



SunLine Services Group
May 24, 2023
11:25 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

AGENDA

TAXI COMMITTEE
Wellness Room
32-505 Harry Oliver Trail
Thousand Palms, CA 92276

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ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. FLAG SALUTE**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. PRESENTATIONS**

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>
5. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA	
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS	RECEIVE COMMENTS
NON AGENDA ITEMS Members of the public may address the Committee regarding any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee; however, no action may be taken on off-agenda items unless authorized. Comments shall be limited to matters not listed on the agenda. Members of the public may comment on any matter listed on the agenda at the time that the Board considers that matter. Comments may be limited to 3 minutes in length.	
7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS	RECEIVE COMMENTS
8. CONSENT CALENDAR	RECEIVE & FILE
All items on the Consent Calendar will be approved by one motion, and there will be no discussion of individual items unless a Board Member requests a specific item be pulled from the calendar for separate discussion. The public may comment on any item.	
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CONSENT CALENDAR

DATE: May 24, 2023

RECEIVE & FILE

TO: Taxi Committee
Board of Directors

RE: Checks \$1,000 and Over Report for March 2023

Summary:

This report lists all of the checks processed at the Agency with a value of over \$1,000 for a given month.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

**SunLine Regulatory Administration
Checks \$1,000 and Over
March 2023**

Vendor Filed As Name	Description	Check #	Payment Date	Payment Amount
SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY	Overhead Allocations Mar 2023	91166	03/09/2023	2,461.67
SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY	Payroll Liabilities 03/17/2023	91176	03/31/2023	2,287.57
SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY	Payroll Liabilities 03/03/2023	91167	03/09/2023	2,141.84
Total Checks Over \$1,000	\$6,891.08			
Total Checks Under \$1,000	\$1,407.96			
Total Checks	\$8,299.04			

SunLine Services Group**CONSENT CALENDAR**

DATE: May 24, 2023

RECEIVE & FILETO: Taxi Committee
Board of Directors

RE: Monthly Budget Variance Report for March 2023

Summary:

The budget variance report compares revenues and expenses to the respective line item budgets. The report identifies current monthly revenues and expenses as well as fiscal year to date (FYTD) values. The budgetary figures are represented as a straight line budget. Accordingly, the current monthly budget values are calculated by taking 1/12th of the annual budget. The FYTD budget values for the month of March 2023 are equal to 9/12^{ths} of the yearly budget.

Year to Date Summary

- As of March 31, 2023, the organization's revenues are \$18,621 or 13.26% above the FYTD budget.
- As of March 31, 2023, expenditures are \$35,551 or 25.32% below the FYTD budget.
- The net FYTD operating gain (loss) after expenses is \$54,171.

Recommendation:

Receive and file.

SunLine Regulatory Administration
Budget Variance Report
March 2023

Description	FY23 Total Budget	Current Month			Year to Date			
		Actual	Budget	Positive (Negative)	FYTD Actual	FY23 FYTD Budget	Positive (Negative)	Percentage Remaining
Revenues:								
Revenue Fines	1,500	800	125	675	5,175	1,125	4,050	-245.0%
New Driver Permit Revenue	750	150	63	88	1,425	563	863	-90.0%
Taxi Business Permit	96,000	8,350	8,000	350	76,772	72,000	4,772	20.0%
Driver Transfer Revenue	250	-	21	(21)	125	188	(63)	50.0%
Driver Renewal Revenue	1,500	200	125	75	1,725	1,125	600	-15.0%
Driver Permit Reinstatement/Replacement	50	-	4	(4)	-	38	(38)	100.0%
Vehicle Permit Revenue	85,000	6,675	7,083	(408)	73,799	63,750	10,049	13.2%
Other Revenue	650	-	54	(54)	-	488	(488)	100.0%
Operator Application Fee	1,500	-	125	(125)	-	1,125	(1,125)	100.0%
Total Revenue	187,200	16,175	15,600	575	159,021	140,400	18,621	13.3%
Expenses:								
Salaries and Wages	89,364	5,996	7,447	1,451	41,673	67,023	25,350	53.4%
Fringe Benefits	32,076	3,813	2,673	(1,140)	17,266	24,057	6,791	46.2%
Services	27,015	450	2,251	1,802	22,907	20,261	(2,645)	15.2%
Supplies and Materials	4,193	86	349	263	13,240	3,145	(10,096)	-215.8%
Utilities	22,138	469	1,845	1,376	4,217	16,604	12,387	81.0%
Casualty and Liability	5,589	466	466	-	4,192	4,192	-	25.0%
Taxes and Fees	100	-	8	8	-	75	75	100.0%
Miscellaneous	6,725	62	560	499	1,355	5,044	3,688	79.8%
Total Expenses	187,200	11,340	15,600	4,260	104,849	140,400	35,551	25.3%
Total Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ -	\$ 4,835			\$ 54,171			

Budget Variance Analysis - SunLine Regulatory Administration

Revenue

- The positive variance in revenue is largely due to an increase in Vehicle Permit Revenue.
- The negative variance in taxi trips is largely due to the seasonal decline during the summer months and the visitors who were still unable to go home last year due to COVID-19 restrictions who have since returned home.
- As of FYTD23, there is a decrease of 16,093 taxi trips compared to FYTD22.

Taxi Trips

	FY22-March	FY23-March	Variance	%Δ
Trips	16,522	14,742	(1,780)	-10.8%

Taxi Trips

	FYTD-FY22	FYTD-FY23	Variance	%Δ
Trips	111,126	95,033	(16,093)	-14.5%

Salaries and Wages

- The favorable amount in salary and wage expenses is attributed to a vacant position.

Fringe Benefits

- The favorable amount in fringe benefit expenses is attributed to a vacant position.

Services

- The unfavorable variance in services is due to temporary help.

Supplies and Materials

- The unfavorable variance in supplies and materials is due to the cost of CNG fuel related to higher than anticipated use of CNG vehicle.

Utilities

- Utility expenses are within an acceptable range of the budget.

Casualty and Liability

- Casualty and liability expenses are within an acceptable range of the budget.

Taxes and Fees

- The favorable variance in taxes and fees is due to timing of expenses.

Miscellaneous

- The favorable variance in miscellaneous is due to timing of expenses for training which have not yet occurred.

SunLine Services Group
CONSENT CALENDAR

DATE: May 24, 2023

RECEIVE & FILE

TO: Taxi Committee
Board of Directors

RE: Taxi Trip Data – April 2023

Summary:

The attached charts summarize the total number of taxi trips generated in the Coachella Valley for the previous three (3) month period and total taxi trips for the current fiscal year to date (FYTD) compared to the last two (2) fiscal years.

There were 3,200 fewer taxi trips in April 2023 serviced by three (3) more cabs compared to April 2022 (70 cabs in 2023 compared to 67 cabs in 2022).

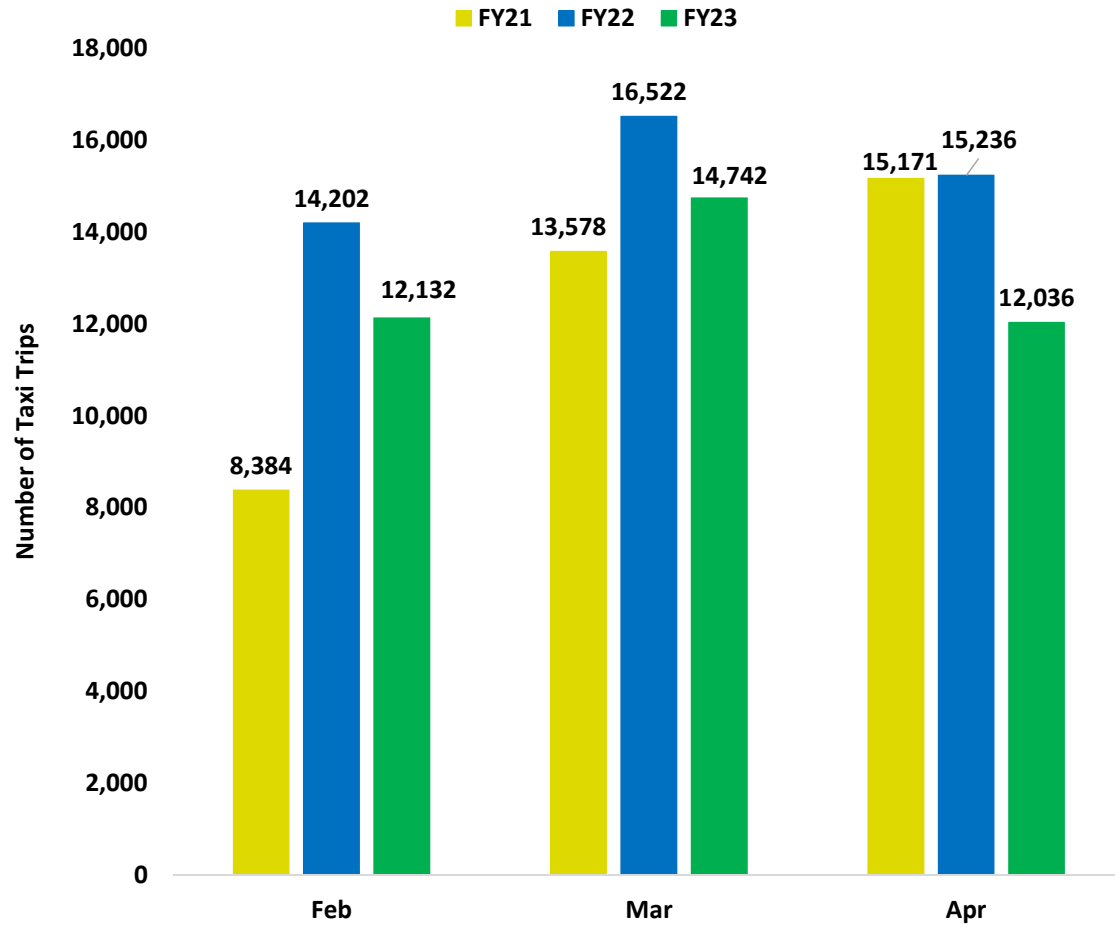
The decrease in trips for April 2023 is attributed to increased seasonal visitors in 2022.

There were 19,293 fewer taxi trips for FYTD23 compared to FYTD22.

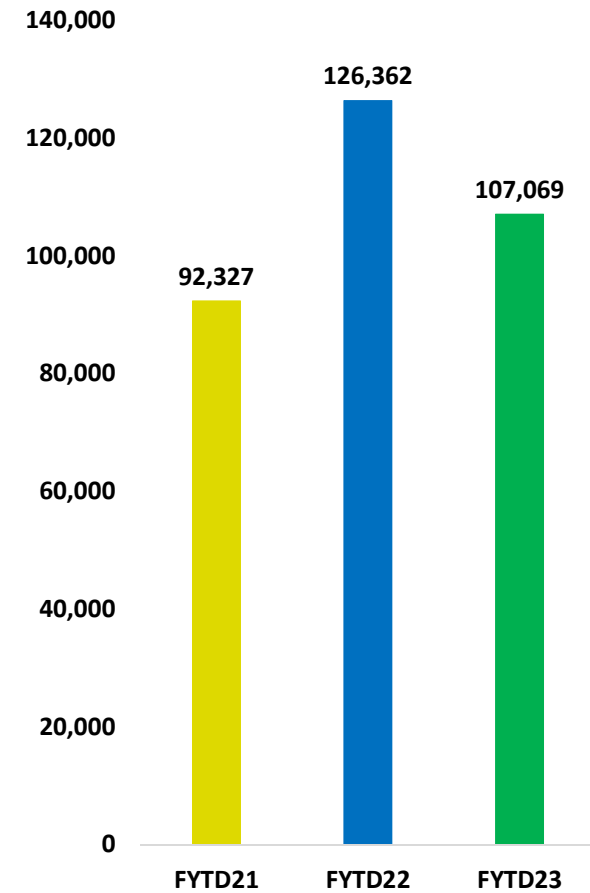
Recommendation:

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Taxi Trip Three (3) Month Comparison as of April 2023



FYTD No. of Taxi Trips



This chart compares the three (3) most recent months and measures the total number of taxi trips taken year to date for FY21, FY22 and FY23.

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DATE: May 24, 2023 **DISCUSSION**

TO: Taxi Committee
Board of Directors

FROM: Luis Garcia, Controller/Assistant Chief Financial Officer

RE: SunLine Regulatory Administration Draft FY24 Budget

Background

In accordance with the SunLine Services Group (SSG) Joint Powers Agreement, the Board of Directors must approve an annual budget. Staff has provided a draft FY24 SSG budget for discussion in preparation for approval at the upcoming June Board meeting. By beginning the process now, the Taxi Committee will have the ability to either move forward with this budget for approval at the June Board meeting or hold special committee meetings during the upcoming weeks to continue discussion and allow for any modifications. The budget was completed utilizing the approved FY24 fee schedule approved by the Board of Directors.

Attachment:

- [Item 9a](#) – Draft FY24 SunLine Regulatory Administration Budget Presentation
- [Item 9b](#) – Draft FY24 SunLine Regulatory Administration Budget Book



FY24 SunLine Regulatory Administration Budget

May 24, 2023

Luis Garcia, Controller/Assistant Chief Financial Officer

Achievements & Goals

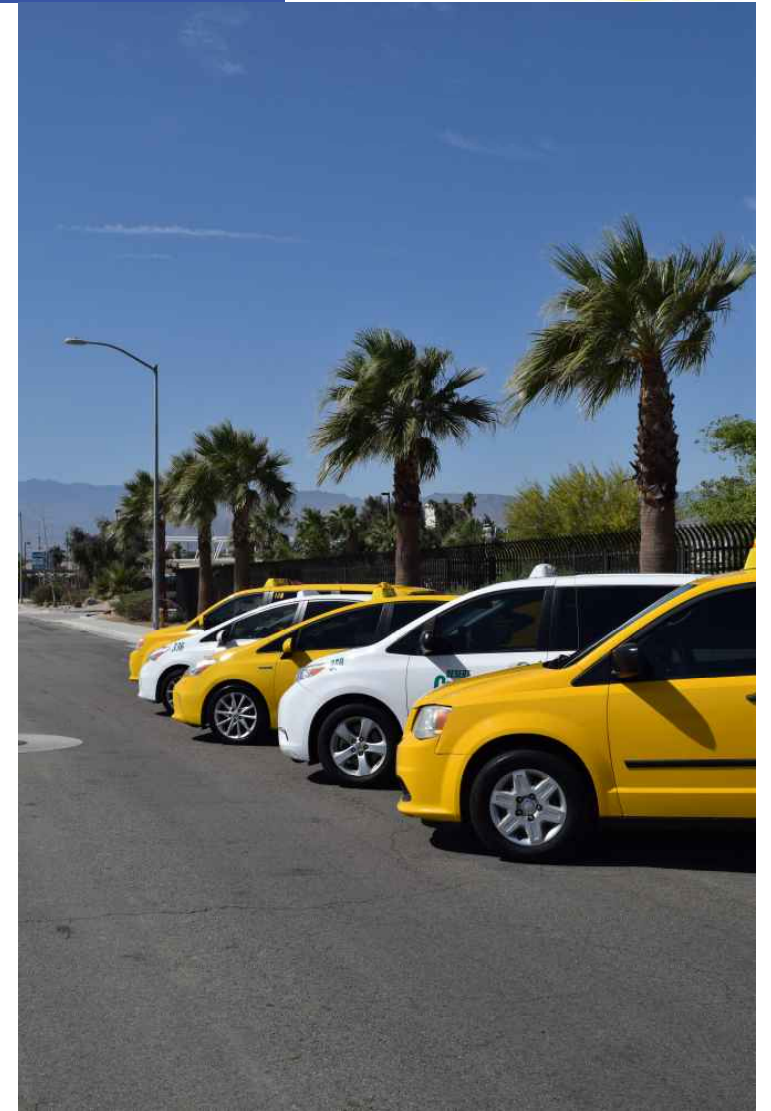


- Expansion of SunRide service to new zones
 - 53% Increase in ridership (FYTD March 2022 vs FYTD March 2023)
- Controlled Costs – No increase to fees
- Continue to work with taxi companies on potential updates to ordinance

Budget Overview



- Balanced budget
- \$197,675 - Expenses
- \$197,675 - Revenue
- \$10,475 increase over FY23
 - Primarily due to wage & fringe expenses



Revenue & Expenses



SunLine Transit Agency

Statement of Budget Revenue and Expenses

For fiscal year period covering July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

Sources of Funds

Fines	\$ 3,500
New Driver Permit Revenue	750
Taxi Business Permit Revenue	96,000
Driver Transfer Revenue	125
Driver Renewal Revenue	1,800
Vehicle Permit Revenue	94,000
Operator Application Renewal Fee	1,500

Total Revenue \$ 197,675

Profit (Loss) \$ -

Total FY 2023 Budgeted Expenses \$ 187,200

Variance 10,475

Expenses by Category

Wages	\$ 94,908
Fringe Benefits	41,202
Services	39,609
Supplies and Materials	3,965
Utilities	5,802
Casualty and Liability	5,589
Subscriptions and Training	5,500
Fees and Taxes	1,100

Total Expenses \$ 197,675

Questions?

Thank You



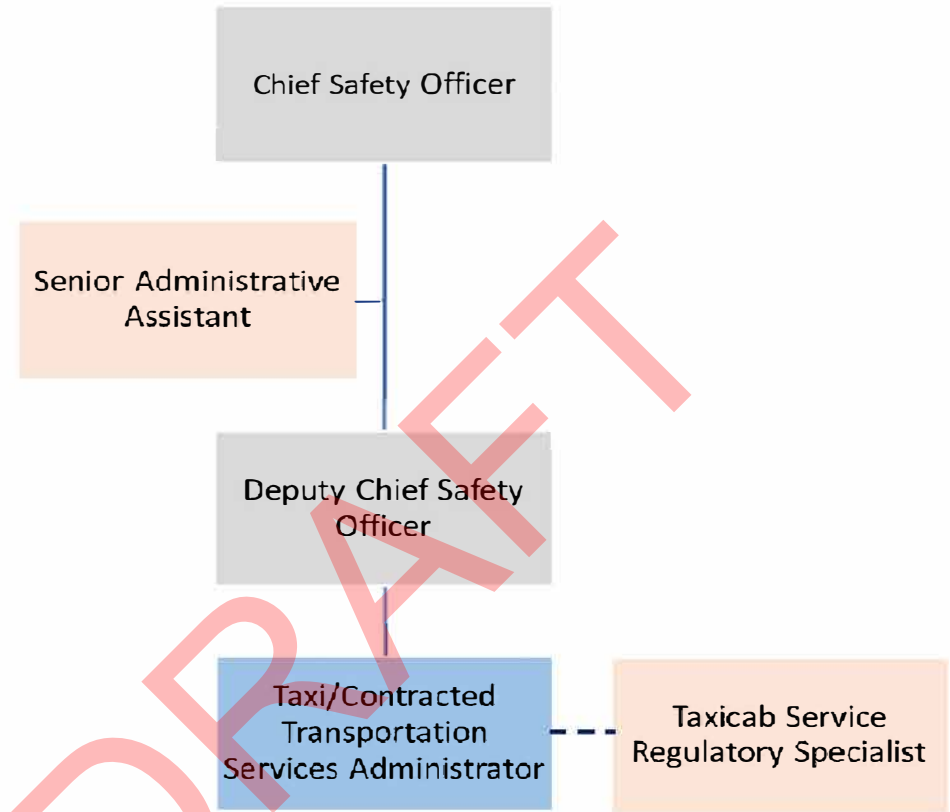
SUNLINE REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION BUDGET ▶ FY2024



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FUNCTIONS & RESPONSIBILITIES

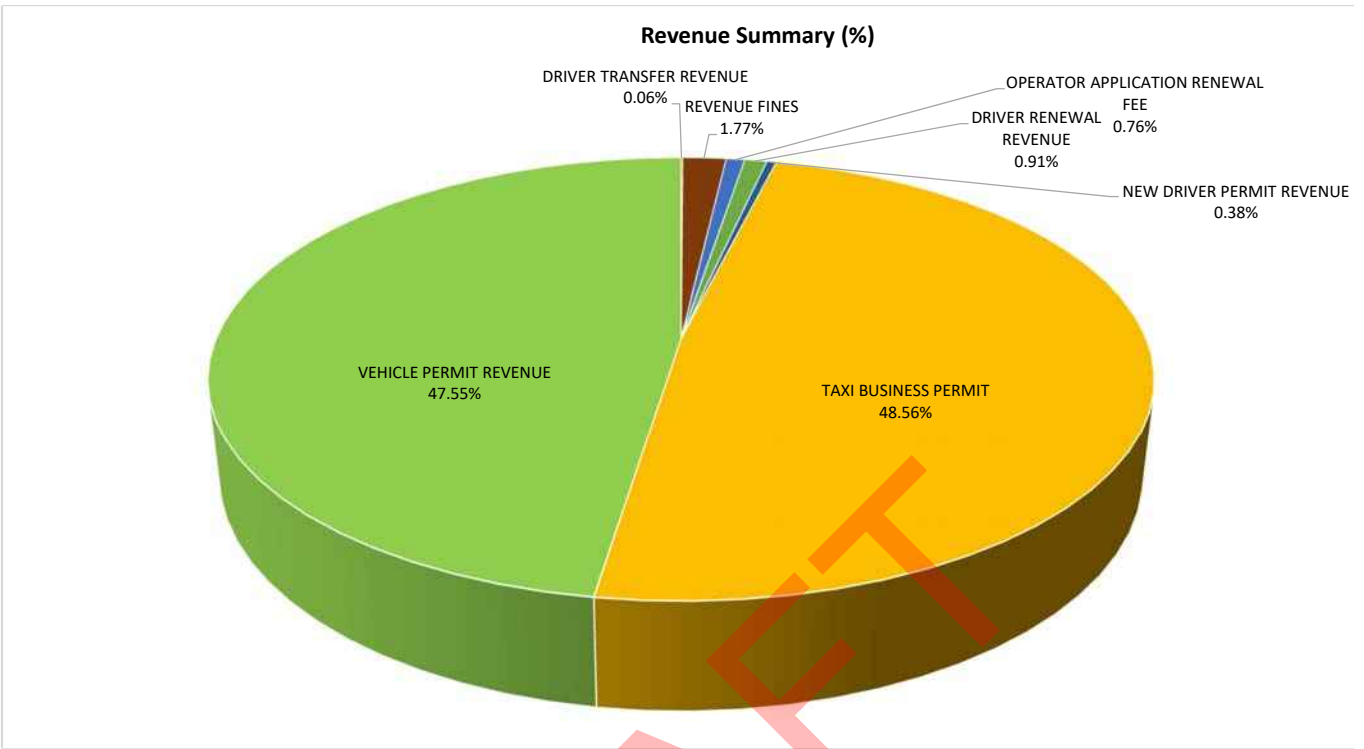
Taxi regulation oversight includes, but is not limited to, responsibility for the day-to-day regulatory functions of the Coachella Valley taxicab industry. These functions include issuance of annual taxicab company licenses, vehicle and driver permit issuance, suspension and revocation of permits and licenses, complaint investigation, and ordinance compliance. The SRA Taxicab Administrator handles adjudication of ordinance violations, taxicab license and driver permit cases with appeals processed through the SSG guidelines and policies.

FY24 GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Work with taxi companies to improve wait times for passengers and increase industry service reliability through ordinance enforcement.

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REVENUE SUMMARY



Sources of Funding (Operating)	FY23 Approved Budget	FY23 Estimates	FY23 Variance	FY24 Proposed Budget	FY24 Variance
4010101200 REVENUE FINES	1,500	6,900	5,400	3,500	2,000
4010101500 NEW DRIVER PERMIT REVENUE	750	1,900	1,150	750	-
4010101550 TAXI BUSINESS PERMIT	96,000	96,000	-	96,000	-
4010101600 DRIVER TRANSFER REVENUE	250	167	(83)	125	(125)
4010101700 DRIVER RENEWAL REVENUE	1,500	2,300	800	1,800	300
4010101750 DRIVER PERMIT REINSTATEMENT/REPLACEMENT	50	-	(50)	-	(50)
4010101900 VEHICLE PERMIT REVENUE	85,000	98,398	13,398	94,000	9,000
4010102200 OTHER REVENUE	650	-	(650)	-	(650)
4010102205 OPERATOR APPLICATION RENEWAL FEE	1,500	-	(1,500)	1,500	-
Total Revenue	187,200	205,665	18,465	197,675	10,475

Notes:

- The FY23 variance reflects the difference between FY23 estimated actuals and FY23 approved budget. The FY24 variance indicates the difference between FY24 proposed budget and FY23 approved budget.

Taxi Fees

Taxi fees are approved in a yearly resolution which is approved at the March Board meeting. The approved fees are evaluated to ensure any increases are reasonably imposed solely to recover the actual costs of regulating taxicabs within the Coachella Valley. The following represents the approved fees for Fiscal Year 2024 used in the calculation of the proposed budget.

Fees	FY23 Approved Fees	FY24 Proposed Fees	Variance
New Taxicab Business Application Fee	1,000	1,000	-
Annual Taxicab Business Permit Renewal Application Fee	500	500	-
Annual Taxicab Business Permit Fee	32,000	32,000	-
Business Permit Reinstatement Fee	10,000	10,000	-
New Driver Permit	75	75	-
Driver Permit Renewal	25	25	-
Driver Permit Transfer Fee	25	25	-
Driver Permit Reinstatement Fee	25	25	-
Driver Permit Replacement	10	10	-
Annual Vehicle Permit (Gasoline/Diesel)	1,650	1,650	-
Annual Vehicle Permit (Hybrid1/Alt Fuel2)	850	850	-
Annual Vehicle Permit (WAV3/Zero Emission4)	200	200	-
Vehicle Fee, Reinstatement	65	65	-
Late Fee (for late payment of invoices)	25	25	-
Appeal Fee	100	100	-
Taxicab Distinct Appearance Determination Appeal Fee	1,200	1,200	-

Notes:

- “Hybrid” means Hybrid Electric/Gas Vehicle (HEV) and Plug-in Electric/Gas Hybrid Vehicle (PHEV)
- “Alt Fuel” means alternative fuel vehicles that use Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), Biodiesel, or Ethanol (E85) fuel blends to operate
- “WAV” means wheelchair accessible vehicle that has the ability to load wheelchair users safely and without the need for the wheelchair user to leave their wheelchair.
- “Zero Emission” means Electric Vehicles (EV) and Hydrogen-Powered Fuel-Cell Vehicles (FCEV)
- Late fees shall be assessed at \$25.00 per day, not to exceed \$1,000 per occurrence

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EXPENSE SUMMARY

General Ledger Code	FY21 Actuals	FY22 Actuals	FY23 Estimated Actuals	FY23 Approved Budget	FY24 Proposed Budget	Variance
5010201600 ADMIN SALARIES	85,071	40,062	20,031	40,857	44,943	4,086
5010201610 ADMIN SALARIES-OT	-	-	-	-	-	-
5010700000 ALLOCATED SALARIES	-	4,301	30,414	48,507	49,965	1,458
5029999999 TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	76,718	55,188	13,589	32,076	41,202	9,126
5030103240 BACKGROUND CHECK SERVICES	637	1,421	1,813	735	1,519	784
5030200000 PUBLIC NOTICES	119	-	-	280	90	(190)
5030300005 LEGAL SERVICES - GENERAL	11,376	12,820	14,847	10,000	14,000	4,000
5030300010 COMPUTER/NETWORK SUPPORT	480	149	-	1,000	10,000	9,000
5030303310 AUDIT SERVICES - EXTERNAL	7,000	-	-	7,000	7,000	-
5030400000 TEMPORARY HELP SERVICES	7,130	12,422	13,230	5,000	5,000	-
5030500000 MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS	285	388	271	1,000	500	(500)
5039900006 OUTSIDE REPAIRS-TAXI	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	-
5039903800 OTHER SERVICES	600	525	500	1,000	500	(500)
5040101000 FUEL-CNG	-	211	320	500	500	-
5040404300 OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,224	1,320	2,835	2,500	2,280	(220)
5049900002 POSTAGE	502	120	120	120	110	(10)
5049900026 FACILITY MAINTENANCE	573	573	573	573	575	2
5049900032 REPAIR PARTS- TAXI VEHICLES	-	741	-	500	500	-
5050200001 UTILITIES	3,918	4,114	4,320	4,320	4,500	180
5050200003 TRASH PICK-UP	502	502	502	502	502	-
5050200005 TAXI STUDY	-	-	-	16,516	-	(16,516)
5050200006 COMMUNICATIONS	800	800	800	800	800	-
5060100000 INSURANCE-PHYSICAL DAMAGE	312	312	312	312	312	-
5060300000 INSURANCE-GENERAL LIABILITY	2,177	2,177	2,177	2,177	2,177	-
5060401000 INSURANCE PREMIUM WC	5,405	3,000	3,100	3,100	3,100	-
5079900000 FUEL TAXES	-	-	-	100	100	-
5090100000 DUES, MEMBERSHIPS & SUBSCRIPTIONS	1,163	1,312	1,368	1,625	1,500	(125)
5090200000 TRAVEL AND TRAINING	1,895	22	-	4,000	4,000	-
5090801000 BANK SERVICE FEES	814	815	945	1,100	1,000	(100)
5090801060 BAD DEBT EXPENSE	12,342	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenses	222,043	143,294	112,067	187,200	197,675	10,475

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PERSONNEL SUMMARY

FY24 Physical Count	Classification	FY23 Authorized FTEs	FY24 Requested FTEs	Variance
0	Deputy Chief Safety Officer	0.25	0.25	0.00
0	Taxi/Contracted Transportation Services Administrator	0.25	0.25	0.00
0	Senior Administrative Assistant	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	Taxicab Service Regulatory Specialist	1.00	1.00	0.00
1	Total FTEs	1.50	1.50	0.00

Notes

- The Deputy Chief Safety Officer and Taxi/Contracted Transportation Services Administrator will apportion a small percentage of payroll allocation for taxi business responsibilities.
- The Taxi Administrator position was modified to reflect a title change. New Taxi/Contracted Transportation Services Administrator for SunLine Transit Agency will allocate a small portion of time to SRA.

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SUNLINE SERVICES GROUP DETAIL

Division 96

General Ledger Code	FY23 Approved Budget	FY24 Proposed Budget	Variance
5010201600 ADMIN SALARIES	40,857	44,943	4,086
5010700000 ALLOCATED SALARIES	48,507	49,965	1,458
5029999999 TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	32,076	41,202	9,126
Sub-total	121,440	136,110	14,670
5030103240 BACKGROUND CHECK SERVICES			
Costs related to processing new applicants	735	1,519	784
Sub-total	735	1,519	784
5030200000 PUBLIC NOTICES			
Public Notice	280	90	(190)
Sub-total	280	90	(190)
5030300005 LEGAL SERVICES - GENERAL			
General counsel	10,000	14,000	4,000
Sub-total	10,000	14,000	4,000
5030300010 COMPUTER/NETWORK SUPPORT			
Software Program & Equipment	1,000	10,000	9,000
Sub-total	1,000	10,000	9,000
5030303310 AUDIT SERVICES - EXTERNAL			
Fiscal year financial statement audit	7,000	7,000	-
Sub-total	7,000	7,000	-
5030400000 TEMPORARY HELP SERVICES			
Temporary Help Services	5,000	5,000	-
Sub-total	5,000	5,000	-
5030500000 MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS			
Copier related expenses	1,000	500	(500)
Sub-Total	1,000	500	(500)
5039900006 OUTSIDE REPAIRS-TAXI			
Maintenance costs for vehicles	1,000	1,000	-
Sub-Total	1,000	1,000	-
5039903800 OTHER SERVICES			
Board member compensation for SSG tax committees	1,000	500	(500)
Sub-total	1,000	500	(500)
5040101000 FUEL-CNG			
Fuel for vehicles	500	500	-
Sub-total	500	500	-

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Division 96

General Ledger Code	FY23 Approved Budget	FY24 Proposed Budget	Variance
5040404300 OFFICE SUPPLIES			
Office supplies	2,500	2,280	(220)
Sub-total	2,500	2,280	(220)
5049900002 POSTAGE			
Postage and mailing expenses	120	110	(10)
Sub-total	120	110	(10)
5049900026 FACILITY MAINTENANCE			
Allocation from SunLine Transit Agency for materials required to maintain the building	573	575	2
Sub-total	573	575	2
5049900032 REPAIR PARTS- TAXI VEHICLES			
Anticipated repair costs for aging vehicles	500	500	-
Sub-total	500	500	-
5050200001 UTILITIES			
Allocation from SunLine Transit Agency for utilities used for the administration building	4,320	4,500	180
Sub-total	4,320	4,500	180
5050200003 TRASH PICK UP			
Allocation from SunLine Transit Agency for trash removal services	502	502	-
Sub-total	502	502	-
5050200005 TAXI STUDY			
Taxi study on regulatory matters	16,516	-	(16,516)
Sub-total	16,516	-	(16,516)
5050200006 COMMUNICATIONS			
Cellular services	800	800	-
Sub-total	800	800	-
5060100000 INSURANCE-PHYSICAL DAMAGE			
Allocation from SunLine Transit Agency for insurance related to vehicles	312	312	-
Sub-total	312	312	-
5060300000 INSURANCE-GENERAL LIABILITY			
Allocation from SunLine Transit Agency for defense and indemnity coverage relating to covered occurrences under general liability insurance	2,177	2,177	-
Sub-total	2,177	2,177	-

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Division 96

General Ledger Code	FY23 Approved Budget	FY24 Proposed Budget	Variance
5060401000 INSUARNC E PREMIUM WC			
Allocation from SunLine Transit Agency for workers compensation premium costs	3,100	3,100	-
Sub-total	3,100	3,100	-
5079900000 FUEL TAXES			
Fuel tax expenses	100	100	-
Sub-total	100	100	-
5090100000 DUES, MEMBERSHIPS & SUBSCRIPTIONS			
Annual International Association of Transportation Regulators (IATR) membership	1,625	1,500	(125)
Sub-total	1,625	1,500	(125)
5090200000 TRAVEL AND TRAINING			
International Association of Transportation Regulators Conference	4,000	4,000	-
Sub-total	4,000	4,000	-
5090801000 BANK SERVICE FEES			
Merchant Charges on Credit Cards	1,100	1,000	(100)
Sub-total	1,100	1,000	(100)
Total Expenses	187,200	197,675	10,475

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SUNLINE REGULATORY ADMINISTRATION

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