Agenda Item 11C December 2, 2014 **Public Hearing** 

#### **MEMORANDUM**

TO: County Council

FROM: Josh Hamlin, Legislative Attorney Michael Faden, Senior Legislative Attorney

SUBJECT: Public Hearing: Bill 55-14, Taxicabs – Centralized Electronic Dispatch System

Bill 55-14, Taxicabs – Centralized Electronic Dispatch System, sponsored by Councilmember Riemer, was introduced on October 28, 2014. A Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee worksession is tentatively scheduled for January 26, 2015 at 9:30 a.m., along with Bills 53-14 and 54-14.

Bill 55-14 would require the County Department of Transportation to implement a centralized electronic taxicab dispatch system, and require certain taxicab operators to participate in the centralized electronic taxicab dispatch system.

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Bill No.		55	-14	
Concerning:	Taxicabs	*****	Central	ized
Electronic	Dispatch	Syste	em	
Revised: 10/	/23/2014	D	raft No.	1
Introduced:	October	28, 2	014	
Expires:	April 28,	2016	i	
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# COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Councilmember Riemer

### AN ACT to:

- (1) require the Department of Transportation to implement a centralized electronic taxicab dispatch system;
- (2) require certain taxicab operators to participate in the centralized electronic taxicab dispatch system; and
- (3) generally amend the law governing the licensing and regulation of taxicabs.

### By adding

Montgomery County Code Chapter 53, Taxicabs Section 53-111

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The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1	Sec.	1. Section 53-111 is added to Chapter 53 as follows:
2	<u>53-111.</u>	<u>Centralized</u> <u>electronic</u> <u>dispatch</u> <u>system</u> .
3	<u>(a)</u>	The Director must establish a centralized electronic dispatch system to
4		dispatch taxicabs for trips that begin or end in the County through an
5		Internet-enabled application, digital platform, or telephone dispatch
6		system.
7	<u>(b)</u>	The Director may enter into a contract with a licensee or other private
8		party through the County procurement process to manage and operate
9		the system.
10	<u>(c)</u>	The Director may require every taxicab licensed under this Chapter to
11		participate in the system.
12	<u>(d)</u>	The Director may require dispatch fees, approved under Section 53-
13		107, to be assessed to cover the costs of operating the system.
14	<u>(e)</u>	The system must maintain verifiable records, in a form prescribed by
15		the Director, summarizing responses to requests for service made
16		under the system. The system must provide all required records to the
17		Director upon request.
18	<u>(f)</u>	Nothing in this Section prohibits a licensee from being affiliated with
19		or dispatched by any other two-way dispatch system.
20	Approved:	

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Craig L. Rice, President, County Council

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Isiah Leggett, County Executive

Date

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## LEGISLATIVE REQUEST REPORT

#### Bill 55-14

## Taxicabs – Centralized Electronic Dispatch System

DESCRIPTION:	Would require the Department of Transportation to implement a centralized electronic taxicab dispatch system, and require certain taxicab operators to participate in the centralized electronic taxicab dispatch system.	
PROBLEM:	Traditional taxicabs are competing, not always successfully, with often-unregulated taxi dispatch companies.	
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:	To enable, and potentially require, traditional taxicab companies in the County to jointly use an efficient centralized electronic dispatch system adapted to their operations.	
<b>COORDINATION:</b>	Department of Transportation	
FISCAL IMPACT:	To be requested.	
ECONOMIC IMPACT:	To be requested.	
EVALUATION:	To be requested.	
EXPERIENCE ELSEWHERE:	To be researched.	
SOURCE OF INFORMATION:	Josh Hamlin, Legislative Attorney; Michael Faden, Senior Legislative Attorney	
APPLICATION WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES:	To be researched.	
PENALTIES:	N/A	

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