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NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT**

**Taxi Medallion Increase
CEQR No. 12TLC026Y**

May 23, 2012

This Notice is hereby given pursuant to CEQR requirements as established in Executive Order No. 91 of 1977, and as set forth in its implementing Rules and Procedures, Title 62, Chapter 5 of the Rules of the City of New York and SEQRA. In addition, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL §§ 8-0101 et seq.) and its implementing regulations (Title 6 NYCRR §617) requires a public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Taxi Medallion Increase.

This DEIS public meeting will be held on June 12, 2012 at the Taxi and Limousine Commission's Commission Meeting Room located at 33 Beaver Street, 19th Floor, New York, NY. The session will commence at 6:00 P.M. and close at 8:00 P.M. If you need a reasonable accommodation of a disability to participate in the meeting (e.g., you need open captioning service), please contact Justine Johnson by telephone at 212-676-1137 or email at Justine.johnson@tlc.nyc.gov by Tuesday, June 5, 2012.

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC), as lead agency, has completed a DEIS for the proposed Taxi Medallion Increase project. As allowed under New York State Legislation (New York State Senate Bill S5825-2011 and New York State Assembly Bill A8496-2011), TLC proposes to issue 2,000 additional taxicab medallion licenses provided that such licenses be restricted to vehicles capable of transporting persons in wheelchairs or that contain a physical device or alteration designed to permit access to and enable the transportation of persons in wheelchairs in accordance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), provided further that:

- Such additional medallion licenses are issued by public sale;
- The additional medallion licenses are fully transferable;
- No more than four hundred of the taxicab medallion licenses authorized pursuant to the legislation, may be issued by TLC until a Disabled Accessibility Plan (DAP) is approved by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT); and
- Authorization for the public sale of the additional taxicab medallions is also conditioned upon the TLC making hail vehicle licenses available for issuance.

Sale of the additional medallions would be at the discretion of the Mayor of New York City through TLC, an action subject to review under the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) found in Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and the Rules of Procedure for City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) published as Chapter 5 of Title 62 of the Rules of the City of New York. In conformance with those requirements, the DEIS considered the environmental impacts of this discretionary action.

TLC anticipates that the public sale of the initial 400 taxicab licenses would occur in 2012, and that the remaining 1,600 additional taxicab licenses would be issued by public sale over an additional two year period with 800 medallions sold each year, subject to approval of the DAP by NYSDOT.

An Environmental Assessment Statement (EAS) with Positive Declaration and Draft Scope of Work were issued by the Taxi and Limousine Commission on March 9th, 2012. A Public Scoping meeting for the EAS and the Draft Scope of Work was held on April 19th at TLC's Commission Meeting Room. The DEIS, prepared in accordance with the Final Scope of Work issued on May 22, 2012, assesses the effects of the Proposed Actions on land use, zoning, and public policy; socioeconomic conditions; community facilities and services; open space; shadows; historic and cultural resources; urban design and visual resources; natural resources; hazardous materials; water and sewer infrastructure; solid waste and sanitation services; energy; transportation; air quality; greenhouse gas emissions; noise; public health; neighborhood character, and construction. The DEIS identifies the potential impacts to socioeconomic conditions and transportation. Many impacts would be mitigated, in whole or in part; others would remain unmitigated.

The DEIS also examined a No Action alternative.

Written comments will be accepted by the lead agency until 5:00 P.M on Friday, June 22, 2012, and may be submitted at the public hearing or to the below address.

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Document Availability: The DEIS will be available at the TLC website: www.nyc.gov/TLC. A CD-ROM copy of the DEIS can be made available upon request by contacting the Lead Agency contact listed above. The DEIS will be available at the following locations for review:

New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission
33 Beaver Street, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10004
Please call (212) 676-1137 for an appointment

New York City Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination
253 Broadway, 14th floor
New York, NY 10007

New York Public Library Muhlenberg Branch
209 West 23rd Street
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of Regulatory Services; DEC-Region II Office; Bronx Borough President;
Brooklyn Borough President; Manhattan Borough President; Queens Borough
President; Staten Island Borough President; New York City Economic
Development Corporation; New York City Department of Environmental
Protection; New York City Department of Transportation; New York City
Community Boards.