FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Emergency Industry Notice #1
Monday, December 16, 2005

Private Bus Strike

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg has signed an Executive Order relating to a labor action by employees of Triboro Coach Corporation and Jamaica Buses. This Notice applies to all Queens service provided by Triboro Coach Corporation and Jamaica Buses.

Pursuant to the authority conferred under this Executive Order and notwithstanding For-Hire Vehicle (FHV) Rule 6-16(f), the TLC Commissioner/Chairman Matthew W. Daus hereby authorizes For-Hire Vehicle drivers (ivery, black car and luxury limousine), until further notice, to accept passengers by means other than pre-arrangement at bus stops, to accept group rides without passenger consent and to charge a fare of up to $10 per passenger for travel within the Borough of Queens.

Additionally, notwithstanding Commuter Van Rules 9-10(d), 9-10(e1) and 9-10(e2), commuter van drivers, until further notice, and without regard to the geographic limits which otherwise apply to such drivers, are authorized to accept passengers without pre-arrangement at bus stops and to charge a fare of up to $5 per passenger for travel within the Borough of Queens.

Trips outside of the Borough of Queens are not affected by this Notice and fares should be determined as normal.

The Executive Order also requires drivers of For-Hire Vehicles and Commuter Vans licensed as such by the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) to display their TLC Operator’s License and name of affiliated base or authority inside the vehicle in a manner that is easily visible or accessible to the passengers.