

CITY / PORT LIAISON COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting

January 3, 2008
6:00 p.m.
530 Water Street, Oakland, California
Exhibit Room, 1st Floor

Committee Membership:

Councilmember Nancy Nadel, Co-chair
Councilmember Henry Chang
Councilmember Pat Kernighan
Councilmember Larry Reid
Mayor Ronald V. Dellums, Ex-Officio

Port Commissioner Mark McClure, Co-chair
Port Commissioner Margaret Gordon
Port Commissioner Victor Uno
(If a Port Commission member is unable to attend, an alternate
commission member will be designated)

Staff Members:

Deborah Edgerly, City Administrator
John Russo, City Attorney

Omar Benjamin, Port Executive Director
Joe Wong, Deputy Executive Director
David Alexander, Port Attorney
John Betterton, Secretary of the Board

AGENDA

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1. Approval of meeting summary and determination of schedule for outstanding committee items:
 - 1A. Approval of meeting summary from December 6, 2007 meeting
 - 1B. Determination of next meeting date and review of pending agenda item list
2. Report by the Port of Oakland on Taxicab Operations at the Oakland International Airport.
3. Open Forum

IF YOU WISH TO PRESENT COMMENTS TO THE COMMITTEE ON SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS AT THIS MEETING:

- You must fill out a Speaker Card and give it to the Board Secretary as soon as possible.
 - If you wish to speak on more than one Agenda item, you must fill out a Speaker Card for each item.
- At the appropriate time, the Board Secretary will call your name at which time you should immediately come forward to present your comments.

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APPROVAL OF MEETING
SUMMARY FROM THE
DECEMBER 6, 2007 MEETING

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Minutes

December 6, 2007
6:00 p.m.
530 Water Street, Oakland, California
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ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

In attendance were: Commissioner and co-chair **McClure**, Commissioner **Gordon**, Commissioner **Uno**, Councilmember and co-chair **Nadel**, Councilmember **Kernighan**, and Councilmember **Reid**.

ITEM 1A

The November 1, 2007 meeting summary was approved by consensus.

ITEM 1B

The next meeting was confirmed for January 3, 2008 at 6 p.m. in the Exhibit Room. The agenda will consist of the following items:

- Report by the Port of Oakland on Taxicab Operations at the Oakland International Airport.

The Committee reviewed the draft pending agenda item list for the January-May 2008 meeting dates and made revisions to be included in the next agenda packet.

ITEM 2

(Note – by consensus, the Airport Connector Item was presented first)

A report by the Bay Area Rapid Transit District on the Status of the Oakland International Airport Connector

- Tom Dunscomb, representing BART, gave a powerpoint presentation on the status of the airport connector project, including an overview of the public-private partnership interests in the development.
- Elihu Harris, Chancellor of the Peralta Community College District, spoke on the issue with regard to his concerns about investments from private entities in the Connector project.

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A Report by the Port of Oakland and the City of Oakland on Local Hiring and Local Business Utilization Goals

- Meg Vasey, Port Contract Compliance Officer and Bessie Papailias, Port Contract Compliance Manager, presented a report on the local hiring and local business utilization achievements in the maritime and aviation sectors, and of future challenges and opportunities.
- Jo Ann Yoshioka, Port Employment Resources Development Program Supervisor, gave an overview of the Port's efforts to place local residents in professions and job opportunities with tenants and other local businesses.
- Shelley Darensburg and Jonathan Dumas, representing the City of Oakland, presented reports on the City's local hiring and disadvantaged business opportunity programs in the City of Oakland.

OPEN FORUM

There was one speaker in Open Forum: Sanjiv Handa

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

ITEM 1-B

DETERMINATION OF NEXT
MEETING DATE AND REVIEW OF
PENDING AGENDA ITEM LIST

**City/ Port Liaison Committee
2008 Pending Agenda Items**

February 7, 2008, 6 pm

- Update from Jack London Square Partners on the Jack London Square Phase II Development.
- Report from the City of Oakland on the Status of the Development of a Citywide Retail Strategy.

March 6, 2008, 6 pm

- Report from the Port of Oakland on Environmental Updates and Initiatives at the Seaport and Airport, including the Maritime Air Quality Improvement Plan.
- Report from the City of Oakland on the Oil Independent Oakland 2020 Task Force and other City-wide Environmental Initiatives.
- Report from the Port of Oakland on the Port's Duties and Obligation as Trustee for Tidelands Held in Trust Held for the Benefit of the People of California.

April 3, 2008, 6 pm

- Reports from the Port of Oakland and the City of Oakland on State and Federal Funding Priorities.
- Report from the City of Oakland on the Status of the Zoning and Industrial Land Use Policy.
- Reports from the Port of Oakland and the City of Oakland on the Impacts of Upcoming Retirements and Succession Planning Efforts.

May 1, 2008, 6 pm

- Status Reports from the Port of Oakland and the City of Oakland Regarding Development Plans at the Former Oakland Army Base.
- Report from the Oakland Police Department on Enforcement of Commercial Truck Parking and Enforcement of the West Oakland Truck Route.

ITEM 2

REPORT FROM THE PORT OF OAKLAND ON TAXICAB OPERATIONS AT THE OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

AGENDA REPORT

TO: City/Port Liaison Committee
ATTN: Omar R. Benjamin, Executive Director, Port of Oakland
FROM: Steven Grossman, Director of Aviation
RE: Item 2 –Report on Oakland International Airport Taxicab Operations
DATE: January 3, 2008

This report is intended to provide an overview of taxicab operations at the Oakland International Airport for the benefit of the City/Port Liaison Committee. In addition to this report, airport staff will be available to answer questions at the committee's meeting on January 3, 2008.

Overview

The Oakland Police Department's Taxi Detail Unit is responsible for issuing permits to taxicab operators in accordance with the Oakland Municipal Code. Currently, there are 314 City-permitted taxicabs in operation in the City of Oakland. The Oakland International Airport Landside Operations Ground Transportation Unit follows the guidelines set forth in Port Ordinance #3542 to issue permits to City of Oakland-permitted taxicabs to operate at the airport. Currently, there are 120 Airport-permitted taxicabs authorized to work at Oakland Airport on a daily basis. Of these, approximately 60 vehicles are alternative fuel vehicles using compressed natural gas (CNG). Airport permits are limited to ensure that those with permits can generate a sufficient number of trips during the day. Airports are very attractive locations for taxi operators because the average fare is generally significantly higher than that found off airport. This has resulted in all taxicabs wanting to serve the Airport and no cabs available for normal city service. Limiting the number of cabs also reduces conflicts at the airport and improves customer service. Best practice throughout the Airport industry is to limit the number of cabs serving the airport.

The City Administrator's office is currently exploring changes to the Oakland Municipal Code that may affect the operations and fares of City of Oakland-permitted taxicabs – Port staff has been in contact with the City Administrator's office and will stay apprised of any changes that may impact airport operations.

Operations

Although the airport operates 24 hours per day, the typical taxicab hours of operation are approximately 6:00 a.m. until 3:00 a.m. In September 2006, total taxicab pick-up trips from the airport totaled 33,627. The same-month totals for September 2007 showed only a slight increase to 34,400 customer pick-ups.

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While any licensed taxicab operator can drop passengers off at the airport, only airport-permitted taxicab drivers may pick up passengers. Pursuant to the Airport Ground Transportation Policy, permitted taxicab drivers who are picking up passengers from the airport must provide a voucher for each fare. These vouchers, which are purchased from the Landside Operations Department at the airport, are \$2.50 each. This fee is consistent with the fees that are charged to other ground transportation providers that utilize the airport-maintained facilities.

The primary staging area for the taxicab operation is on the North Field, which holds approximately 60 taxicabs. The secondary/terminal holding area is on the South Field, which can accommodate another 20-30 taxicabs. With the redesign of the airport's roadway access nearing completion, the taxi stand has been relocated to the second curb, near Terminal 2. The taxi stand operations are managed by a third-party operator, ShuttlePort, with oversight by the airport Ground Transportation staff. Ten taxicabs are staged at the curb and additional taxicabs are summoned from each respective staging area to the taxi stand as customer needs demand.

During the peak periods of taxicab operations (typically Monday mornings) the airport may allow non-airport permitted taxicabs with City of Oakland Permits to service the airport due to customer demand. Typically, the Veterans taxicab and Friendly taxicab companies are called for assistance, with the Friendly taxicab dispatcher able to reach multiple taxicab companies and taxicab operators. These non-airport-permitted taxicabs must also pay the per-fare voucher fee.

Oakland Airport taxicab customers are given business cards with a general hotline number to Ground Transportation staff in order to register any complaints for concerns with the service they received (510-466-7844). Depending on the complaint, a taxi driver may be subject to administrative fees and/or suspension from servicing passengers at the airport. If suspended from the airport, taxicab drivers are able to work in the City of Oakland.

Airport staff does not contemplate issuing more airport taxicab permits at this time, although staff will continue to monitor the usage of non-airport-permitted taxicabs during peak hours of demand to ascertain if additional taxicabs are necessary or if there are modifications in hours of service among the current pool of taxicab operators that can be obtained.

ITEM 3

OPEN FORUM