



AGENDA
TAXI COMMITTEE MEETING
September 27, 2017
10:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Wellness Center
SunLine Transit Agency
Thousand Palms, CA

(Public Comments will be accepted on each Agenda item upon the conclusion of the staff report on that item. Public comments on non-agendized items will be accepted during the Public comments section. Comments may be limited to 3 minutes in length. Please notify the Committee Chair if you wish to comment.)

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Confirmation of Agenda**

4. **Presentation**

5. **Public Comments**

Receive Comments

Anyone wishing to address the Taxi Committee on items not on the Agenda should do so at this time. Each presentation is limited to three minutes.

6. **Committee Member Comments**

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7. **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.

- a) [SSG/SRA checks over \\$1000 issued June/July 2017](#)
- b) [SSG/SRA Monthly Budget Reports June/July 2017](#)
- c) [Taxi Vehicle/Rides Analysis June/July 2017](#)
- d) [Metric \(Taxi Expense vs Taxi Revenue\) June/July 2017](#)

-----**INFORMATION**-----

8. [SSG and TNC History](#)

(Robert Radi, Chair of Taxi Committee; Staff: Mickel Garcia, Deputy Chief of Safety)

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9. **Adjourn**

**SunLine Regulatory Administration
Checks \$1,000 and Over
For the month of June 2017**

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Vendor Name	Description	Check #	Check	Amount
SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY	Operating Expenses Apr-May	90384	6/30/2017	\$7,352.06
SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY	Overhead Expense May 2017	90371	6/9/2017	\$2,446.50
PROPER SOLUTIONS	Temporary Help	90370	6/9/2017	\$2,340.00
SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY	Payroll Liabilities Exp 6/30/17	90383	6/30/2017	\$2,172.49
SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY	Payroll Liabilities Exp 6/02/17	90367	6/2/2017	\$2,077.68
SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY	Payroll Liabilities Exp 6/16/17	90376	6/16/2017	\$2,037.27

Total of Checks Over \$1,000	\$18,426.00
Total of Checks Under \$1,000	\$4,147.68
Total of All Checks for the Month	\$22,573.68
Total Amount of Checks Prior Years Same Month	\$18,239.15

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Vendor Name	Description	Check #	Check	Amount
SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY	Payroll Liabilities Exp 7/28/17	90403	7/31/2017	\$7,872.12
SUNLINE TRANSIT AGENCY	Overhead Exp & PR Liab 7/14/17	90391	7/21/2017	\$4,524.18
PROPER SOLUTIONS	Temporary Help	90399	7/31/2017	\$1,560.00

Total of Checks Over \$1,000	\$13,956.30
Total of Checks Under \$1,000	\$1,649.68
Total of All Checks for the Month	\$15,605.98
Total Amount of Checks Prior Years Same Month	38,632.85

SunLine Regulatory Agency
 Unaudited Budget Variance Report
 June 2017

Description	FY 17 Total Budget	Current Month			Year to Date		
		Actual	Budget	Favorable (Unfavorable)	YTD Actual	FY 17 YTD Budget	Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:							
Meter Readings	197,434	8,357	16,453	(8,096)	181,645	197,434	(15,789)
Revenue Fines	2,000	0	167	(167)	6,210	2,000	4,210
Vehicle Inspection Revenue	1,900	0	158	(158)	1,200	1,900	(700)
Vehicle Re-inspection Revenue	-	0	0	0	100	0	100
New Driver Permit Revenue	4,000	90	333	(243)	7,020	4,000	3,020
Driver Transfer Revenue	850	0	71	(71)	1,100	850	250
Driver Renewal Revenue	9,200	250	767	(517)	7,950	9,200	(1,250)
Driver Permit Reinstatement/Replacement	150	0	13	(13)	90	150	(60)
Vehicle Permit Revenue	80,900	0	6,742	(6,742)	79,150	80,900	(1,751)
Total Revenue	296,434	8,697	24,703	(16,006)	284,465	296,434	(11,970)
Expenses:							
Salaries and Wages	128,702	6,752	10,725	3,973	114,187	128,702	14,515
Fringe Benefits	89,298	8,923	7,442	(1,482)	52,395	89,298	36,903
Services	50,500	2,936	4,208	1,273	34,438	50,500	16,062
Supplies and Materials	6,433	460	536	76	3,516	6,433	2,918
Utilities	6,585	549	549	(0)	6,585	6,585	0
Casualty and Liability	11,846	987	987	(0)	11,846	11,846	0
Miscellaneous	3,070	(137)	256	392	2,711	3,070	359
Total Expenses	296,434	20,470	24,703	4,233	225,677	296,434	70,757
Total Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ -	\$ (11,773)			\$ 58,787		

Unaudited Budget Variance Analysis - SunLine Regulatory

Revenue - Unfavorable

- The unfavorable variance is mainly attributed to meter reading revenue. Meter reading revenue is down \$34,647 from the fiscal year 2016.
- The decline in revenue is a byproduct of the decrease in ridership.

Salaries and Wages - Favorable

- Salary & wage expenses are within an acceptable range of the budget.

Fringe Benefits - Favorable

- Fringe benefit savings are attributed to work force reduction.

Services - Favorable

- Maintenance contracts lower than projected monthly estimates.

Supplies and Materials - Favorable

- Favorable materials and supplies expenses attributed to lower than expected repair parts for vehicles.

Utilities - Favorable

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

Casualty and Liability - Favorable

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

Miscellaneous - Favorable

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

SunLine Regulatory Agency
 Budget Variance Report
 July 2017

Description	FY 18 Total Budget	Current Month			Year to Date		
		Actual	Budget	Favorable (Unfavorable)	YTD Actual	FY 18 YTD Budget	Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:							
Meter Readings	156,497	8,655	13,041	(4,386)	8,655	13,041	(4,386)
Revenue Fines	2,000	200	167	33	200	167	33
New Driver Permit Revenue	4,000	630	333	297	630	333	297
Driver Transfer Revenue	850	50	71	(21)	50	71	(21)
Driver Renewal Revenue	9,200	150	767	(617)	150	767	(617)
Driver Permit Reinstatement/Replacement	150	0	13	(13)	0	13	(13)
Vehicle Permit Revenue	80,900	0	6,742	(6,742)	0	6,742	(6,742)
Total Revenue	253,597	9,685	21,133	(11,448)	9,685	21,133	(11,448)
Expenses:							
Salaries and Wages	104,987	6,967	8,749	1,782	6,967	8,749	1,782
Fringe Benefits	69,092	4,078	5,758	1,680	4,078	5,758	1,680
Services	48,500	2,861	4,042	1,181	2,861	4,042	1,181
Supplies and Materials	5,003	116	417	301	116	417	301
Utilities	4,258	355	355	0	355	355	0
Casualty and Liability	12,112	1,009	1,009	0	1,009	1,009	0
Taxes and Fees	20	1	2	1	1	2	1
Miscellaneous	9,625	64	802	738	64	802	738
Total Expenses	253,597	15,450	21,133	5,683	15,450	21,133	5,683
Total Operating Surplus (Deficit)	\$ -	\$ (5,765)			\$ (5,765)		

Budget Variance Analysis - SunLine Regulatory

Revenue - Unfavorable

- Taxi revenues are heavily influenced by seasonal decline during summer months.

Salaries and Wages - Favorable

- Salary & wage expenses are within an acceptable range of the budget.
- Actual amount of allocated salaries was lower than the budgeted amount for the month of July.

Fringe Benefits - Favorable

- Fringe benefit expenses are within an acceptable range of the budget.

Services - Favorable

- July legal services lower than projected monthly estimates.

Supplies and Materials - Favorable

- Supplies and materials expenses are within an acceptable range of the budget.

Utilities-Favorable

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

Casualty and Liability-Favorable

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

Taxes and Fees-Favorable

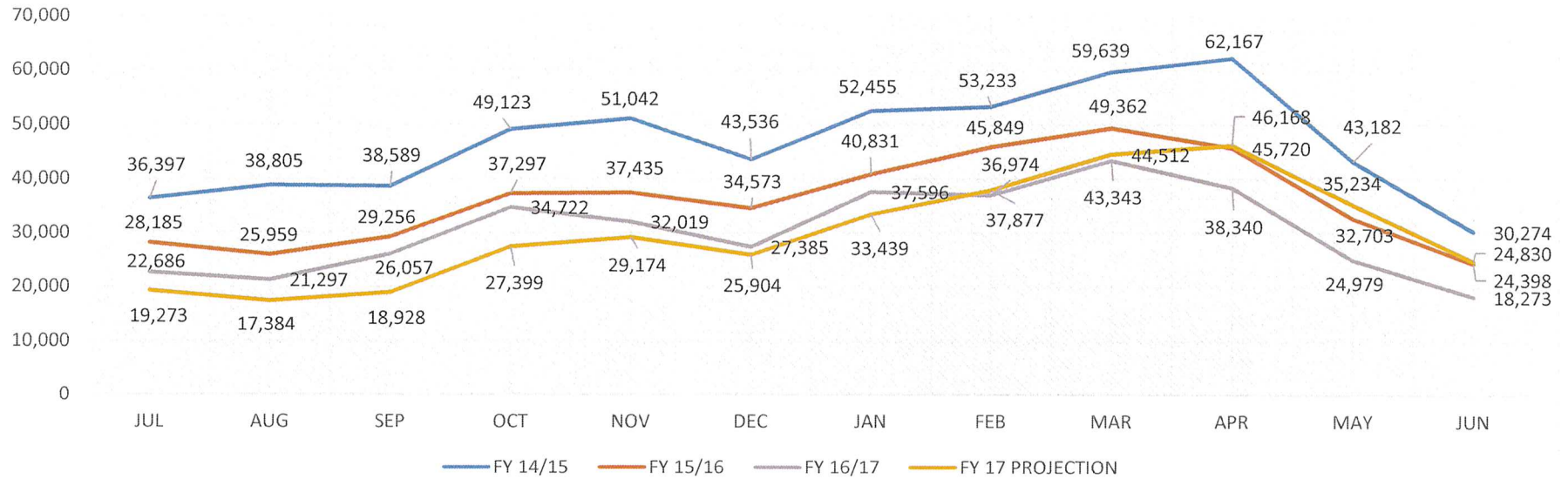
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Miscellaneous - Favorable

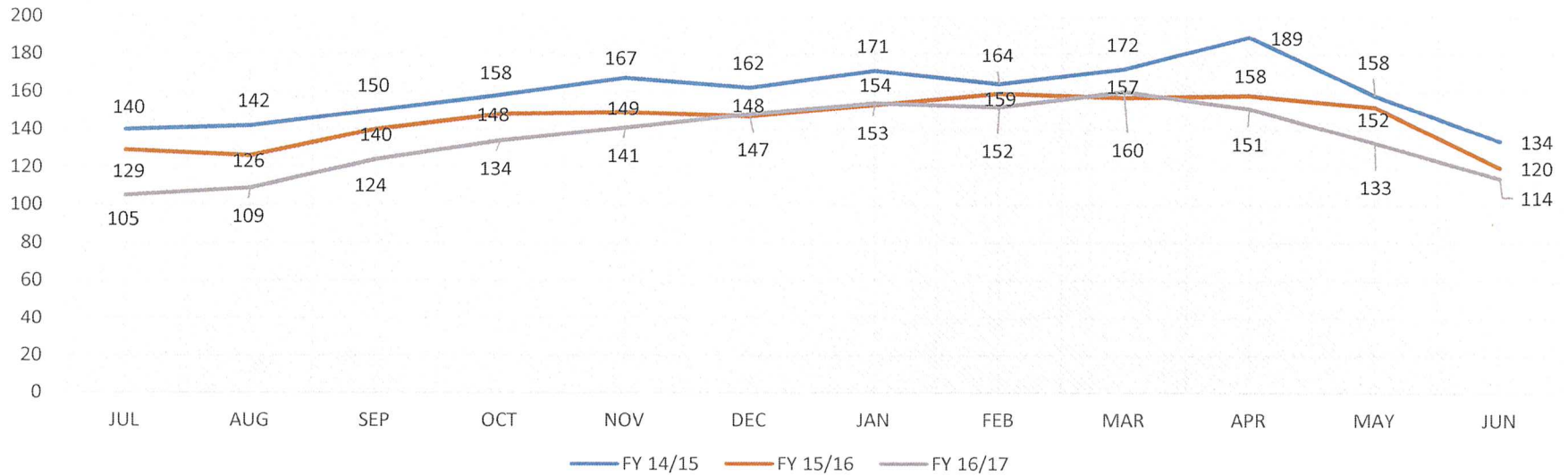
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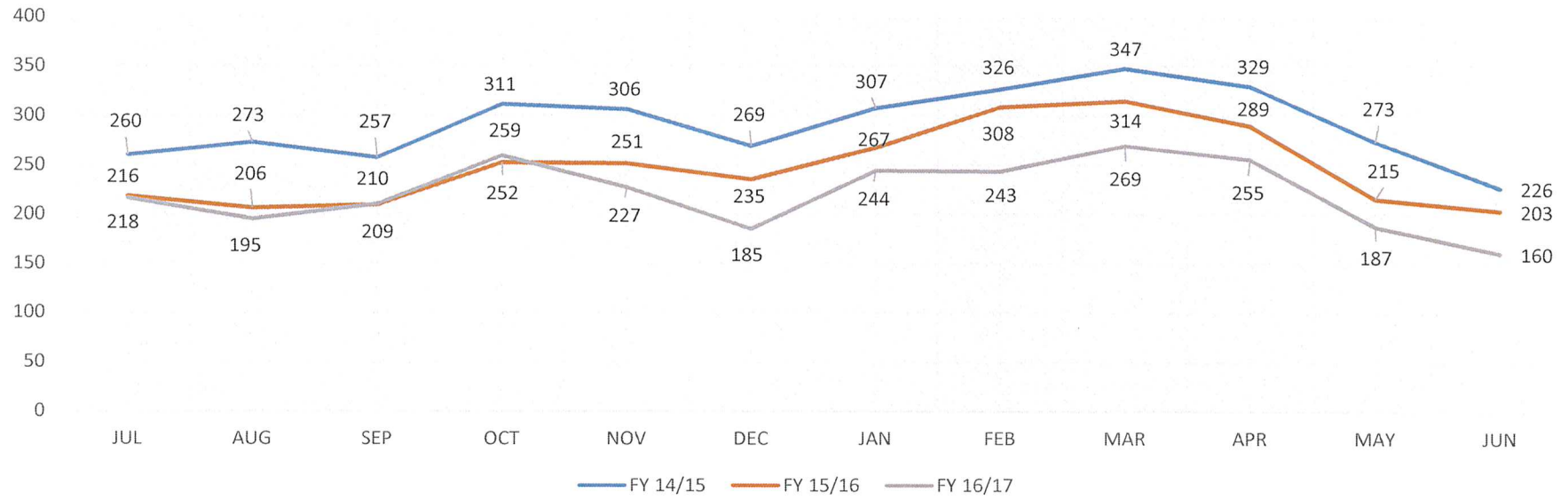
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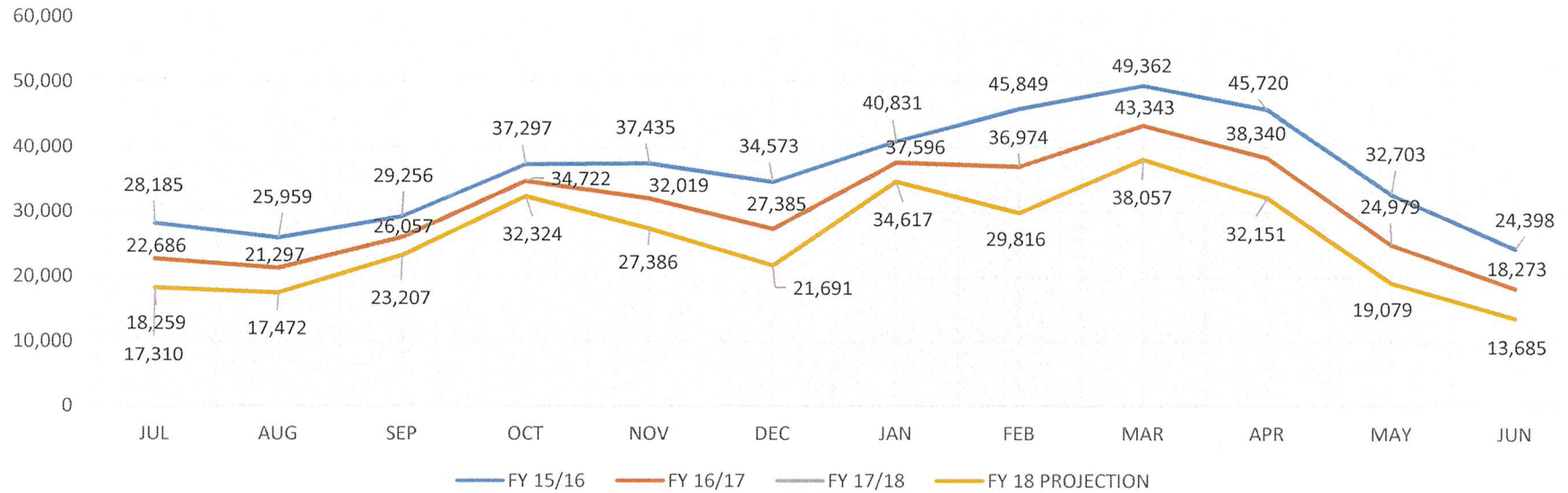


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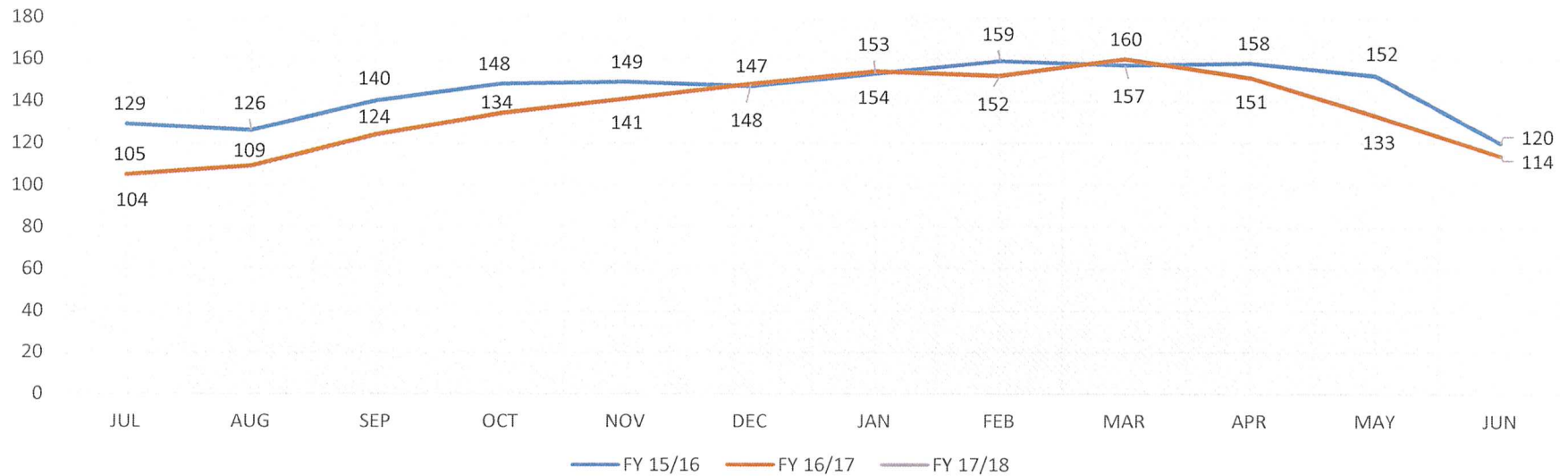


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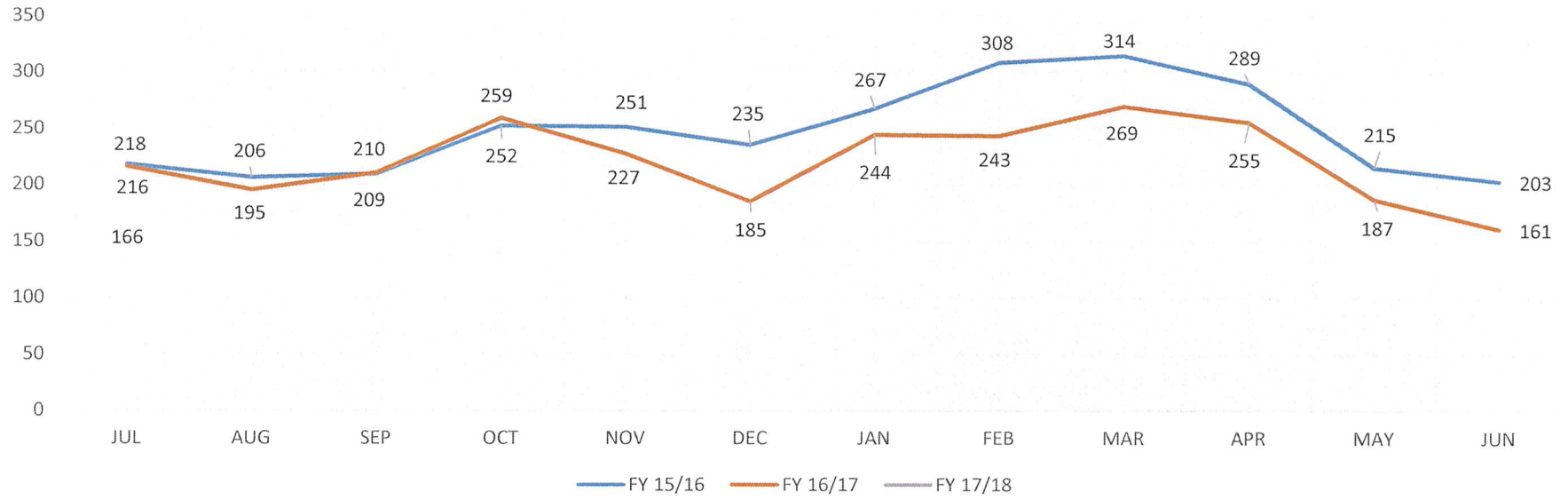
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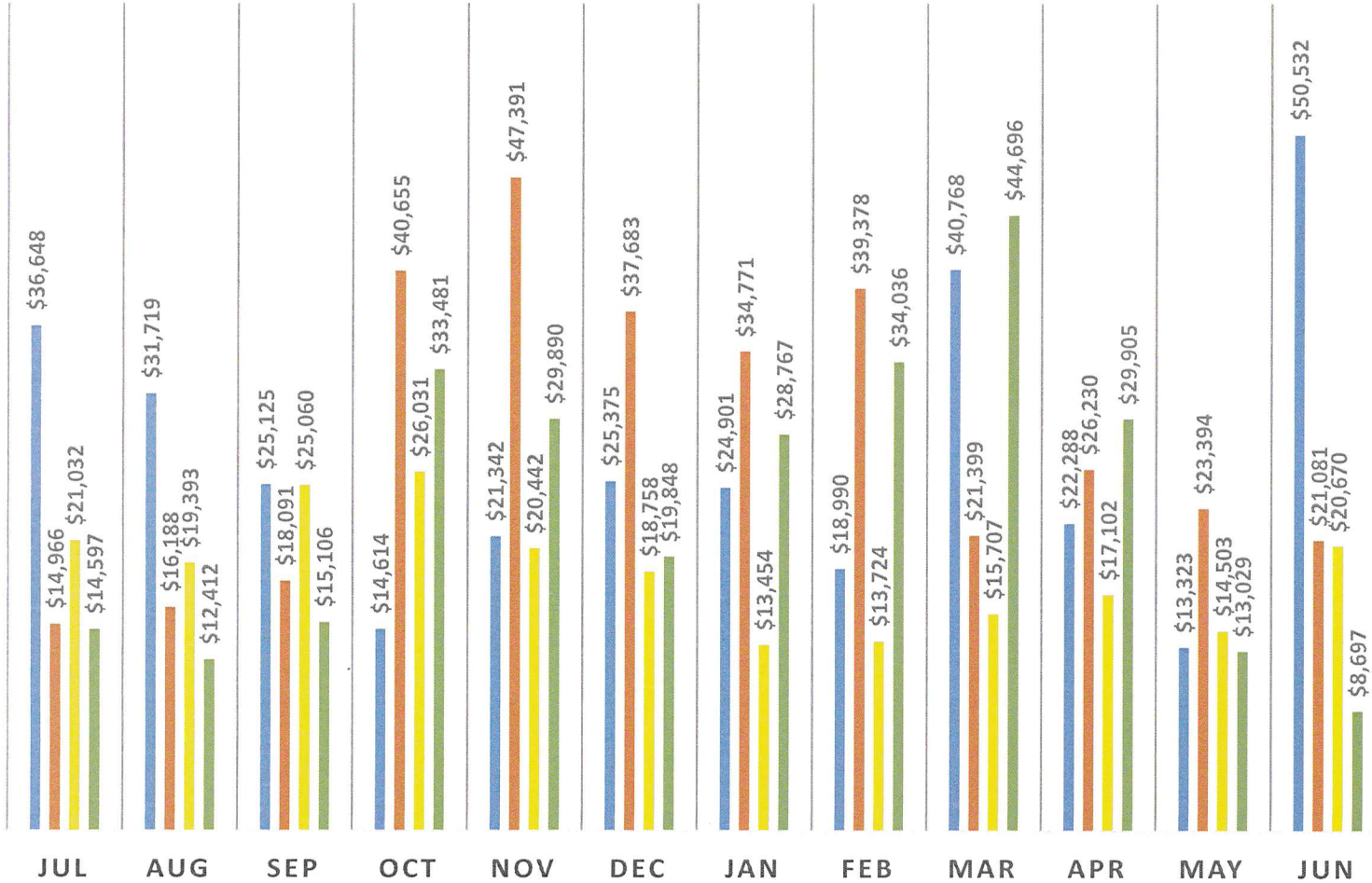


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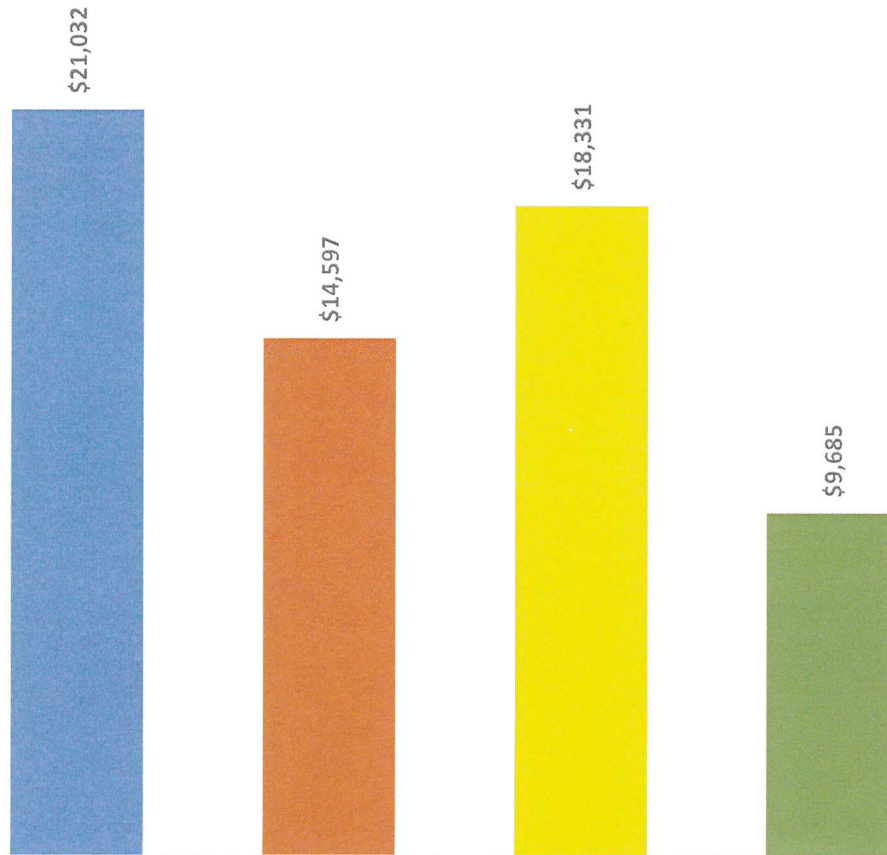
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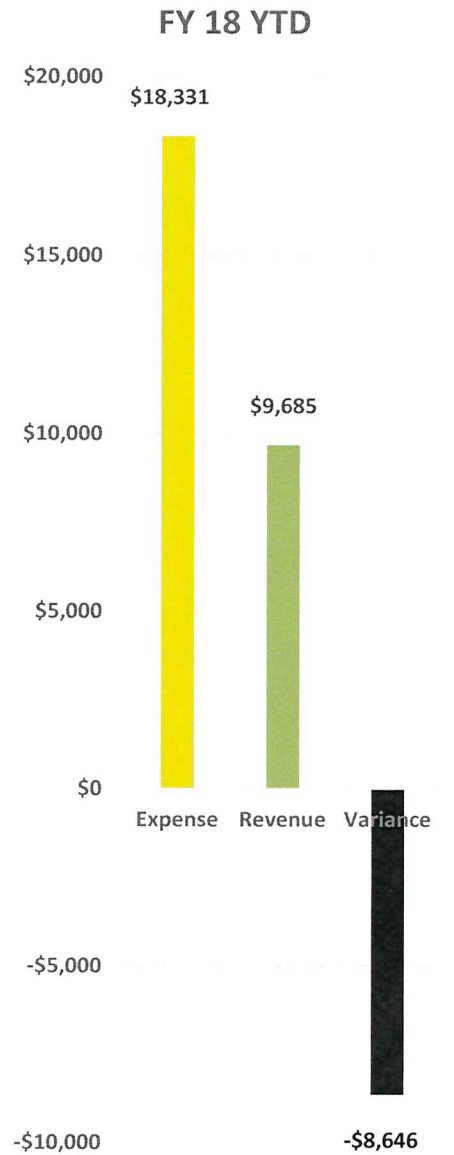
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Goal: Reduce operating expenses by 5% to offset the continued decrease in taxicab ridership.

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SunLine Services Group

DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2017 **INFORMATION**

TO: Taxi Committee
Board of Directors

FROM: ASSISTANT TAXI ADMINISTRATOR

RE: SSG AND TNC HISTORY

Background

Taxi ridership in the Coachella Valley peaked in FY2014, at 637,756 trips. Transportation Networks Companies (TNC's) such as Uber and Lyft began operating in the Coachella Valley in late 2014. Since that time, taxi ridership has decreased 42.75%. TNC's have been controversial since first appearing in 2010. Since 2010 they have grown into a multi-billion dollar business. Although TNC's and taxi's provide the same service, they are regulated differently. The State of California was the first state in the nation to regulate TNC's through the California Public Utilities Commission. The taxi industry has historically been regulated on the local level. AB 650, transferring regulation of the taxi industry to a state agency, was vetoed by Governor Brown last year. SunLine Services Group has always placed safety and customer service as core principles when regulating taxi. There are two major differences in the way SSG regulates taxi and the way the CPUC regulates TNC's. First, SSG requires background checks which include a search of the FBI database (this is typically referred to as a fingerprint check). Second, all permitted taxi drivers must enroll in a random drug and alcohol testing program. Although the CPUC requires a "criminal background" check, there is no stipulation that the check reference the FBI database. TNC drivers are not required to enroll in any post-hire drug and alcohol testing program.

SSG began in 1990 when the nine municipalities of the Coachella Valley decided to centralize taxi regulation. This presentation outlines some of the key historical events in the TNC industry and SSG.

Summary

There still remains a viable taxi industry in the Coachella Valley. Regulation of the taxi industry in the Coachella Valley should continue in its present form. When available, advocacy should be provided without compromising established safety and service standards.


Pete Gregor