CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
CLERK OF COMMITTEES

March 29, 2016

REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING COMMITTEE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Robert J. McWatters	Chair	Present	
Matthew McLaughlin	Vice Chair	Present	
Tony Lafuente	Ward Four Alderman	Absent	

Others present: James Halloran - Weights & Measures, Frank Wright - Law, Cheryl Horin - Green Cab, Rositha Durham - Clerk of Committees

The meeting took place in the Committee Room and was called to order at 6:30 PM by Alderman McWatters and adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Approval of the March 3, 2016 Minutes

RESULT:	ACCEPTED

201103: Sealer of Weights and Measures recommending approval of Green Cab's request for new taximeters.

Ms. Horin, VP at Green Cab, demonstrated the new Tom Tom Bridge meter.

Among the features of this metere are:

- the ability to show senior citizen discounts,

- digital pricing, that will allow the cab company to charge less during off-peak times,

- point to point directions,

- passenger viewing of the route,

- copy of the route on the passenger's receipt and

- integration with smart phones through an app.

Ms. Horin stated that these meters will be in use in the City of Cambridge very soon. Ms. Horin explained that there is a limited supply of the new meters and she is interested in installing them before other communities do. Ms. Horin said that in case of a system malfunction, a redundancy system would be implemented.

Mr. Wright stated that he does not see any legal issues with this new meter. Mr. Halloran reviewed the device and stated that it meets all of the necessary specifications. The meter would be measured the same way as the previous meters. Alderman McLaughlin supports this new measuring tool and feels that it will provide Green Cab with an opportunity to compete with ride sharing services.

RESULT:	APPROVED

201104: Green Cab requesting authorization, pursuant to Ordinance 13-50, to use the "TomTom Bridge" taximeter in their taxicabs.

See 201103

RESULT:	APPROVED