



DOCKET NO. 2512-N-137-L

RE: APPLICATION OF HOME STRETCH TRAVEL SERVICES LLC FOR 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 EAST HARTFORD.

FINAL DECISION

March 30, 2026

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I. INTRODUCTION

On December 30, 2025, Home Stretch Travel Services 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 East Hartford pursuant to Section 13b-103 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

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

At the hearing Joseph Clough, member of the applicant, appeared pro se. The applicant’s mailing address is 299 O’Connell Drive, East Hartford, CT 06118.

II. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The applicant seeks to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service from a headquarters in East Hartford.
2. The applicant will operate a 2021 Chrysler Pacifica van. There are no outstanding loans on the vehicles.
3. The applicant has an interstate livery service permit issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.
4. The applicant has experience working as a driver for the United States Department of Agriculture transporting pets. He has also driven for Uber, Lyft, and Veyo since 2017.
5. The applicant will be the sole employee in the livery business.
6. The first six months of the applicant’s expenses include insurance premiums of \$8,732.00, property tax of \$208.02, maintenance and repair costs of \$200.00, and communication expenses of \$1,200.00, for a total expense of \$10,340.02.
7. The applicant has an account balance of \$12,699.60.

8. The applicant intends to provide airport transportation and is in communication with universities to provide other transportation services.
9. The applicant has received certifications in human trafficking and human and animal CPR.
10. Mr. Clough intends to market through a website, social media, and referrals.
11. Mr. Clough has no criminal history.
12. 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. Clough submitted a criminal record check which disclosed no criminal convictions. He has experience in providing transportation services and has a federal interstate livery permit. 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 insurance premiums of \$8,732.00, property tax of \$208.02, maintenance and repair costs of \$200.00, and communication expenses of \$1,200.00, for a total expense of \$10,340.02. The applicant currently has \$12,699.60 in its account which is sufficient to meet these expenses.

On the issue of public convenience and necessity, the applicant has experience with transportation services on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture. The applicant also has experience driving with commercial transportation providers, such as Uber and Lyft. The applicant intends to provide transportation services throughout the state, as well as nearby states. 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 Home Stretch Travel Services LLC is hereby granted, and Livery Permit Number 3881 is hereby reissued as follows:

LIVERY PERMIT NUMBER 3881

Home Stretch Travel Services LLC 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-1772086-C.

Home Stretch Travel Services LLC is authorized to operate one (1) motor vehicle in general livery service, with a seating capacity of ten (10) passengers or less in general livery service between all points in Connecticut from a headquarters in East 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-137-L, the authority granted herein shall be revoked. This permit is transferable 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 thirtieth 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 30, 2026.

APPLICANT:

Home Stretch Transportation Services LLC
299 O'Connell Drive
East Hartford, CT 06118

CERTIFIED MAIL:

APPLICANT'S COUNSEL:

NA

INTERVENORS:

NA

OTHERS:

Regulatory & Compliance

CERTIFIED BY:

Sharon A Peters

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