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NEW 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT GOES INTO EFFECT NOVEMBER 7, 2014

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) wishes to inform all its licensed drivers that, starting on November 7, 2014, the default speed limit on all New York City streets will be 25 MPH, unless otherwise posted.

This new speed limit will be enforced by the TLC, the NYPD and by speed enforcement cameras. By getting New York drivers to slow down, we will prevent crashes and protect New Yorkers from injury and save lives. Lowering the speed limit to 25 MPH is one component of Mayor Bill de Blasio's comprehensive Vision Zero Action Plan to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries.

The faster a vehicle is travelling, the more time a driver needs to stop when something unexpected happens – meaning that collisions are more likely. Crashes that happen at higher speeds are more deadly -- a pedestrian struck by a vehicle travelling at 25 MPH is half as likely to die as a pedestrian who is struck by a vehicle traveling at 30 MPH.

The new 25 MPH speed limit will affect all NYC streets, except those where a different speed limit is posted. The speed limits on our highways will remain the same. Some larger streets, which have been designed to accommodate faster speeds will remain at 30 MPH while the Department of Transportation (DOT) evaluates these locations. Other streets, particularly streets near schools, may have lower speed limits posted. As of November 7, 2014, all streets that do not have a posted speed limit will have a speed limit of 25 MPH.

For more information about the new speed limit law, pleasevisit the NYC DOT website at: http://www.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/motorist/motorist.shtml.

Questions about Vision Zero? Please visit: <u>www.nyc.gov/visionzero</u>