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The *PT Board Bulletin* gives notice of the applications for special authorization that have been received by the Board, the determinations the Board makes on those applications, as well as appeals from enforcement orders of the Registrar of Passenger Transportation. Board Advisories may also be published in the *PT Board Bulletin* to update the public and commercial passenger transportation industry on Board initiatives and changes to Board rules or procedure and policy guidelines.

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Industry Advisory

Taxi Cameras in British Columbia

Taxi drivers are vulnerable to attack, especially at night. The Passenger Transportation Board encourages taxi companies to adopt practices that make it safer to drive a taxicab in British Columbia.

A taxi camera program has been in place for 27 taxi companies in the Lower Mainland since June 2005. The Board recognizes that safety issues are not confined to the Lower Mainland, and is taking steps so other companies in British Columbia can use cameras as a tool to improve the safety of driving a taxi.

The Board is establishing a new policy that lets taxi companies outside the Lower Mainland decide whether or not to start a local taxi camera program. The new policy permits the use of taxi cameras when the public and local governments are given notice, and when minimum equipment standards and procedural requirements are followed. The new standards are designed to deter crimes against taxi drivers, help investigating police officers identify suspects and prosecute offenders, and establish safeguards that protect the privacy of passengers and drivers.

The new standards and requirements are set out in the Board rule: "Taxi Cameras Outside the Lower Mainland" at www.ptboard.bc.ca/taxicameras.htm. At this web location, the Board will maintain a list of taxi companies that operate taxi cameras. Taxi companies that fail to follow Board taxi camera requirements are subject to enforcement actions of the Registrar, Passenger Transportation Branch.

Within the next few months, the Board will direct the Registrar, Passenger Transportation Branch, to add a "taxi camera" term and condition to each taxicab licence in the province. The new term and condition will permit the installation and use of taxi cameras in vehicles when a licensee complies with applicable taxi camera rules and standards of the Board.

A letter about the upcoming change to the terms and conditions of taxi licences will be sent in advance to each taxi company. However, the new taxi camera rule is now in effect for all taxi companies outside the Lower Mainland, and licensees may start a local taxi camera program at any time when applicable Board standards and requirements are met. The new taxi camera rule and direction do not alter the taxi camera standards and requirements for Lower Mainland taxi companies.

Part 1: Applications Received

Applications in which special authorization is sought are published in Part 1 of the *PT Board Bulletin*.

To see a more detailed summary of the application, click on the application number.

Application	Applicant	Brief Summary of Application	Deadline for Submissions
AV182-07	Black Top Cabs Ltd. Vancouver BC	Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Proposed addition of motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 167 vehicles of which 159 may be non-accessible to 197 of which 182 may be non-accessible.	March 1, 2007
AV189-07	MacLures Cabs (1984) Ltd. Vancouver BC	Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Proposed addition of motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 45 vehicles of which 40 may be non-accessible to 65 of which 55 may be non-accessible.	March 1, 2007
AV190-07	Vancouver Taxi Ltd. Vancouver BC	Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Proposed addition of motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 27 vehicles of which 21 may be non-accessible to 47 of which 36 may be non-accessible.	March 1, 2007
AV204-07	Yellow Cab Co. Ltd. Vancouver BC	Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Proposed addition of motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 208 of which 198 may be non-accessible vehicles to 249 of which 229 may be non accessible vehicles.	March 1, 2007
14-07	Yellow Point Lodge Ltd. Ladysmith BC	Amendment of Licence (PDV) Proposed amendment to expand the <i>vehicle capacity</i> to include vehicles that can accommodate a driver and not less than 6 and not more than 11 passengers.	March 1, 2007
T15-07	Yellow Point Lodge Ltd. Ladysmith BC	Change of Rates (PDV) Proposed increase in rates and amendment of rules that were previously approved or set by the Board.	February 24, 2007

Submissions:

Any person may make a submission on an application to the Passenger Transportation Board. Submissions should relate to the following matters that the Board must consider (see section 28 of the Passenger Transportation Act):

- (a) *whether there is a public need for the service the applicant proposes to provide under any special authorization;*
- (b) *whether the applicant is a fit and proper person to provide that service and is capable of providing that service; and*
- (c) *whether the application, if granted, would promote sound economic conditions in the passenger transportation business in British Columbia.*

All submissions must be:

- *in writing*
- *accompanied by a \$50 fee (payable only by cheque or money order to the Minister of Finance)*
- *received at the Passenger Transportation Board office in Victoria by 4:30 p.m. within 15 days of the PT Board Bulletin publication date (10 days for Change of Rates applications).*

All information that a person submits on an application is routinely disclosed by the Board to the applicant. Any person who gathers and submits personal information from third parties is subject to the Personal Information Protection Act and should not guarantee the confidentiality of the information being submitted.

Within 10 days of when a submission is forwarded by the Board to the applicant, the applicant may reply by sending written comments to the Board.

Part 2: Application Decisions

To see the full decision, click on the application number.

Application	Applicant	Brief Summary of Application	Decision
2718-06	City & Country Taxi Service Ltd. Victoria BC (transferee) dba Empress Taxi GREWAL, Karnail Singh Victoria BC (transferor)	Transfer of Licence (PDV) Transfer of passenger transportation licence 71080 from GREWAL, Karnail Singh to City & Country Taxi Service Ltd. dba Empress Taxi and Yellow Cabs of Victoria.	Approved
2719-06	City & Country Taxi Service Ltd. Victoria BC (transferee) dba Empress Taxi SODHI, Kulwinder Singh & ARK, Jaswinder Singh Victoria BC (transferor) dba Admiral Taxi	Transfer of Licence (PDV) Transfer of passenger transportation licence 71011 from SODHI, Kulwinder Singh and ARK, Jaswinder Singh dba Admiral Taxi to City & Country Taxi Service Ltd. dba Empress Taxi and Yellow Cabs of Victoria.	Approved
3093-05	Hallcon Crew Transport Ltd. Toronto ON	New Special Authorization (PDV) New special authorization to operate passenger directed vehicles along CP rail lines in British Columbia under contract with the rail carrier, including the communities of Abbotsford, Burnaby, Coquitlam, Cranbrook, Creston, Fernie, Golden, Hope, Invermere, Kamloops, Lillooet, Nelson, North Bend, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Sicamous, Surrey and Vancouver. Maximum fleet size is 50 vehicles that accommodate a driver and not less than 7 and not more than 11 passengers.	Refused

Part 2: Application Decisions (cont'd)

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Application	Applicant	Brief Summary of Application	Decision
AV2827-06	Swiftsure Taxi Co. Ltd Nanaimo BC	Addition of Motor Vehicles (PDV) Addition of motor vehicles to increase the maximum fleet size for passenger directed vehicles from 17 to 21	Approved as set out in the Decision

Part 3: Hearing Notices

None

Part 4: Appeal Decisions

None

Part 5: Decisions Whether Application for General Authorization Requires Special Authorization

None

Part 6: Other Matters

None