



PARKING STAND ALLOCATIONS UNDER THE VEHICLES FOR HIRE BYLAW

Governance and Priorities Committee
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Parking Stand Map





Allocation Process

- Prior to 2012, there were no time limits placed on stand allocations
- Allocations are now time-limited and operators are determined through a competitive process
- Council approves operators and allocation periods
- Current allocations expire on April 1, 2016



Council Direction

- Council directed staff to report about encouraging more fuel efficient vehicles
- Possible opportunity to align with similar work being undertaken by GVHA as it develops its 10-year Ground Transportation Strategy





Timing for Next Process

- Conducting a competitive process now could have significant impacts
- Recommended that current allocations be extended for another year to March 31, 2017
- Competitive process would start in February for April 1, 2017 stand allocations



Encouraging Lower Emissions

- Last competitive process did encourage low emission vehicles
- Stand users have invested, or plan to invest, in lower emission vehicles
- Alternative approaches could include setting minimum standards for either:
 - emissions, or
 - vehicle model year





Impacts of a New Approach

- A 1998 model year standard could provide some improvement in emissions
- Emission standards for a 1998 model year vehicle are stricter than previous years
- Less than half of sightseeing buses currently in operation in Victoria are from model year 1998 or newer
- Operational and financial impacts on prospective stand users could be significant



Recommendations

- No changes to competitive process, which will begin this February
- Continue to work with operators and partners to reduce emissions
- Extend current allocations for one year to April 1, 2017
- Minor changes to parking stand agreement

