

**ADDITIONAL MATERIAL  
REGULAR MEETING**

**OCTOBER 7, 2025**

**SUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF**

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DATE: October 6, 2025

RE: Commission Meeting 10/7/2025 – Item 61

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The attached email was received on Sunday, October 5, 2025, and is included as additional information from the Public Works and Environmental Services Department for item 61.

**Torres, Karen**

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**Subject:**

FW: YELLOW CAB MESSAGE TO MAYOR AND COMMISSION RE: AGENDA ITEM 61-  
ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO VEHICLE STANDARDS AND TAXIMETER RATES

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Dear Mayor Furr, Vice Mayor Bogen, Senators Geller and Rich, and Commissioners Fisher, Udine, Rogers, McKinzie, and Davis: As you all know, we proudly represent Yellow Cab of Broward County. We are proud of Yellow Cab's 65 years of service to the people of Broward County with well maintained, clean, reliable 24/7 dispatch by phone or app, and a camera that records both internal and external video and sound. Yellow has invested tens of millions over the years in the latest technology, full mechanical and body shop, digital terminals, and so much more. We thank Mayor Furr for Agenda Item #61 and respectfully request that this letter be added as additional material to the agenda item 61. We look forward to discussing the items below on Tuesday and will be available to answer questions.

**1)Yellow Cab respectfully requests that one additional item be added to the Motion to Direct: A motion to direct that a one-year moratorium be enacted on certificate renewal to preclude forced abandonment of certificates by Broward County.** This has been done in the past as a fair and equitable approach to the challenges in the taxicab industry and to not punish certificate holders who are doing the right thing by forcing them to abandon unused certificates and vehicles. Yellow Cab has purchased over 165 vehicles since the pandemic and over 100 new owner drivers and vehicles. Growth continues monthly with the 24/7 dispatch system and significant Riders Choice and TOPS overflow, emergency calls, and TNC overflow calls via the CURB taxi app. Growth also continues with Tri Rail, the late-night shift connects program and other private sector insurance industry programs. We anticipate even more growth in the future as the County continues to rely upon Yellow Cab for the TOPS program overflow. Requiring certificates to renew annually and mandatory operation puts an impossible and unfair burden on certificate holders like Yellow

Cab. Finding and keeping drivers and Toyota Prius Hybrids is also difficult. 95% of the Yellow Cab fleet are Hybrid Vehicles. All vehicles are inspected weekly. The one-year moratorium will encourage certificate owners like Yellow Cab to continue to grow their businesses and re-invest.

**Other issues related to Taxi Cabs:**

**2) Yellow Cab supports staff's recommendation that no meter rate hike be authorized.** Although costs are up, the competition from Rideshare services continues to have a significant impact on the taxi Industry. A rate increase would only erode what remains at FLL for the taxi cabs and would force residents and tourists to seek alternative transportation in ride share.

**3) No need has been proven for additional taxi certificates.** The current Ordinance is based on population and does not take into consideration the massive influx of Rideshare Services, which add at least 6000 vehicles competing in the same general industry. The demand for taxicab service is being met. There is no evidence that it is not being met and that more certificates are needed.

**4) Yellow Cab supports 10-year vehicle age limit.** The 10-year vehicle age limit should be reinstated. Any new vehicle entering the industry should be less than 10 years old and removed from service at the end of the 10 years rule. Existing vehicles over 14 years old should be removed from service **by June 1st, 2026.**

**5) A Flat Rate between Port Everglades and FLL, including the Convention Center and Hotel should be enacted.**

**6) New companies should be required to have at least one Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle in service.**

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