



NEW YORK CITY TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

# **Staff Presentation: For-Hire Vehicles - Improving Information**

**Commission Meeting  
January 11, 2007**

# Regulatory Concerns:

Lack of information at point of service

- Passengers need to easily confirm that:
  - Vehicle was dispatched by correct base
  - Vehicle is licensed
  - Driver is licensed
  - Base is licensed

# Current FHV Markings

- Administrative Code and TLC Rules currently require limited FHV markings
  - Proposed rules enhance the information provided
  - Proposed rules should allow for flexibility in markings as long as regulatory concerns are addressed

# Commercial Vehicle Markings

- NYC DOT rules dictates that commercial vehicles (not FHVs) display:
- *“The registrant’s name and address permanently affixed in characters at least three inches high on both sides of the vehicle.”*
- *“...in a color contrasting with that of the vehicle and placed approximately midway vertically on doors or side panels.”*



# Proposed Vehicle Markings

- External Base Markings
  - Increase vehicle and driver accountability
  - Share information with passengers & public
  - Specify parameters to ensure visibility



# Proposed Vehicle Markings

- External TLC License Markings
  - Increase vehicle and driver accountability
  - Share information with passengers



# Proposed Interior Vehicle License Display

- Internal Vehicle License:
  - Copy of Base Vehicle License
  - Driver TLC License
  - Vehicle TLC License
- Display of these licenses to be discussed

# Regulatory Concern:

## Prevalence of older, high mileage FHVs

|                             |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Total FHV Vehicles          | 37,844  |
| Average Age of Liveries     | 8 years |
| Average Age of Black Cars   | 5 years |
| Average Mileage of Liveries | 200,000 |

- Many FHVs are “recycled” high mileage cars
  - Former black cars or taxicabs
- They require additional maintenance to ensure safety and reliability

# Current TLC Licensed Vehicle Inspection Standards

- Taxicabs
  - Must pass inspection at the TLC's Inspection facility (DMV-certified) once every 4 months
  - Standard DMV safety and emissions inspection (116 items)
  - TLC inspection (126 items)
    - Meters, visual appearance, etc.

# Current Vehicle Inspection Standards

- FHVs
  - Must pass inspection at any DMV-certified inspection facility once every 4 months
  - Standard DMV safety and emissions inspection
  - No TLC inspection required

# Proposed Vehicle Inspection Standards

- Inspect all FHV's at TLC's Safety and Emission Facility:
  - Upon changes to TLC License
  - No less than once every two years
  - Conduct safety and visual inspection
  - TLC will attach license decals



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