

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3317

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 18, 1989

Application of METRO MEDICAB, INC.,)
for a Certificate of Public)
Convenience and Necessity --)
Special Operations)

Case No. AP-89-12

By application filed April 4, 1989, Metro Medicab, Inc. (Metro Medicab or applicant), seeks authority to transport passengers in special operations between health care facilities in the Metropolitan District, on the one hand, and, on the other, points in the Metropolitan District, restricted to transportation in vehicles with a manufacturer's designed seating capacity of 15 passengers or less, including the driver. 1/

Metro Medicab currently holds WMATC Certificate No. 46 which authorizes the following transportation:

IRREGULAR ROUTES:

SPECIAL OPERATIONS, round-trip or one-way,
transporting persons confined to wheelchairs:

Between medical treatment facilities located in
the Metropolitan District, on the one hand, and,
on the other, points in the Metropolitan
District.

RESTRICTIONS: The service authorized herein is
restricted to the transportation of non-ambulatory
participants in the Medicaid program of the
District of Columbia, and is further restricted to
transportation in van-type vehicles specially
equipped with ramps and mechanical devices for
securing wheelchairs in transit.

Through the instant application Metro Medicab seeks to expand its existing authority to include transportation of persons other than non-ambulatory participants in the District of Columbia Medicaid program.

1/ To the extent that this application could be interpreted to include transportation between points located solely within the Commonwealth of Virginia, the application is dismissed for want of jurisdiction pursuant to the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 1(b).

Applicant plans to conduct the proposed operations using two 1979 vans equipped to carry six or eight 2/ ambulatory passengers and two non-ambulatory passengers. Metro Medicab also plans to use two 1980 vans equipped to carry five or eight 2/ ambulatory passengers and three non-ambulatory passengers. Applicant's service will be offered between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday, holidays excluded. Metro Medicab proposes to charge \$50 for round trips and \$25 one-way. A \$10 fee will be charged if additional manpower is needed. A \$12.50 cancellation fee will be assessed if service is requested and subsequently cancelled.

Applicant submitted a balance sheet as of December 31, 1988, showing \$2,750 in cash and \$20,880 in fixed assets after allowance for depreciation. Current liabilities are listed at \$12,746, with \$9,000 in (long-term) notes payable and \$1,884 in earned surplus. Applicant's operating statement for the 12 months ended December 31, 1988, indicates income of \$117,805 and operating expenses of \$118,220. Metro Medicab's projection of revenues and expenses for an unspecified period shows \$147,256 in operating revenues with operating expenses remaining constant at \$118,220, resulting in operating income, exclusive of taxes, of \$29,036.

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, this application will be scheduled for public hearing to determine if the applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform properly the proposed service and to abide by pertinent regulatory requirements and to determine whether the public convenience and necessity require the proposed service.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

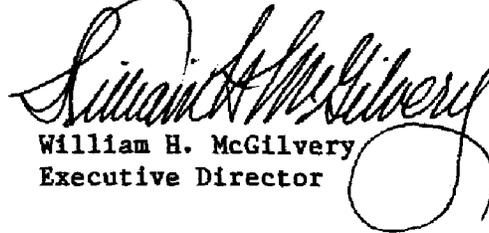
1. That a public hearing in Case No. AP-89-12 is hereby scheduled to commence Thursday, May 25, 1989, at 9:30 a.m. in the hearing room of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104.
2. That Metro Medicab, Inc., is hereby directed to publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, and post continuously and conspicuously in each of its vehicles through the date of public hearing, notice of this application and the hearing thereon in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Tuesday, April 25, 1989, and present at the hearing affidavits of publication and posting.

2/ It is not clear from applicant's equipment list whether seating capacity is stated as a total with non-ambulatory passengers noted or as two separate categories, "ambulatory" and "non-ambulatory."

3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule No. 14, and any person desiring to be heard on this matter shall so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than Friday, May 12, 1989, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicant's counsel, Vernon A. Williams, Esquire, 2041 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, S.E., Suite 301, Washington, DC 20020.

4. That Metro Medicab, Inc., is hereby assessed \$400 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact, and is directed to deliver said amount to the office of the Commission, 1828 L Street, N.W., Suite 703, Washington, DC 20036-5104, no later than Friday, May 12, 1989.

FOR THE COMMISSION:


William H. McGilvery
Executive Director