



DOCKET NO. 2511-N-109-L

RE: APPLICATION OF CARIBE TRANSPORTATION LLC TO OPERATE ONE (1) MOTOR VEHICLE, HAVING A PASSENGER SEATING CAPACITY OF TEN (10) PASSENGERS OR LESS, IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN HAMDEN.

FINAL DECISION

February 11, 2026

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I. INTRODUCTION

On November 12, 2025, Caribe Transportation LLC (hereinafter “applicant”) filed an application with the Department of Transportation (hereinafter "department"), seeking authorization to operate one (1) motor vehicle having a seating capacity of ten (10) passengers or less in general livery service between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Hamden pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

A public hearing on the application was scheduled for February 6, 2026. Notice of the application and of the hearing to be held thereon was given to the applicant and to such other parties as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103, as amended. Legal notice to the public was given by publication on the department’s website.

The public hearing was held on February 6, 2026, by Sharon Peters, the hearing officer designated by the Commissioner pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103.

At the hearing Hecham Hmami appeared pro se on behalf of the applicant. His mailing address is 121 Franklin Road, Hamden, CT.

At the hearing Margarita Velazquez appeared in support of the application. Her mailing address is 121 Franklin Road, Hamden, CT.

Huda Hammami, Arabic interpreter appeared to assist the Mr. Hmami.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in Hamden.
2. Mr. Hmami has experience driving for Uber and Lyft for 10 years.
3. Mr. Hmami has the necessary endorsement from the Department of Motor Vehicles to drive a livery vehicle.
4. Mr. Hmami is the only member of the applicant LLC.
5. Ms. Velazquez will assist the applicant with computer work, scheduling, advertising and general office paperwork.
6. The applicant owns a 2012 Dodge Caravan with no outstanding loan.
7. The applicant has \$3,654.60 in its business bank account as of December 31, 2025.
8. The first six months of the applicant’s expenses include insurance costs of \$2,398.50, property tax of \$147.69, maintenance and repair costs of \$300.00, and advertising and

- promotion of \$300.00 which total \$3,146.19.
9. The applicant's vehicle is equipped to provide transportation for clients who use a wheelchair.
 10. Mr. Hmami has been trained in using wheelchair restraints.
 11. Ther applicant intends to provide transportation for nonemergency medical appointments.
 12. There is a need for more nonemergency wheelchair transport throughout the state.
 13. Mr. Hmami has no criminal history.
 14. The application was not opposed.

III. DISCUSSION

The department has jurisdiction over each person, association, limited liability company or corporation owning or operating a motor vehicle in livery service, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-102, as amended.

In determining whether a livery permit should be granted, the department shall take into consideration the present or future public convenience and necessity. The applicant must prove that the public's convenience and necessity will be improved by the proposed service. Additionally, the applicant must show the suitability of the applicant or the suitability of the management if the applicant is a limited liability company or corporation, the financial responsibility of the applicant, the ability of the applicant efficiently and properly to perform the service for which authority is requested and the fitness, willingness and ability of the applicant to conform to the provisions of the statutes and the requirements and regulations of the department thereunder, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103.

Regarding the applicant's suitability, Mr. Hmami submitted a criminal record check which disclosed no criminal convictions. He has 10 years of experience driving for Uber and Lyft. Ms. Velazquez will assist the applicant with computer work, scheduling, advertising, and general office paperwork. Based on the evidence presented, the applicant is suitable to conduct the proposed intrastate livery business.

As far as the applicant's financial ability is concerned, the first six months of the applicant's expenses include insurance costs of \$2,398.50, property tax of \$147.69, maintenance and repair costs of \$300.00, and advertising and promotion of \$300.00 which total \$3,146.19. The applicant has \$3654.60 in its business account which is sufficient to meet these expenses.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, Mr. Hmami testified that there is a need for more providers of wheelchair transportation throughout the state. The applicant's vehicle is equipped

for wheelchair transportation and Mr. Hmami has been trained in using wheelchair restraints. Based upon the entirety of the evidence, the applicant's proposed service will help to address this need and would improve public convenience and necessity. The applicant will receive authorization for one (1) general livery vehicle.

IV. ORDER

Based upon the above and pursuant to Connecticut General Statute Section 13b-103, as amended, the application in the name of Caribe Transportation LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3880 is hereby issued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3880

Caribe Transportation LLC is authorized to operate one (1) motor vehicle, with a seating capacity of ten (10) passengers or less, in general livery service between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in Hamden.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the one (1) motor vehicles granted in this decision within sixty (60) days. Failure to do so may result in revocation of the general livery authority.

The authority granted under this permit may not be sold or transferred until it has been operational, i.e. a vehicle registered with livery plates thereunder for not less than twenty-four (24) months.

This permit shall remain in effect until it is amended, suspended or revoked by the department.

Failure of the permit holder to maintain proper insurance and/or comply with all pertinent motor vehicle laws and other state statutes and/or rules, regulations and orders of the department shall be considered sufficient cause to amend, suspend or revoke said permit.

Dated at Newington, Connecticut on the eleventh day of February 2026.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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CERTIFICATION
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I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the decision in the above-entitled matter were mailed to the following parties on February 11, 2026.

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NA

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