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TLC APPROVES 2002 "STRETCH" CROWN VICTORIA AS A TAXICAB AND AUTHORIZES TESTING OF 2002 HONDA ODYSSEY
TLC Commissioner/Chair Matthew W. Daus announces that the 2002 "Stretch" Crown Victoria has been approved for use as a taxicab in New York City. This vehicle, which provides an additional six (6) inches of legroom in the rear passenger compartment, meets all TLC Taxicab Specifications, and may be hacked-up as a medallion taxicab.

In addition, Commissioner Daus announces the commencement of a new Pilot Program to test the 2002 Honda Odyssey minivan in taxicab service. Both the 2002 Honda LX model, which has manually-operated rear doors, and the EX model, which has power doors, are included in this Pilot Program. A taxicab owner may submit a written request that the Assistant Commissioner for Safety and Emissions approve his/her purchase of a new Honda Odyssey minivan, provided the following modifications are made to the vehicle’s standard equipment:

- The vehicle must be painted taxi yellow;
- Tinted glass must be replaced with clear glass;
- Seats must be either leather or vinyl;
- Carpeting must be replaced with vinyl or rubber flooring;
- A TLC-approved exit warning light system must be installed.

These modifications can either be made by an authorized Honda dealer or as aftermarket alterations by the vehicle owner. The request for approval should be sent to Jed Appelbaum, Assistant Commissioner, Safety and Emissions, Taxi and Limousine Commission, 24-55 Brooklyn Queens Expressway West, Woodside, New York 11377. For further information, please call the TLC’s Hack Site at 718-267-4599.