



Notice of Color Scheme Permit and Dispatch Service Permit Moratorium

Effective September 15, 2015, in accordance with Transportation Code Section 1103(i), I am issuing a moratorium on any new color scheme permit or dispatch service permit in San Francisco.

Adding new color scheme permits and/or dispatch service permits will not serve the public interest at this time. There are 25 separate color scheme companies in San Francisco, and eight dispatch service permits, and SFMTA Taxi Services staff has been concerned for some time about the economic viability of some of these permittees, and their concomitant ability to provide taxi patrons, taxi drivers, and taxi medallion holders with a high level of service.

SFMTA staff is currently reviewing the existing permit requirements for both color schemes and dispatch services and expects to provide a proposal to the SFMTA Board for revising the color scheme and dispatch service permit requirements for the purpose of improving public service. Once the new requirements have been adopted by the Board, and the SFMTA staff has observed the impact of those requirements on existing permittees, staff can determine whether the issuance of new color scheme or dispatch service permits will serve the public interest., or will serve only to weaken existing permittees and reduce their ability to adequately serve the public well. The moratorium is expected to last until spring 2016, and will not last more than a year without the approval of the Board.

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Director of Transportation