The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) today reached the milestone of 500 Vision Zero driver outreach meetings at licensed for-hire vehicle bases and taxi garages throughout the city. The landmark visit was hosted by La Nueva Quisqueya Car Service in Jamaica, Queens, a popular livery service that boasts over 170 affiliated vehicles. TLC Commissioner and Chair Meera Joshi delivered a welcome message, and staff members gave a detailed safety presentation. The visit featured the participation of the base’s professional drivers and management staff.

One of the core tenets of the TLC’s Vision Zero efforts is improving and broadening driver training and outreach. Driver outreach meetings highlight important safety information, such as new road designs like protected bike lanes, high-risk driving behavior that can lead to crashes, and the crucial role that professional drivers play in promoting a culture of safe driving. At the end of each visit, participating drivers sign the TLC Safe Driver Pledge.

500 Driver Outreach Meetings by the Numbers:
- More than 100 visits in Spanish
- 209 Vision Zero base visits in Queens
- 177 Vision Zero base visits in Brooklyn
- 56 Vision Zero base visits in Manhattan
- 40 Vision Zero base visits in the Bronx
- 18 Vision Zero base visits in Staten Island

“Today’s milestone visit highlights the TLC’s commitment to working and connecting directly with drivers and businesses about street safety, and sharing resources and tools that can help professional drivers make our streets safer for all,” said TLC Commissioner Joshi. “Driver outreach meetings allow us to share practical safety information that can prevent crashes, and help drivers to understand the crucial role they play in Vision Zero.”

The TLC began its driver outreach meetings in 2014, with staff members sharing the important messages of Vision Zero with drivers one-on-one, as well as in both large and small groups.

“We are grateful for the professionalism of TLC-licensed drivers and bases in setting the tone for a culture of safe driving in New York City,” added Commissioner Joshi.

The TLC also honored more than 375 drivers last year at its third annual Vision Zero Safety Honor Roll event. The drivers honored had no crashes involving a fatality or injury, traffic violations, or violations of TLC safety-related rules for four or more years. We look forward to recognizing more drivers for their stellar safety records later this year.