Resolution of Approval of Pilot Program To Test Video Recording Devices in Medallion Taxicabs

The proposed pilot program will test interior-mounted video recording devices that are capable of recording images of exterior events and driver behavior in medallion taxicabs, subject to chapter 14 of the TLC rules and the terms and conditions listed below. The purpose of the proposed pilot program is to explore the possibility that the installation of such video recording devices may deter unsafe driving behavior, and thereby decrease the incidence of taxicab accidents; may document accident occurrences and facilitate a more accurate determination of accident liability, whether against or in favor of the driver and/or medallion owner; may facilitate improved driver training; and may lead to decreased taxicab insurance rates.

1. Duration

- i. Maximum of 13 months.
- 2. Implementation and Evaluation
 - Report to the Chairperson and Commission by pilot program participants pursuant to 8 and 9 below
 - ii. Pending Chairperson and Commission evaluation of pilot performance, rulemaking could begin with publication of proposed rules 9 months after the start of the pilot.
- 3. Number of participants
 - i. Unlimited number of participants
- 4. Means of public notice
 - i. Notice of opportunity to participate in a pilot program published
 - 1. City Record
 - 2. TLC website
- 5. Process for selection of participants
 - i. Approved as a participant pending execution of an MOU pursuant to 7 below.
 - ii. Solicit applications from additional potential participants based on notice in the City Record and on the TLC website
 - iii. Review applications based on standards set forth in notice
 - iv. Including but not limited to review of proposed technology and its safe and effective deployment elsewhere
- 6. Safety and visual evaluation
 - i. Required for all participants before start of pilot program
 - ii. Conducted by Assistant Commissioner for Safety & Emissions
- 7. MOUs or other binding agreements required
 - i. Stipulations shall include, but will not be limited to the following provisions
 - A participant is required to place equipment in at least one medallion taxicab within 2 months of signing an MOU or binding agreement with the Chairperson.
 - a. If no participants have signed an MOU or binding agreement with the Chairperson within six (6) months of the Commission's approval of the Pilot Program, the program will be considered to have expired automatically.
 - 2. No less than 3 and no more than 20 medallion taxicabs per participant can take part in this pilot program
 - 3. No more than 500 medallion taxicabs in total can take part in this pilot program.
 - Equipment must be removed from taxicabs in service following completion of pilot program or cancellation of MOU, unless rulemaking action is taken by the Commission.
 - 5. Vehicles used in this pilot must have a currently licensed medallion affixed.



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Equipment must include a video recording device as described in this
resolution, and may include other data recording components such as audio
and computer data collection, provided that those components are
integrated with the video recording component of the same equipment.

8. Evaluation Criteria

- i. Specific criteria will be finalized in the MOU/binding agreements and may include the following:
 - 1. Owner satisfaction
 - a. Impact on taxicab operation
 - b. Any additional accrued benefits
 - 2. Driver Satisfaction
 - a. Impact on taxicab operation
 - b. Any additional accrued benefits
 - 3. Passenger Satisfaction
 - a. General passenger satisfaction with equipment
 - 4. Technology Efficiency
 - a. Ease of use by driver
 - b. Value added to owner
 - c. Quality and Quantity of data recorded
 - 5. TLC S&E inspection results
 - a. Regularly-scheduled inspections
 - 6. Focus group and real-life road testing

9. Reporting requirements

- Each pilot program participant should submit to the Chairperson a report on the first 6 months of performance based on evaluation criteria called for in the MOU/binding agreements
 - 1. Submitted no later than 7 months after the first vehicle is put into service
 - 2. Complete reports to be forwarded to the Commission one month later.
- ii. Each pilot program participant will share collected data from installed devices with TLC at the request of TLC.
- iii. Participants and TLC licensees should also provide additional information as requested by the Chairperson.

