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TLC ANNOUNCES SAFETY WARNING LIGHT PILOT PROGRAM

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission is pleased to announce a pilot project to test the functionality of a safety warning light system that will be installed in up to 2,000 New York City medallion taxicabs operated by member fleets of the Metropolitan Taxicab Board of Trade (MTBOT).

The door-mounted safety warning light systems are designed to warn oncoming motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians that a passenger is disembarking from the taxicab, preventing accidents.

The equipment, originally proposed by Midtown Operating Corporation, a leading city taxicab fleet owned and operated by Mr. Ronald Sherman, who is also president of the MTBOT, will be tested for a six-month trial period that will culminate in its being evaluated for authorized use in taxicabs throughout the city.