



UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

TE-131489

Assignment Report Motor Carrier Safety

Upload? [] Yes [X] No - Reason For Not Uploading: New Entrant

1. Investigator(s): Ray Gardner I577 2. Assignment No.: 113154

3. Current Date: 9/11/13 4. Date of Activity: 9/10/13

5. Carrier Name: Santa Barbara Transportation Corp.

6. Permit: 7. New Entrant date of authority:

8. MOTCAR No.: 7931 9. Carrier is: [] Intrastate Only [] Interstate Only [X] Intra and Interstate

10. Industry Code: 232

11. USDOT No.: 677713 12. MC No.: 198757

13. [] Destination Check

- [] Copy of the Destination Check Safety Plan is attached.
Number of Buses/Motor Coaches inspected: 7-15 passenger 16+ passenger
Number of vehicle inspections: Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Level 5
Any special emphasis placed on the destination check [] Yes [] No
Describe Special Emphasis
What might we do differently to increase our success at the next destination check:

14. [] Safety Complaint

- [] Attach a copy of the Individual Safety Complaint Plan.
What activity did staff complete for this safety complaint:
[] Compliance review
[] Technical assistance
[] Number of vehicle inspections: Level 1 Level 2 Level 5
[] Unannounced terminal visit
[] Other (please explain):

15. [X] New Entrant - Charter, Auto Transportation

- [] Is this carrier referred by FMCSA, operating intra and interstate: [] Yes [] No
[] Is this carrier based in another state, requesting intrastate authority: [X] Yes [] No
[] Is this carrier based in Washington, requesting intrastate authority: [] Yes [] No
Did staff complete the following:
Inspect all vehicles between three and nine months? [X] Yes [] No
Number of vehicle inspections: Level 1 Level 2 Level 5
Conduct a SI/SA between three and nine months? [] Yes [] No [] SI [] SA

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16. **New Entrant- HHG**

- Is this carrier referred by FMCSA, operating intra and interstate: Yes No
- Is this carrier based in another state, requesting intrastate authority: Yes No
- Is this carrier based in Washington, requesting intrastate authority: Yes No
- Did staff complete the following:
 - ◆ Inspect all vehicles between three and eighteen months? Yes No
 - Number of vehicle inspections: Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____ Level 5 _____
 - ◆ Conduct a SI/SA between three and eighteen months? Yes No SI SA
 - ◆ Conduct technical assistance within three months? Yes No

17. **CSA Investigation**

- Full Investigation
- Focused Investigation
- Basic is for:** Passenger Carrier HHG Carrier Solid Waste Carrier
- Basic Threshold Percentile is;**
- Unsafe Driving _____%
- Fatigued Driving (HOS) _____%
- Crash _____%
- Driver Fitness _____%
- Drug/Alcohol _____%
- Vehicle Maintenance _____%

18. **Individual Safety Plan Only:**

- What activity did staff complete for this safety complaint?
- Attach a copy of the Individual Carrier Safety Plan.
 - Safety Investigation
 - Technical assistance
 - Number of vehicle inspections: Level 1 _____ Level 2 _____ Level 5 _____
 - Unannounced terminal visit
 - Other (please explain): _____

19. **Safety Investigation:**

Safety Audit:

- SI Rating: Satisfactory Unsatisfactory Conditional
- SA Rating: Pass Fail
- Number of vehicles operated: _____
- Number of drivers operated: _____
- Total miles for prior year: _____
- Recordable accidents for prior year: _____
- Accident Ratio: _____

20. **Part B Violations:**

Part	Violations	Part	Violations	Part	Violations
382/40		383		387	
390		391		392	
395		396		397	

21. **Vehicle Inspection Data:**

	MC	MB 1-15	MB 16+	SB 1-8	SB 9-15	SB 16+	VAN 1-8	VAN 9-15	TRK	TT	TRA
Inspections			10								
Defective Vehicles			0								
OOS Vehicles			0								
Level			5								

22. **Vehicle Inspection Violations:**

	MC	MB 1-15	MB 16+	SB 1-8	SB 9-15	SB 16+	VAN 1-8	VAN 9-15	TRK	TT	TRA
Brakes											
Steering											
Lights											
Tires, wheels, rims											
Horn											
Windshield and Wipers											
Mirrors											
Emergency Equip, Exits											
Coupling Devices											
Frame											
Suspension											
Exhaust											
Other											
Comment:											

23. **Driver Inspection Violations:**

Medical Card	Medical Waiver	Hours of Service	Drivers License
Comment:			

24. Relevant Carrier History:

This is a California based company operating in the State of Washington as Cascade Student Transportation. The carrier operates 140 school buses in the Battleground Yacholt school districts. Their main operation is the transportation of school children from home to school and school to home. They are requesting Charter authority from the UTC. The carrier will be operating 10 vehicles under the charter authority.

25. Findings:

The WSP inspected these buses along with the entire fleet as part of the State Patrol school bus inspection program. Officers Kelly Tabor, and Randy Rambo were the WSP officers that inspected these vehicles. A check was done with WSP Supervisors to obtain copies of the inspections and to assure that these inspections met or exceeded the CVSA criteria. The 10 inspections are attached. Cascade Student Transportation also provided a list of the 10 vehicles that will be used in the charter operations with that list being attached. The license plates on all ten vehicles were checked and found to have the base plates attached and the exempt plates have been removed. A check was performed on both of the carrier's facilities to ensure there were no other buses with base plates. Technical assistance was provided to the carrier.

26. Recommended Action:

- No further action.
- Notify the company in writing of the findings by providing a copy of the safety investigation, vehicle inspection report, safety audit or other similar document.
- Require the company to submit a compliance plan in response to the 15-day letter requirement.
- Recheck – Safety Investigation (Date: _____)
- Revisit to recheck a specific issue (Date: _____)
- Send the company a compliance letter. Require a response: Yes No
- Issue administrative penalties in the amount of \$
- Issue a complaint.
- Stop company operations.

27. Is this carrier considered a high risk carrier as a result of this activity?

- Carrier accident ratio is higher than aggregate ratio.
- Carrier had an out-of-service ratio 25% or higher at the last vehicle inspection.
- Carrier had a defect ratio 75% or higher at the last vehicle inspection.
- Carrier received more than one conditional or unsatisfactory safety investigation rating in more than one of the last four safety investigations (or less than four if four are not completed).
- Other (please explain): _____

28. Additional Comments:

After a review of this carrier and their operations, and obtaining the inspections that had been conducted by the WSP officers, it was found that the inspections performed do meet the criteria set forth in CVSA. All ten of the buses that the carrier will be using in their charter operation have been inspected and have passed the inspections. I would recommend that this carrier be granted authority by the UTC to operate in the State of Washington as a Charter Carrier.

Investigator's Signature: Raymond

Initial Review By: [Signature] Date: 9/12/2013

Reviewer's Recommendation: I concur with the recommendation to issue authority -

Final Review By: pratt Date: 9/12/13

Reviewer's Recommendation:
AGREE WITH RECOMMENDATION
close & file.
* OK to issue authority.

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Date Closed: 9/12/13 By: Miko Dotson

Company Name: Santa Barbara Transportation

Assignment #: 115152

Staff Assigned: Gardner