# Transportation Network Company Driver Earnings Analysis and Pay Standard Options 

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"commission and oversee a study to obtain and analyze data and information related to the working conditions of transportation network company (TNC) drivers in Minnesota and
how potential changes may impact access and cost for riders"

- Executive Order 23-07


## Data sources

- Transportation network companies (TNC) provided the state with data
- Trip time segments, distance, county, driver earnings
- All rides originating in MN in 2022 (approx. 18 million)
- Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) data
- Aggregate trips by month, January 2022 to October 2023
- Driver vehicle and contact information
- Driver Survey
- Drivers were surveyed using MAC contact information
- 1,827 drivers completed the survey, $24 \%$ response rate


## Background information

- TNC time-period segments
- Period 1 (P1) time is when a driver is logged into the TNC app but has not yet accepted a ride offer, sometimes referred to as "driver waiting time."
- Period 2 (P2) is when a driver has accepted a ride and is on their way to pick up a passenger, also referred to as "dispatch time."
- Period 3 (P3) is when a driver is transporting a passenger from the pick-up location to the drop-off location, also called "trip time" or "passenger time."
- Working hours = P1 + P2 + P3
- Engaged time $=$ P2 + P3



## Driver Earnings Analysis

## 2022 Uber and Lyft Trips

 Percent by pickup location county0\%
$1 \%$
0\%
$\square$

## Comparison of committed and casual drivers



## TC Metro earnings are higher, but so are minutes and miles




## Earnings per P3, P2+P3, working and after-expense hour



## P3 shares of time and miles were lower in Greater MN than TC Metro




Pay Standard Options

## Pay standard calculations

- Per minute rate is calculated based on hourly wages
- TC Metro - Minneapolis 2024 minimum wage for large employers (\$15.57)
- Greater MN - Statewide 2024 minimum wage for large employers (\$10.85)
- Per mile rate is calculated based on expenses
- Report provides options for expenses that can be included
- Scaling for P3
- Both per minute and per mile rates are scaled to P3 time as a percent of P1-P3
- Compensation is paid for P3 only but intended to cover time and expenses for all time periods (P1-P3)


## Per minute rates

| TC Metro |  | Greater MN |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Minneapolis minimum wage per hour | \$15.57 | Minnesota minimum wage per hour | \$10.85 |
| Payroll tax | \$1.28 | Payroll tax | \$0.89 |
| Subtotal | \$16.85 | Subtotal | \$11.74 |
| Scaled by P3 share of minutes | \$29.21 | Scaled by P3 share of minutes | \$25.60 |
| P3 per minute rate | \$0.487 | P3 per minute rate | \$0.427 |

## MN-specific vehicle expenses in the base per mile rate

## Expense category

Per mile costs based on 35,000 miles per year Licensing, vehicle registration fees and tax

Operating costs
Vehicle acquisition
Gas
Vehicle maintenance
Insurance
Cellphone
Vehicle cleaning
Subtotal

Total Vehicle and Licensing Expenses
\$22,339

## Twin Cities metro per mile rates and expense options

| Vehicle and <br> operating expenses | P3 share <br> of miles | Vehicle and operating expenses <br> scaled for P3 share of miles | Base per mile rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 0.6383$ | 0.717 | $\$ 0.890$ | $\$ 0.890$ |


|  | Benefit component | Benefit cost | Base rate <br> plus benefit cost |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |
| ESST | Earned sick and safe time | $\$ 0.030$ | $\$ 0.920$ |
| PL | Paid leave—includes ESST | $\$ 0.101$ | $\$ 0.991$ |
| HI | Health insurance | $\$ 0.137$ | $\$ 1.027$ |
| RS | Retirement savings | $\$ 0.073$ | $\$ 0.963$ |
| UI | Unemployment insurance | $\$ 0.007$ | $\$ 0.897$ |
|  |  | $\$ 0.317$ | $\$ 1.207$ |

## Greater Minnesota per mile rates and expense options

| Vehicle and <br> operating expenses | P3 share <br> of miles | Vehicle and operating expenses <br> scaled for P3 share of miles | Base per mile rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\$ 0.6383$ | 0.572 | $\$ 1.116$ | $\$ 1.116$ |


|  | Benefit component | Benefit cost | Base rate <br> plus benefit cost |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| ESST | Earned sick and safe time | $\$ 0.026$ | $\$ 1.142$ |
| PL | Paid leave—includes ESST | $\$ 0.088$ | $\$ 1.204$ |
| HI | Health insurance | $\$ 0.120$ | $\$ 1.235$ |
| RS | Retirement savings | $\$ 0.064$ | $\$ 1.179$ |
| UI | Unemployment insurance | $\$ 0.006$ | $\$ 1.122$ |
|  |  | $\$ 0.277$ | $\$ 1.393$ |

## Per trip earnings for pay standard options

|  | TC Metro |  |  | Greater Minnesota |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2022 trip averages | Pay standard rates | Pay components | 2022 trip averages | Pay standard rates | Pay components |
| P3 minutes | 14.64 | \$0.487 | \$7.126 | 10.45 | \$0.427 | \$4.459 |
| P3 miles | 7.87 | \$0.890 | \$7.006 | 4.47 | \$1.116 | \$4.988 |
| Earnings per trip under base pay standard |  |  | \$14.13 |  |  | \$9.45 |
| 2022 average trip earnings |  |  | \$12.87 |  |  | \$8.07 |
| Increase over 2022 trip earnings |  |  | 9.8\% |  |  | 17.1\% |
|  |  | \$0.487 | \$7.126 |  | \$0.427 | \$4.459 |
| Pay standard with comprehensive benefits |  | \$1.207 | \$9.501 |  | \$1.393 | \$6.226 |
| Earnings per trip under comprehensive pay standard |  |  | \$16.63 |  |  | \$10.68 |
| Increase over 2022 trip earnings |  |  | 29.2\% |  |  | 32.4\% |

## Rate range options

|  | Twin Cities metro |  | Greater Minnesota |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Base | Comprehensive | Base | Comprehensive |
| P3 per minute | $\$ 0.487$ | $\$ 0.487$ | $\$ 0.427$ | $\$ 0.427$ |
| P3 per mile | $\$ 0.890$ | $\$ 1.207$ | $\$ 1.117$ | $\$ 1.393$ |

## Thank you!

