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Bob Hope Airport Flat Rate Taxi Fare Will Not Be Implemented

BURBANK, Calif. (September 20, 2011) – After further review by the Burbank City Attorney’s Office, the action of the Burbank Traffic Commission to implement a minimum fare of \$15.50 for all taxi cab rides originating at Bob Hope Airport has been determined to be beyond its authority at this time.

The Burbank Traffic Commission originally approved the request last month from G & S Transit Management, Inc. In its request, G & S indicated that the long wait in the taxi queue and frequent requests for short trips within Burbank prohibits adequate income.

“We would like it to be clear that we are not saying it is beyond the City’s authority to allow minimum taxicab fares to be charged in Burbank,” says Richard Morillo of the City Attorney’s Office. “Our conclusion is based solely on our view that a minimum fare is not allowed under the taxicab ordinance as currently written.”

Notice will be given to the taxicab operators that the flat rate cannot be charged unless and until the Burbank City Council considers its authorization. The taxi cab rates will remain as follows:

- \$2.65 Flag drop (First 1/9 mile or 37 seconds or fraction thereof)
- \$0.30 for each additional 1/9 mile or thereafter (\$2.70 per mile)
- \$0.30 for each 37 seconds of waiting time and/or traffic delay (\$29.19/hour wait)
- \$2.50 Surcharge for trips originating at Burbank Airport

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