WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY
PROPOSED RULES AND PHASE-IN PLAN
Agenda

• Review of TLC accessibility initiatives to date

• Outline new plan to make 50% of yellow taxis wheelchair-accessible by 2020
  Half of existing unrestricted medallions retiring each year will convert to wheelchair-accessible vehicles beginning on Accessible Conversion Start Date*
  Establish Taxicab Improvement Fund to help fund additional owners and drivers providing accessible service (funded through a passenger surcharge beginning in 2015)

• Discuss next steps

*Date when an accessible, hybrid vehicle is available that meets TLC and City standards for accessible and alt-fuel vehicles or January 1, 2016, whichever is earlier
Accessibility Timeline

First 231 accessible-only medallions sold
Accessibility Timeline

Accessible Dispatch Pilot

2008 2009 2010
Accessibility Timeline

Accessible Dispatch Program

Accessibility Timeline

2,000 new accessible-only medallions to be auctioned


NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission
Accessibility Timeline

Starting in June, all new drivers must receive wheelchair passenger assistance training.
Establish Taxicab Improvement Surcharge to fund Taxicab Improvement Fund to help pay for extra costs associated with accessible vehicles and service
Phase in over 5,000 additional accessible vehicles attached to unrestricted medallions.
50% of all yellow taxis will be accessible
Accessible Vehicle Phase-In

Minifleet Unrestricted Medallion Owners
Every medallion scheduled to retire after the Accessible Conversion Start Date must be hacked up with an accessible vehicle until at least one half of the ownership unit’s medallions are being used with accessible vehicles.

Independent Unrestricted Medallion Owners
After the Accessible Conversion Start Date, half of independent unrestricted medallion owners will be required to operate accessible vehicles.

Half of all medallions scheduled for retirement each calendar year will be selected through biannual lottery to operate an accessible vehicle.

The other half will have an accessibility requirement after their next scheduled retirement date.
Expected Phase-In

Accessible-Restricted  Unrestricted Conversions  % Accessible


Taxi & Limousine Commission
Taxicab Improvement Surcharge

- 25¢ Owners
- 5¢ Drivers
- vehicle upfit
- operating expenses
Fares and Accessibility

*Calculated using typical NYC trip: 2.8 miles traveled and 4.77 minutes waiting time; Weekday at 5:00pm
Review of the Fund

Per proposed rules, TLC will review the Fund annually beginning in 2017, evaluating the following:

Whether the surcharge should be lowered, raised, or kept the same

Whether possible alternative sources of funding exist for the Fund

Whether grant amounts should be adjusted
  Based on real costs incurred by owners and drivers converting to accessible service
Street Hail Liveries

Same 30¢ surcharge will be applied to all SHL trips

Owner and driver funds will be established similar to yellow taxi funds
Next Steps

- New rules detailing Taxicab Improvement Fund collection and payment
- New rules detailing the Fund plan for SHLs
- Evaluation plan for the Fund review beginning in 2017
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