



Taxicab Services Commission

September 15, 2025

6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Meeting held at:

101 Monroe Street

Rockville, MD 20850



**Attendees:**

**Commission members present:**

Elizabeth “Buffy” Ellis, David Mohebbi, Willie Sumo, Charles Kauffman, Afework Kidane,  
Joyce Plaxen, Reza Raoofi

**Commission members absent:**

Nelson Biana, Becaye Traore

**MCDOT Staff:** Ulysses Delaney, Kofi Bempah, Kristopher Starks, Ulysses Delaney, Sam Oji,  
Antoinette Brunson,

**Ex-Officio members Present:**

Christopher Conkin – Director – Montgomery County Department of Transportation

**Ex-Officio members Absent:**

Evan Glass – Chair of the Transportation and Environment Committee

**Guests:**

None

Chair Ellis called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

**Action Item:**

- Commission member Kauffman made a motion to approve the June 17, 2025, Taxicab Services Commission meeting minutes. Commission member Mohebbi seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously by all commission members in attendance.

**Discussion Items:****Discussion – FY25 Transportation Services Improvement Fund totals**

- Montgomery County Department of Transportation staff member Bempah discussed wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) taxicab Transportation Services Improvement Fund (TSIF) expenditures for FY25.
- Commission Chair Ellis requested information from the taxicab industry representatives about the ratio of taxicab owner/operators to individual owners.
- Commission member Kidane inquired about the TSIF benefits for traditional sedan taxicab operators.
- Ex-Officio member Conklin discussed the reasons for reimbursement from the TSIF.
- Commission member Sumo expressed his belief that traditional sedan operators do not need to benefit from the TSIF.
- Commission Chair Ellis suggested an increase in the Call-in-Ride Guaranteed \$10 Fare Program for traditional sedan operators.
- Commission member Plaxen mentioned that individuals who are disabled, but who may not use a wheelchair or motorized scooter may prefer to use a sedan.

**Discussion – Pending Regulations**

- Montgomery County Department of Transportation staff provided an update of four pending executive regulations pertaining to the taxicab industry.
- Commission member Mohebbi remarked that there is no incentive for taxicab operators to provide service in the evening as most taxicab related activities occur during the daytime.

**Discussion – Report from Taxicab Code Enforcement Inspectors**

- Code Enforcement inspectors provided updates regarding taxicab stands and the need for nighttime taxicab service.

**New Business:**

No new business was discussed.

**Meeting adjourned:**

Commission member Mohebbi made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commission member Kauffman. The motion was passed unanimously by those in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.