



Third Party Skills Testing Program

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What We Will Cover

- Third Party Skills Testing Program
- Types of CDL programs included and provider requirements
- How it will benefit Sun Metro recruitment and training efforts
- Requested Council action to approve legal resolution authorizing Sun Metro to administer driving skills tests



The “What” and “Why”

WHAT:

Sun Metro is **seeking approval & authorization** to participate in the Texas Commercial Driver License (CDL) Third Party Skills Testing (TPST) program

WHY:

This will **reduce cost and minimize resource** outsourcing and is in accordance with The Texas Commercial License Third-Party Skills Testing Provider Agreement



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Program

The Texas Commercial Driver License (CDL) Third Party Skills Testing (TPST) program was established in 2017



Examinations

TPST authorizes companies certified by the Texas DPS to administer the knowledge and driving skills examinations to Class A, B, and C CDL applicants



Personnel

• **Required Personnel** for program:

- CDL Third Party Skill Tester
- Designated Records Keeper
- Utilizes Existing Staff

Class A, B, and C CDL

Classification	Description
Class A CDL	Authorizes an individual to drive any combination of vehicles with a GCWR of 26,001 pounds or more if the GVWR of the vehicle(s) towed exceeds 10,000 pounds.
Class B CDL	Authorizes an individual to drive any: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 pounds or more;2. Single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 pound or more that is towing a vehicle with a GVWR that does not exceed 10,000 pounds3. Vehicle designed to transport 24 passengers or more including the driver
Class C CDL	Authorizes an individual to drive any single vehicle or combination of vehicles that is not a Class A or B if the vehicle is: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Designed to transport 16 to 23 passengers including the driver2. Used in the transportation of hazardous materials that require the vehicle to be placarded



Transit Operations Require:
Class B CDL with a “P” Endorsement,
which requires passing a special
knowledge safety examination and
as well as a driving test.

Benefits for Sun Metro

- Once an operator trainee is eligible for skills testing, Sun Metro will have the ability to test them rather than waiting up to 2 weeks for DPS availability
- If an operator trainee fails the skills testing on their first attempt, we will be able to retest them in a timely manner, which allows us to conserve resources and allows the trainee to keep up with the class
- *End Result: Reduction in wait time for an Operator Trainee to re-test, thereby making Sun Metro's training more efficient*



BENEFITS

3rd Party Agreement

Texas Commercial Driver License Third-Party Skills Testing Provider Agreement

Section 1. Parties

This Agreement is made between the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas (DPS) and the Commercial Driver License (CDL) Authorized Organization (AO). This agreement authorizes the named AO to administer Commercial Driver License knowledge and skills tests on behalf of the State of Texas. This agreement permits the AO to administer commercial driver license knowledge and skills tests as specified in this agreement.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to explain the requirements for conducting Commercial Driver License knowledge and skills tests as a third-party tester. Authority to administer tests is granted only to third-party testers who use third-party Examiners certified by the Department.



Recommendation

- That the Mass Transit Department Board authorizes City Manager or designee to enter into a Third Party Testing Program agreement with the Texas Department of Public Safety



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Accountability, **P**eople