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To: Robert W. Healy, City Manager

From: Elizabeth Y. Lint 

RE: Cambridge Airport Shuttle, Inc.

Date: November 3, 2009

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November 3, 2009

Konstantine Papadopoulos
Field & Schultz
183 State Street
Boston, MA 02109

Re: Application for a jitney permit
Cambridge Airport Shuttle, Inc.
258 Lantern Rd., #21, Revere, MA 02151

Dear Attorney Papadopoulos,

On October 27, 2009 the Board of License Commissioners voted 3-0 to recommend denial of your application for a jitney permit to the City Manager for the City Council as the application is incomplete. The applicant does not have permission from the hotels to be on their property, nor do they have a permit from Massport.

Your application will be heard before the Cambridge City Council on November 16, 2009 at 5:30p.m. Please be sure to attend this hearing to answer any questions before the city council.

The Commissioners had further discussion and in light of the city council's position as to the efficacy of jitneys in the city the Commissioners voted 3-0 to not vote favorably on any jitney applications until the city council makes a determination with regard to the situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elizabeth Y. Lint".

Elizabeth Y. Lint
Executive Officer

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Cc: Richard Scali, Chainman; Chief Gerald Reardon; Commissioner Robert Haas; Dep. Chief Dan Turner.



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MEMORANDUM

To: Elizabeth Lint, License Commission
From: Adam Shulman, Transportation Planner *AS*
Date: October 7, 2009
Re: Cambridge Airport Shuttle, Inc.

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The TP&T Department reviewed the proposed shuttle service route. The roadways can accommodate the shuttle service, the route does not impact residential streets, and all stops are on private property. We recommend the following conditions:

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 617-349-4745.

Cambridge Airport Shuttle, Inc.

258 Lantern Road, Apt 21, Revere, MA 02151

The shuttle service will operate seven days a week, from 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. or the time of the last flight. The route will be circular from Logan Airport, to Cambridge hotels and universities, and back to the airport every with a shuttle van leaving Logan Airport every (30) minutes.

The specific route will begin and end at Logan Airport, as follows (bold type indicates a stop):

From Logan Airport

To Sumner Tunnel

Exit onto Route 28 Monsignor O'Brien Highway

Left on Edwin H. Land Blvd.

Right into **Hotel Marlowe (1) (private property)**

Exit Marlowe Hotel / Right onto Edwin H. Land Blvd.

Left into **Royal Sonesta Hotel (2) (private property)**

Exit Royal Sonesta / Straight onto Cambridgeside Place (Charles Street)

Left on 1st Street

Right on Binney Street

Bear left onto Galileo Galilei Way

Left on Broadway

Right into **Residence Inn (3) (private property)**

Exit Residence Inn / Right on Broadway

Right into **Cambridge Marriot (4) (private property)**

Exit Cambridge Marriot / Right on Broadway

Broadway turns into Main Street

Right on Memorial Drive

Right on Amesbury Street

Left into **Hyatt Regency(5) (private property)**

Exit Hyatt Regency/Right on Amesbury Street

Right on Memorial Drive

Right on Pleasant Street

Right into **Marriot Courtyard (6) (private property)**

Exit Marriot Courtyard/Left on Pleasant Street

Right on Memorial Drive

Right on John F. Kennedy Street

Right on Mount Auburn Street

Left on Massachusetts Avenue

Right into **The Inn at Harvard Hotel (7) (private property)**

Exit Inn in Harvard Hotel /Right on Massachusetts Avenue

Continue on Massachusetts Avenue until rotary

Take Massachusetts Avenue (Eastbound Rte 2A)

Right on Garden Street

Left on Chauncy Street

Left on Concord Avenue
Concord Avenue turns into Garden Street
Turn right into the valet parking area for the **Sheraton Commander Hotel (8) (private property)**.
Exit Sheraton Commander Hotel valet parking area and turn right onto Garden Street
Continue on Garden Street
Right on Massachusetts Avenue
Right on Brattle Square
Right on Bennett Street
Left into **Charles Hotel (9) (private property)**
Exit Charles Hotel/Left on Bennett Street
Right on University Road
Right on Mount Auburn Street
Right into **Harvard Square Hotel (10) (private property)**
Exit Harvard Square Hotel/Right on Mount Auburn Street
Right on Brattle Square
Left on Eliot Street
Right on John F. Kennedy Street
Left on Soldier's Field Road
Right onto Massachusetts Turnpike onramp (Eastbound)
Exit to **Logan Airport (public property)**

October 26, 2009

To All Concerned:

We, the Taxi Owners / Drivers of the City of Cambridge, oppose the application from Cambridge Airport Shuttle, Inc. residing at 258 Lantern Road, #21 Revere, MA, for a jitney permit. At the present time, we feel the Cambridge Taxi industry is in disarray. Until the Taxi School is opened and the new Rules and Regulation Book is written / approved and published, we shouldn't allow any permits to be approved.

At this time we would also like to bring to the forefront the Limos, Livery Cars and Buses conducting taxi work without Rules and Regulations and are not being watched. If they are doing "taxi work" they should be held accountable to the same set of rules both the Taxi Owners / Drivers must.

We feel this must and should be a topic of discussion at an upcoming Taxi Sub-Committee meeting. Until then we request that any and all jitney permits be placed "on hold" so that a better understanding of the Rules and Regulations, for all involved, are fully known and acknowledged by all parties.

We appreciate your time in understanding our request.

Thank you,

All Taxi Owners / Drivers
City of Cambridge

P. O. Box 390125
Cambridge, MA 02139
October 27, 2009

Ms. Elizabeth Y. Lint,
Executive Officer
Cambridge License Commission
831 Massachusetts Avenue, 1st Floor
Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Application for a jitney permit from Cambridge Airport Shuttle,
Inc.
(Hearing date: 10/27/09)

Dear Ms. Lint:

The Cambridge taxicab industry provides all sorts of transportation services, including shoppers going from corner convenience stores to residences nearby, persons in a hurry to get to hospital emergency rooms, and to hotel guests traveling to Logan Airport. This diversity of service delivery enables the industry to effectively balance short fare passengers with longer fare passengers. The petitioner's proposed fee of \$18.00 per passenger would immediately and dramatically undermine our long-standing fixed fee schedule for passenger trips from Cambridge hotels to the airport. Our fees vary based on the hotel's proximity to the airport whereas the petitioner would charge \$18.00 per passenger, regardless of hotel proximity. The petitioner also notes the possibility of group discount rates. Our service delivery system is further hampered as we charge per party, not per person.

The petitioner seems to "cherry pick" their service delivery by focusing exclusively on a lucrative sector of the market. Any consequent transportation service or benefit to the general traveling public is not found in their proposal.

I briefly reviewed petitioner's packet at the Cambridge License Commission offices. While the petitioner clearly spells out their desire to provide their service, there seems to be no supporting documentation or study that such a service is even necessary in the first place. Does the petitioner imply that the current roster of taxicab, livery and shuttle providers are simply not adequate to the task at hand?

Their proposed route has their 2 vans leaving Logan Airport about every 30 minutes, 7 days a week, from 5:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., to

drop off and pick up passengers at each of 10 Cambridge hotels. Some hotels and inns, either on or near their proposed route – such as the Hampton Inn, Kendall Hotel and Le Meridien – are not included. How were some hotels or inns selected and others not? Other hotels and inns, such as the Best Western Hotel Tria and Cambridge Gateway Inn, are simply distant from their proposed route. My experiences as a night shift taxi driver finds that the need for their service is not as great as their ambitious schedule indicates. Hotels-to-Logan or Logan-to-hotels service is in little demand in the evening and night hours and is likely not as constant throughout the day as the petitioner may hope.

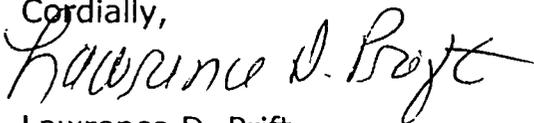
Cambridge Airport Shuttle proposes that their route begin and end at the airport. A good deal of time is usually needed – especially so at rush hour and other busy times – to travel from Logan Airport, through Boston, into Cambridge and then down Cambridge city streets while en route from one hotel to another. We need to factor waiting time plus downtime in loading and unloading passengers and their luggage at each of 10 separate hotels. A return trip to the airport completes the route. The petitioner may find their vehicles experiencing delays in service delivery due to traffic conditions and time travel issues. Any such slow-down may create passenger anxieties about their arriving late at the airport.

More vehicles frequently going through Cambridge's busy and often congested streets would be an undesirable but inevitable by-product of this proposed activity.

I ask that the application for a jitney permit from Cambridge Airport Shuttle, Inc. be denied as the existing service providers – whether taxi, livery or shuttle – are more than able to fully meet the needs of Cambridge hotels-to-Logan transportation services.

I regret that my work schedule prevents my attending this evening's hearing and I thank you in advance for your consideration of this correspondence.

Cordially,



Lawrence D. Prift

Attachments: 2

Phone: 617-492-6206; mobile: 617-803-6803; no e-mail

cc: Richard Scali, Chairman, Cambridge License Commission

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September 17, 2009

Via Facsimile: 617-547-8504
RESIDENCE INN – MARRIOTT
c/o Hotel General Manager
6 Cambridge Center
Cambridge, MA 02142

Re: Application of Cambridge Airport Shuttle, Inc. for a Jitney License from the City of Cambridge to transport passengers to and from Logan Airport to Cambridge hotels

Dear Sir or Madam:

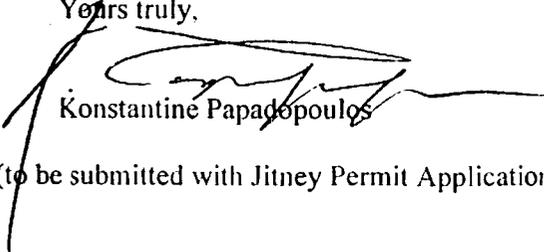
This office represents Cambridge Airport Shuttle, Inc. ("CAS"), which desires to operate a scheduled shuttle service in the Cambridge area. CAS intends to leave Logan Airport every half hour and travel a specific route to various Cambridge hotels which route will end with a return to Logan Airport. For its shuttle service, CAS's initial pricing is projected to be \$18.00 per passenger and CAS will also provide for competitive discounted group rates.

CAS is presently completing its application for a Jitney License to be issued from the City of Cambridge which will allow it to conduct this scheduled service to the Cambridge hotels. CAS intends to submit a proposed route to the Cambridge Licensing Commission and the Cambridge Traffic and Parking Department, which identifies stops being made at your hotel. As part of the Cambridge Licensing Commission's "Jitney Permit Procedure", the Licensing Commission now requests that jitney/shuttle services which include stops on private property obtain approvals from "private property" owners in connection with their applications.

We respectfully ask for your consent in this regard and hope to refer your consent to the Cambridge Licensing Commission in support of CAS's application. Should CAS obtain the Licensing Commission's approval, it shall arrange for \$1,500,000.00 of liability insurance to benefit its passengers when they are being picked up or dropped off at the airport or the hotel. If requested, CAS will be happy to arrange with its insurer to name your hotel as an additional insured. Should you have any questions regarding this request you may contact either Michael S. Field or me.

We would like to thank you in advance for your anticipated courtesy in reviewing this request.

Yours truly,


Konstantine Papadopoulos

cc: Cambridge Licensing Commission (to be submitted with Jitney Permit Application)



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September 23, 2009

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Cambridge License Commission
City of Cambridge
831 Massachusetts Avenue, 1st Floor
Cambridge, MA 02139

**RE: Application of Cambridge Airport Shuttle, Inc. for City Of
Cambridge Jitney Permit**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Permission is requested for approval of a City of Cambridge Jitney Permit in the name of Cambridge Airport Shuttle, Inc. Pursuant to the Jitney Permit Procedure promulgated by your department, the following information is provided:

1. Background Information:

- (a) **Name:** Cambridge Airport Shuttle, Inc.
- (b) **Address:** 258 Lantern Road, Apt 21
Revere, MA 02151
- (c) **Telephone #:** (617) 818-4438
- (d) **Number of Vehicles:**
Permission is requested for the following two (2) vehicles to operate under said City of Cambridge Jitney Permit:

	<u>Year, Make & Model</u>	<u>Registration #:</u>
(1)	2006 Chevy Express Van	LV49500
(2)	2003 Ford Wagon Van	LV56757

(e) **Place of Garaging:**

19 Elm Street
Methuen, MA 01844

(f) **Number and Names of Drivers:**

The applicant requests permission for the following two (2) drivers to operate under the City of Cambridge Jitney Permit:

- (1) Mahmoud Shabana: and
- (2) Wagih Shabana

(g) **Reason for Applying:**

The principal of the applicant is currently licensed to drive a taxicab in the City of Cambridge pursuant to a lease agreement he has with Ray Cab, Inc. The principal of the applicant desires to start a new business which will service the public in the City of Cambridge.

(h) **Purpose of Service:**

The applicant desires to offer a scheduled shuttle transportation service to the Cambridge area. The scheduled service will begin at Logan Airport; stop at various hotels located in the City of Cambridge; and return back to Logan Airport.

(i) **Who Applicant Will Serve:**

The applicant desires to serve the general public, and the various hotels located in the City of Cambridge.

(j) **Start and Finish of Applicant's Service:**

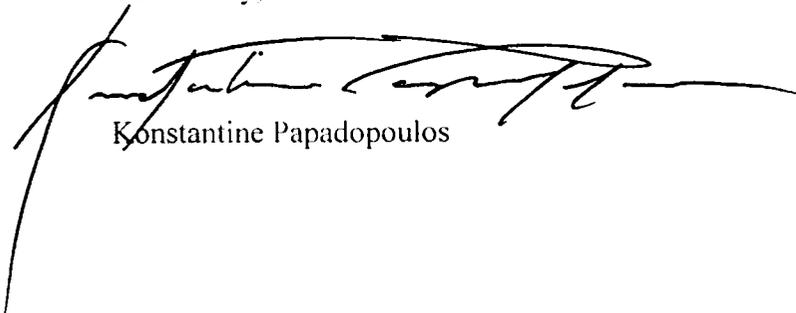
The applicant desires to operate its service according to the route being filed with the City of Cambridge Traffic and Parking Department. (See proposed Route attached hereto as Exhibit A). The applicant also desires to offer its services seven (7) days a week, beginning at 5:30 a.m. and continuing until 2:00 a.m. or the time of the last flight leaving Logan Airport. In any event, the applicant is only requesting the maximum number of days and hours permitted under City of Cambridge Ordinance(s) (if any are applicable).

2. **The applicant does not currently have an office in the City of Cambridge, and at this time, has no intention of opening an office in the City of Cambridge.**
3. **Attached as Exhibit B is a copy of the applicant's Articles of Organization.**
4. **See response to number 2 above.**

5. Enclosed herewith, please find a check in the amount of \$175.00 made payable to the City of Cambridge for the hearing and advertising fee.
6. The applicant has this day filed a proposed route with the City of Cambridge Traffic and Parking Department (see Exhibit A). Should the route be approved by the Traffic and Parking Department, the applicant will submit the approval of same to the Licensing Commission in connection with this application.
7. The applicant has requested written approval of the various Cambridge hotels, which the applicant intends to service (see attached). Should the applicant receive a formal written approval, the applicant will submit same to the Licensing Commission in connection with this application.

Your assistance with this matter will be appreciated. Should you have any questions, please call.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Konstantine Papadopoulos', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Konstantine Papadopoulos