

**THE PHILADELPHIA PARKING AUTHORITY**  
**Taxicab and Limousine Division**

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY FOR THE MAY 27, 2011 FUEL SURCHARGE**

- Fuel prices have been rising steadily since the beginning of 2011. On March 8, 2011 the average price was \$3.50 per gallon of regular gasoline. In a meeting on that date with the Unified Taxi Workers Alliance of Pennsylvania (UTWA), it was agreed that a fuel surcharge would be recommended to the Board of the Authority to commence after regular gasoline prices averaged \$3.75 for a 10 day period.
- On March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the UTWA made a formal written request for a fuel surcharge. The 10 day average for regular gasoline had reached \$3.59. The request was for \$.50 on all non airport trips and \$2.00 for trips to or from the Philadelphia International Airport (Airport).
- On April 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 the TLD released a fuel surcharge proposal which included a request for public comments. The proposal was for a surcharge of \$.50 on every trip with no differentiation for Airport trips. At that time the price of regular gasoline was averaging \$3.75.
- On April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the UTWA commented on the TLD proposal. They modified their earlier request as the average price of gasoline had risen to \$3.89 per gallon. They requested a \$1.00 surcharge on all non Airport trips and a \$3.00 surcharge for Airport trips.
- On April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 the TLD posted all comments received and announced a Taxicab and Limousine Committee (TLC) meeting, compliant with the Sunshine Act for May 11, 2011.
- On May 11, 2011 the TLC met at the TLD Headquarters to discuss the surcharge. Numerous members of the taxicab industry appeared and provided additional comments. No one appeared on behalf of the luxury limousine industry, the hospitality industry or the public. The TLC unanimously recommended a \$1.00 surcharge for all trips including the Airport trips.
- On May 26, 2011 the Authority Board met for its monthly meeting (compliant with the Sunshine Act) and unanimously approved the \$1.00 fuel surcharge as recommended by the TLC.