Implementing Local Law 51 of 2016

- Mayor de Blasio signed into law Local Law 51 on April 21st, 2016
- Changes to TLC license-types
  - What we currently offer: separate licenses for taxicab and FHV drivers
  - The law requires: single license for taxi and FHV drivers
- The new license will be called the **TLC Driver’s License**
Effects of Local Law on Existing Licenses

- Conversion of Taxicab and For-Hire Vehicle licenses to TLC Driver’s Licenses
- Any driver licensed to operate an FHV may also operate a Taxicab, and vice-versa
- Existing Taxicab and FHV drivers will be automatically converted
The Reasoning of the Law

- The proposed rule implements legislation that:
  - will provide greater flexibility for drivers, and
  - will ensure that more drivers are available to work with different transportation providers

- The TLC Driver’s License will create unprecedented opportunity and flexibility
What the Rule Doesn’t Change is Important Too

- Standards and Monitoring to Remain
  - Fingerprint-enabled criminal background checks
  - DMV driving record checks, which
    - hold TLC-licensed drivers to high professional safety standards and
    - can result in license suspensions and revocations for drivers
  - Drug Testing
  - Mandatory Training requirements
Penalty Review and Revisions

- Updating Penalty Provisions
- TLC reviews its penalties periodically
- Proposed changes to existing penalties were reached after review by TLC staff and with feedback from industry stakeholders
Penalty Revision Example #1

- **Prohibited Behavior**: no marketing to passengers
- **Current Penalty**: $50-$350 with possibility of discretionary suspension
- **Proposed New Penalty**: $50
- **Rationale of Proposed Penalty Revision**: reduce the severity of the penalty to match the seriousness of the underlying conduct
Penalty Revision Example #2

- **Prohibited Behavior:** drivers cannot ignore a non-functioning taximeter

- **Current Penalty:** $50-$350 fine imposed if the driver does not ensure taximeter repair

- **Proposed New Penalty:** fine is avoided so long as drivers immediately notify vehicle owners of taximeter defects

- **Rationale of Proposed Penalty Revision:** taximeter functionality is a vehicle owner, rather than vehicle driver, responsibility
Penalty Revision Example #3

- **Prohibited Behavior**: an FHV Vehicle Owner cannot fail to correct a defect in their vehicle
- **Current Penalty**: $50 per day
- **Proposed New Penalty**: $50 flat penalty plus suspension until compliance
- **Rationale of Proposed Penalty Revision**: the set $50 fine plus suspension until compliance is sufficient to ensure defects are quickly corrected