



# NEW YORK CITY TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

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Industry Notice #01-19

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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 after-market 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.**