

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE December 11, 2009

TO Members of the Transportation and Environment Committee:
Linda Koop (Chair), Sheffie Kadane (Vice Chair), Jerry R. Allen, Tennell Atkins,
Carolyn R. Davis, Angela Hunt, Delia Jasso, Pauline Medrano, Ron Natinsky,
Vonciel Jones Hill

SUBJECT CNG-Powered Taxicabs at DFW Airport

Attached is the "Board Brief" from the November 24, 2009 DFW Board meeting that will be presented to you on December 14, 2009. The board approved an incentive program for dedicated Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) powered taxicabs operating at DFW International Airport.

Please contact me if you need additional information.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jill Jordan".

Jill A. Jordan, P.E.
Assistant City Manager

c: The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
Mary K. Suhm, City Manager
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BOARD BRIEF



DALLAS /FORT WORTH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
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CNG-powered Taxicabs

November 24, 2009

At the November Board meeting, the Board approved an incentive program for dedicated Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) powered taxicabs operating at DFW International Airport, which includes "head of the line" privileges for CNG cabs.

Today, the DFW Ground Transportation staff issued its first permit for a CNG-powered taxicab, a 2008 Chevrolet Impala owned by Yellow Cab of Dallas.

We anticipate that the first CNG "head of the line" dispatch will occur before noon on Wednesday.

It is our understanding that Yellow Cab and Executive Taxi have a joint shipment of eight additional CNG vehicles which will be arriving for permits in the next few weeks.

In support of the newly approved program, DFW Ground Transportation staff members developed a CNG decal to be placed on all dedicated CNG taxicabs operating at DFW.

This new decal will serve to quickly identify a dedicated CNG taxi for our passengers and staff, and will connect the CNG effort to the Board's overall sustainability initiatives.

DFW staff also created an informational newsletter addressing the benefits of CNG-powered taxicabs.

In addition to showing the environmental and financial benefits of operating a dedicated CNG taxi, the newsletter also offers important information on CNG conversions, fueling and safety, plus provides several important web links for more detailed CNG information for service providers and drivers.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please feel free to contact us.