

SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION

OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Salt Lake City Council Fast Facts

What: The Salt Lake City Council will continue a fact-finding discussion on potential changes in the way the City grants franchises to taxicab companies to operate in Salt Lake City. The discussion is a continuation of one held July 14. Participants expected at the August 11 work session are a representative of ground transportation companies not regulated as taxicab companies, a representative of the Salt Lake Convention & Visitors Bureau, and administrators of the Salt Lake City Department of Airports.

When: Salt Lake City Council work session August 11, Room 326, City and County Building, 451 South State Street. This portion of the work session is scheduled for a time-certain start of 4:00 p.m.

Points of Interest:

- The fact-finding hearing is part of a four-year effort to improve and increase taxicab service for Salt Lake City residents, businesses, and visitors to the City.
- The focus of the effort has been to consider whether the City should continue to grant certificates of public convenience and necessity to taxicab companies to operate in Salt Lake City or to change to signing contracts with taxicab companies.
- Arguments for keeping certificates of public convenience and necessity include the long-time management of the existing companies in the City taxicab market, the familiarity of the market by the companies, the potential of operating a taxicab as an entry level access to the private sector, and that taxicab service compares favorably with taxicab service in other cities nationwide.
- Arguments for entering into contracts with companies to operate taxicabs in Salt Lake City include, the potential for increased service to residents, business and visitors – including picking up people who hail taxicabs to ride short distances; the potential for requiring greater company management of drivers instead of City oversight of them; the potential for improving the incomes of taxicab drivers through increasing ridership in the taxicab market.
- Other items involved in the City Council's consideration of the issue include the Department of Airports issuing requests for companies to bid on a contract to provide a shared-ride shuttle service at Salt Lake City International Airport; and adopting clear definitions of the kinds of ground transportation businesses that operate in Salt Lake City and the markets they serve.

How you can become involved:

Online comments: www.slcgov.com/council/default.htm. Click on the "Submit Comments on a Specific Issue" on the right-hand column menu

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You may also attend the comment portion of the Council Meeting. Each individual will be provided two minutes to speak. If you are unable to attend the Council public comment portion of the meeting, you may provide verbal comments at prior Council Meetings during the Public Comment portion of the formal meeting or written comments are encouraged any time prior to the issue being scheduled for Council action.

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