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**CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Mayor and City Council  
Jim Martinez, Chief Administrative Officer  
Patricia D. Adauto, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Laura Uribarri, Executive Assistant to the Mayor  
Adrian Ocegueda, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

**FROM:** Raymond Bonilla, Plan Reviewer I

**SUBJECT:** City Council Agenda Item

Discussion and action: July 27, 2004

**DATE:** July 21, 2004

The following item has been scheduled for City Council action as noted above. Should you have any questions, I may be contacted at 541-4720.

Discussion and action on request from the Development Coordinating Committee for authorization to conduct a study of all taxicab stands on public right-of-way in the downtown area in order to determine the total number now existing, which companies retain licenses, whether the number and location allowed should be amended, and whether a lottery or other similar system should be implemented. This item is brought forth in response to specific concerns raised by applications SP-04008, SP-04014, SP-04015, and SP-04016, each requesting use of the same two taxicab stands **(District 8)**

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**SUN CITY CAB CO.**  
**2930 Magoffin Ave. El Paso, TX 79905**  
**Tel: 915-544-2211 Fax: 915-532-4211**

June 28, 2004

City of El Paso  
Attn: Anthony W. Cobos  
2 Civic Center Plaza  
10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
El Paso, TX 79901

Dear Mr. Cobos:

We would like to bring to your attention the problems that have been occurring at the taxi stands located at Sixth St. and Oregon St. and also the one located at Sixth St. and El Paso St. Sun City Cab Co. previously occupied a taxi stand at the corner of Sixth St. and El Paso St. This corner has a public telephone facing Sixth St. and is located on federal property next to the Santa Fe Bridge. Because of our location, Border Cab and Texas Cab who parked at their taxi stand across the street from us began to complain to the city that we had an advantage on fares because of our location. Out of respect and to avoid conflicts, we decided to join Border Cab and Texas Cab at their taxi stand. Today, Texas Cab is no longer in service and because of this; Border Cab and Sun City Cab are currently using this taxi stand. Both companies were authorized to use two parking spaces for our taxi cab vehicles. Recently city council authorized Border Cab the use of an extra space and this is creating a disadvantage and problems for our company.

The taxi stand at Sixth and Oregon is operating at a stand still basis and this is creating conflicts between drivers from both companies. Drivers from Border Cab are not permitting drivers from Sun City Cab to pick up any fares at this location. Since

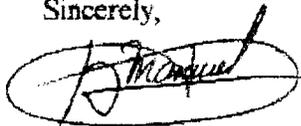
Border Cab vehicles are parked closer to the corner curbside, passengers exiting from the El Paso Limousine bus terminal are taking cabs from Border Cab because they are the first cabs they see.

We are requesting that the city amends this stand and makes it into a rotating basis so every driver can have a chance to take a fare. A petition for the remaining two spaces on both taxi stands has already been requested by us, Sun City Cab Co., and we are awaiting approval by the city council.

Included is a diagram of the taxi stand located at Sixth St. and Oregon St.

Thank you for your attention on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Manuel Garza", is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval.

Manuel Garza

President

Cc: Raymond Bonilla

Cc: Jose Alejandro Lozano

# Sun City Cab Co.

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May 16, 2004

To all concerned parties:

We would like to address to you all of the problems that are currently occurring at a taxi stand located at the corner of Sixth St. and Oregon St.

At this time, there are five spaces rented by the City of El Paso for two taxicab companies, which are Border Cab and Sun City Cab Co. The first three spaces closest to the corner are being occupied by Border Cab leaving the two remaining spaces to Sun City Cab. Customers exiting the El Paso Los Angeles Limousine bus station take the first taxi they see and since we [Sun City Cab] are not visible from the corner they take Border Cab.

We believe that this is only part of the problem since each time we do get a trip, we constantly have to argue with the drivers from Border Cab in front of the customer.

Mr. Jose Luis Avila, driver from Border Cab #04, has stated numerous times that this particular corner and all customers who are in need of this service belong to Border Cab Co. because they have seniority and he argues that Sun City cannot pick up any customers at this location.

Mr. Avila has also stated that this particular taxi stand belongs to him and things are done only by what he says.

On May 4, 2004, cab #372 picked up a fare and was about to depart when three Border Cab drivers obstructed his path. Mr. Loya [driver of cab #372] was threatened that if he took the fare, they would damage his taxicab. Given that Mr. Loya did not want to argue in front of the customers he let Border Cab have the fare.

On March 10, 2004 a new driver by the name of Mr. Pedro Chaires also picked up a fair at this taxi stand. When he returned, he

was confronted and threatened that if he ever picked up a fare he was going to regret it. They also indicated that nobody except for them picked up the fare.

These are only a couple of incidents that have occurred in the last couple of months. Problems have existed ever since this taxi stand started, but it is now that things are starting to get out of hand.

Sun City Cab Co. pays for these permits, so we feel we have the same right as Border Cab to offer transportation to the public.

We are just trying to make a living and having to deal with these kind of problems only makes it more difficult for us.

Therefore, we are asking for your help in resolving these problems. We also believe that if you do not intervene in any way, these problems will only escalate and violence might initiate. We respectfully request that you intervene in this matter.

We believe that one way in resolving these issues would be to authorize one taxicab from each company to these places and rotate the services like they are currently being done on the taxi stand on Sixth St. and El Paso St.

Again, we would appreciate any type of help and/or advice you might be willing to offer in order put an end to these problems.

Enclosed, please find the signatures of all the concerned drivers who would like these matters to be resolved as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time  
Concerned drivers

Pedro Estimado Hernandez Cab # 341 *J Lopez* 303.

*[Signature]* 357 *[Signature]* 327

*[Signature]* Cab # 317 *[Signature]* 300 4213

Vicente Oteiza Cab # 352

Andres Garcia Cab # 313

Rosal Loya Cab. # 372 (328-4827)

Art LTP # 316 Sun City Cab

Juan D. Delgado Cab # 375 Sun City Cab