared emergency event.
 - Nil cap to be introduced on Ridesharing, Minibus or Private Hire car categories.
 - Still maintain a ballot process for the issue of any Taxi licences. **Ongoing**
- 2.6** Changes to Driver Training – MVR staff have been briefed and information has been sent to all Networks in regards to the changes to driver training for the issue of a CPV Id Card. Copies of Commercial Passenger Vehicles Information Bulletin – CPV18 Commercial Passenger Vehicle Identity Card Requirements were distributed to all forum members at the meeting. **Closed.**
- 2.7** Installation of Boom Gates at Alice Springs Airport. There is still some confusion and reports of poor driver behaviour at the airport ranks. Alice Springs taxis reported that complaints have been received from passengers and also the management IBIS Hotel in regards to multi hires from the motel to the Airport. An invitation extended to airport management representatives to attend the next forum meeting. **Ongoing.**
- 2.8** MO pre-booked conditions – Any proposed changes for a decrease in the time-frame for pre-booking MO Vehicle Services from 48 hours have been delayed until after the implementation of ride-sharing. **Ongoing**

Other Business

- 3.1** 2017 Calendar of Events- ASTC calendar of events was circulated at the meeting.
- 3.2** Discussions are currently in progress in regards to the need for mobility impaired drop off and pick-up areas for CPV vehicles at the Desert Park and the Telegraph Station.
- 4. Action List**
Please refer to Attachment A.
- 5. Next meeting** TBA - July 2017