

Taxicab Technology Service Enhancements

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- Stage 1- Functional Testing August 2006 - December- 2006
- Stage 2 - 50 Cab Evaluation December 2006
- Cabs begin Roll-Out Spring 2007
- All Cabs- Full Roll-Out Fall 2007

Progress Report

- One Service Provider Completed Stage 1
- Three Other Service Providers Completed Functional Testing of Stage 1
- Passenger Acceptance Surveys Completed – Report Pending

Proposed Rule Amendments

- Chapter 1- Taxicab Owner Rules
- Chapter 2- Taxicab Driver Rules
- Chapter 3- Taxicab Specifications
- Chapter 12- Taxicab Agent Rules
- Chapter 15- Taximeter Business Rules

Purpose of Proposed Rules Changes

- Consistent with Technology & Equipment
- Contractual Requirements of Service Providers
- Rights and Responsibilities of Drivers, Owners, Agents and Meter Manufacturers

System Malfunction

- Current Rules – Taxicab Cannot Operate For Hire
- Proposed Rules- Taxicab May Operate For Hire If Report Timely & Repaired Within Contractual Requirement

Compliance Deadline

- Current Rules – Firm Deadline
- Proposed Rules- Allow For Extension If Vehicle Retirement Date Is Within 90 days of Compliance Deadline or Service Provider Can Request Extension for Compliance If Attains Large Market Share

Equipment (Hardware)

- Anti –Tampering Similar to Taximeter Rules

Credit Card Acceptance

- Prohibit Driver From Charging Mark- Up For Acceptance of Credit Cards
- Limit Mark- Up That Owner/Agent May Charge Driver

Taxicab Agent Rules

- Owner Responsible For Compliance
- Rules Will Mirror Agent Responsibilities In Other Areas – Equipment, Dispatch