



DOCKET NO. 2512-N-134-L

RE: APPLICATION OF MOHAN KISHINCHAND CHUGANI TO AMEND PERMIT 3875 TO ADD AUTHORITY TO OPERATE ONE (1) MOTOR VEHICLE, HAVING A PASSENGER SEATING CAPACITY OF TEN (10) OR LESS IN GENERAL LIVERY SERVICE BETWEEN ALL POINTS IN CONNECTICUT FROM A HEADQUARTERS IN WEST HARTFORD TO ITS EXISTING AUTHORITY FOR THE OPERATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES AS A COMMON CARRIER IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE

DECISION

March 2, 2026

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I. INTRODUCTION

On December 30, 2025, Mohan Kishinchand Chugani (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 Rocky Hill pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

A public hearing on the application was scheduled for February 20, 2026. Notice of the application and 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 20, 2026, by Sharon Peters, the hearing officer designated by the Commissioner pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 13b-103.

At the hearing the applicant, Mohan Kishinchand Chugani appeared pro se. His mailing address is 175 Orchard Road, West Hartford Connecticut.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in West Hartford.
2. Mr. Chugani will operate a 2023 Cadillac XT6. There is no outstanding loan on the vehicle.
3. Mr. Chugani is the former CEO of Absolute Transportation and Executive Express Limo LLC.
4. In his role as CEO of these businesses he was responsible for hiring and firing decisions, scheduling drivers and vehicles daily, and handling complaints. Mr. Chugani also was a backup dispatcher and driver.
5. On December 23, 2025, Mr. Chugani registered his Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration authority to operate as a common carrier of passengers in interstate commerce and obtained Permit 3875.
6. On December 5, 2025, the applicant paid the insurance premium of \$8,376.00 in full.

7. The first six months of the applicant's expenses includes property tax of \$409.00, maintenance and repair costs of \$1,500.00, communication expenses of \$600.00 and advertising, marketing and promotional expenses of \$750.00, for a total expense of \$3,259.00
8. The applicant has an account balance of \$9,996.34.
9. The applicant will be operating the livery business from his home office using his home internet.
10. The applicant intends to provide transportation to airports in Connecticut, in addition to airports in neighboring states, trips to casinos, and daytrips to Boston and New York.
11. Mr. Chugani has a loyal client base from his 25 years in the industry, as well as contacts at Yale University and friends and family who will use his livery service.
12. The applicant is considering placing advertisements in local newspapers to increase his business.
13. Mr. Chugani is available to work at any time and this will be his only business.
14. Mr. Chugani has the necessary endorsements on his license.
15. The applicant has no criminal history.
16. This 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. Chugani submitted a criminal record check which disclosed no criminal convictions. He has worked as a CEO of two livery businesses and has experience dispatching, logistics and driving. 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 expenses include property tax of \$409.00, maintenance and repair costs of \$1,500.00, communication expenses of \$600.00 and advertising, marketing and promotional expenses of \$750.00, for a total expense of \$3,259.00. The applicant currently has \$9,996.34 in his account which is sufficient to meet these expenses.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant has been working in the livery business for 25 years. He has a loyal client base, and friends and family who will use his service. The applicant is able to provide interstate service which not all livery companies are able to do. The application was not opposed and based on the evidence presented, the applicant's service 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 Mohan Kishinchand Chugani is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3875 is hereby reissued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3875

Mohan Kishinchand Chugani is permitted and authorized to operate motor vehicles as a common carrier of passengers in charter and special operations, in interstate commerce under such authorization as issued or amended by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in the issuance of Certificate Number MC-01773829.

Mohan Kishinchand Chugani 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 West Hartford.

RESTRICTIONS:

The applicant must register and insure the motor vehicle granted in this decision within thirty (30) 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 from the date of this final decision. If at any time during the twenty-four (24) month period the applicant enters into a contract for sale and transfer of any of the vehicles authorized under application 2512-N-134-L, the authority granted herein shall be revoked. This permit is transferrable only with the approval of the Department.

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 second day of March 2026.

CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Sharon A Peters

Sharon A. Peters
Hearing Officer
Office of Legal Affairs

CERTIFICATION
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I hereby certify that true and correct copies of this decision were forwarded to the following parties on March 2, 2026.

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CERTIFIED MAIL:

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NA

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OTHERS:

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