

**Joint Meeting
Facilities and Infrastructure Committee
Budget and Capital Committee
February 3, 2009
5:00 p.m.
Scott Heyman Conference Room**

Approved 3/19/09

Facilities and Infrastructure Present: L. McBean-Clairborne, Chair; D. Randall, D. Kiefer (arrived at 5:04 p.m.), C. Chock
Excused: K. Luz Herrera
Budget and Capital Present: N. Shinagawa, M. Hattery, L. McBean-Clairborne (temporary appointment)
Excused: P. Mackesey, K. Herrera, J. Dennis
Staff: E. Marx, Commissioner of Planning and Public Works; R. Nicholas, Airport; K. Fuller, Deputy Clerk

Call to Order – Facilities and Infrastructure

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, Chair, called the Facilities and Infrastructure meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. - AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE TO GROUND TRANSPORTATION FEES
- ITHACA TOMPKINS REGIONAL AIRPORT**

It was MOVED by Mr. Randall, seconded by Ms. Chock, to recommend adoption of the following resolution to the full Legislature.

A brief discussion occurred indicating the fee has not been amended for the past five years and the increase represents an annual three percent increase. It was explained that the fees have been compared to similar airport operations and is comparable.

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Ms. Chock, to amend the taxi fee from \$.1265 per enplaned passenger to \$.125. A voice vote on the amendment resulted as follows: Ayes – 4; Noes – 0; Excused – 1 (Legislator Herrera). AMENDMENT PASSED.

Ms. Chock and Ms. McBean-Clairborne indicated they felt the rate could possibly be increased more in the future.

A voice vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 4; Noes – 0; Excused – 1 (Legislator Herrera). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Local Law No. 4 of 2002 – Rules and Regulations and Minimum Standards, Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport – authorizes the Airport manager to assess and collect fees from ground transportation providers who operate on airport property, and

WHEREAS, Federal case law has overwhelmingly upheld airports' rights to charge a fee to commercial ground transportation providers for use and upkeep of airport facilities and the privilege of deriving business from said airport facilities , and

WHEREAS, the airport wishes to increase the fees established by the County Legislature by Resolution No. 41 on March 2, 2004, to allow for five years of inflation, and

WHEREAS, the airport conducted a 5-week survey of ground transportation usage during November and December 2008 to determine how the established fees should be applied, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure and the Budget and Capital Committees, That the increased Ground Transportation Fees shown on "Attachment A" be approved for the period from January 1, 2009, until December 31, 2013,

RESOLVED, further, That annual surveys be undertaken to ascertain the appropriate fees to be charged for courtesy vehicles, taxi cabs, and limousine services using airport property.

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cc: Airport

Attachment "A"

Proposed Ground Transportation Fees - Jan. 1, 2009 through Dec. 31, 2013

Ground transportation fees for hotel courtesy vehicles and taxi cabs, established by the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee in 2004, have remained unchanged for five years. This proposed fee schedule increases those fees to allow for inflation at the nominal rate of three percent (3%) per year for the past five years and keeps the revised fees static for the next five-year period. The proposed fee schedule is as follows:

Courtesy Vehicles

| Estimated Number of Trips to the Airport Annually: | <u>Old Fee</u> | <u>New Fee</u> |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 0 - 600 | \$100 | \$115 |
| 601 - 1200 | \$200 | \$230 |
| 1201 - 1800 | \$300 | \$345 |
| 1801 - 2400 | \$400 | \$460 |
| 2401 - 3000 | \$500 | \$575 |
| 3001 Plus - Pro rata in increments of \$100 (New \$115) per every additional 600 trips. | | |

Taxi Fees

Currently the fee is \$0.11 per enplaned passenger. The increase would bring that fee up to \$ 0.125 per enplaned passenger.

RESOLUTION NO - AUTHORIZING FIVE-YEAR LEASE AGREEMENTS WITH THE AVIS/BUDGET GROUP AND BARRETT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES INC., D/B/A HERTZ RENTAL CARS – ITHACA TOMPKINS REGIONAL AIRPORT

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Randall, to recommend adoption of the following resolution to the full Legislature. Ms. Chock inquired what methodology was used to obtain bids for the service. Mr. Nicholas reported all major rental car companies were notified and the resolution reflects the results.

A voice vote on the resolution resulted as follows: Ayes – 4; Noes – 0; Excused – 1 (Legislator Herrera). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued by the County Finance Department and was duly advertised on the Central New York purchasing website and was also sent to all major rental car companies, and

WHEREAS, the AVIS/BUDGET GROUP and HERTZ indicated their interest in continuing to be tenants of the airport to provide a car rental service, and

WHEREAS, no other rental car agencies expressed any interest in serving the airport at this time, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, That the County Administrator be and hereby is authorized to sign agreements with the AVIS/BUDGET GROUP and BARRETT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INC., D/B/A HERTZ RENTAL CARS to conduct rental car businesses at the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport for the period January 1, 2009, until December 31, 2013.

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Adjournment – Facilities and Infrastructure Committee

On motion the Committee adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

Call to Order – Budget and Capital Committee

Mr. Shinagawa, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:11 p.m.

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It was MOVED by Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, seconded by Mr. Hattery, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to recommend adoption of the resolution, as modified by the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, to the full Legislature for adoption. RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

Adjournment – Budget and Capital Committee

On motion, the Committee adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Fuller, Deputy Clerk