

How to Find Information on Taxicabs *by Christine Bruzzese*

Reports of the Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC). The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission has issued *Annual Reports* from 2002 to 2006. These reports review the year's activities and accomplishments, offer an overview of the agency and industry and discuss major issues and goals. Statistical tables and charts are provided throughout. TLC also has prepared reports on issues of concern such as fare increases, leasing, ridership, medallion rules and improving services. Many of these can be found in the City Hall Library collection.

Fact Book. Originally published by the TLC, *The New York City Taxicab Fact Book* presents general statistics and information on taxicab fares, operations, service to the outer boroughs, drivers, annual mileage and other indicators. Results of various TLC studies and surveys conducted during the year are summarized. In 2004, Schaller Consulting began preparing this report for the Taxi and Limousine Commission. Holdings are from 1992 to present. This publication is issued periodically.

Schaller Consulting Reports. In addition to the *Fact Book*, Schaller Consulting offers publications such as *Higher Pay, Safer Cabbies*, which analyzes the relationship between driver incomes and taxicab crashes. *Taxicab and Livery Crashes in New York City: 1990-1999* reports on crashes involving both medallion and livery cabs. Various statistics are given along with analysis of such issues growth in livery crashes, passenger injuries and general decline in the number of taxicab crashes. Schaller

Consulting was established by a former Director of Policy Development and Evaluation at the Taxi and Limousine Commission. Check the Library catalogue to see what other Schaller publications are available.

Taxi Rules. The Taxi and Limousine Commission was created in 1971. Before that control of taxicabs was under the Police Department. The City Hall Library collection includes compilations of rules for taxicabs and drivers promulgated by the Police or the TLC. Current rules can be found in the codified *Rules of the City of New York*.

Websites. The TLC website is located at www.nyc.gov/talc. Information on taxi rules and laws, licenses, safety and emissions standards, current news, dates of Commission meetings and more can be found here. Try the Department of Records website at www.nyc.gov/records under "**Publications**" for city agency reports on the topic of "**Transportation.**"