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FINAL VOTE TO REMOVE CAP ON TAXICAB PERMITS

San Diego, CA – February 11, 2015 – The San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) Board will discuss and vote on lifting the cap on San Diego Taxicab Permits during tomorrow's (2/12/15) Board meeting. If approved, permit applications for San Diego Taxicab Permits will be available to the public in 30 days.

WHAT: MTS Board to discuss and vote on lifting the cap on San Diego Taxicab Permits

WHEN: Thursday, February 12, 2015 9:00 am

WHERE: 1255 Imperial Ave., San Diego, CA 92101 10th Floor

In November of 2014, taxicab drivers and permit holders filled Golden Hall where the San Diego City Council heard hours of testimony from many stakeholders before voting 8-1 to lift a 30 year cap on the limit of taxicab permits in the City of San Diego. Taxicab drivers, who have spent years trying to improve their working conditions, celebrated the momentous vote outside of Golden Hall.

The item will now be considered by the MTS's Board, whose agency serves as the administrator for the City's Taxicab industry. This will be the final vote needed to remove the cap. If approved, it will change the current model of the industry by allowing qualified drivers to apply to be permit owners themselves.

"Tomorrow's vote has the potential to improve the lives of so many people who have been exploited for their hard work for far too long," said Emerald. "Hopefully, my colleagues on the MTS Board agree that lifting the cap will improve working conditions and opportunities for these drivers, and we can move forward with ensuring that this new policy is implemented thoughtfully and smoothly."

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