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## TLC LAUNCHES NEW GROUP RIDE STAND AT LAGUARDIA AIRPORT TERMINALS

## New Service is Part of Mayor Bloomberg's Plan To Enhance Transit Options in New York City

Following a brief pre-launch testing period, the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) today inaugurated a new group ride service stand at the Marine Air and Delta Shuttle Terminals at LaGuardia Airport.

The new yellow taxi group ride stand at the Marine Air and Delta Shuttle Terminals will serve passengers between the hours of 7 and 10 a.m. and 4 and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Passengers would pay a flat fare of \$22 per person for rides with two passengers, or \$18 per person for rides with three passengers for taxicab rides from the group ride stand location to drop-off points bounded by 59<sup>th</sup> Street to the north, 35<sup>th</sup> Street to the south, 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the west and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to the east. Drivers will not be able to pick up additional passengers along the way.

As with all yellow taxicab rides, passengers will have the ability to pay their group ride fare by either cash or credit/debit card.

"This stand seemed like a natural place for us to launch group ride service, as many people already share rides from our airports. This program standardizes the experience in a way that benefits the passenger as much as it does both the driver and our environment," said TLC Commissioner David Yassky. "We encourage taxi riders to give our existing stands a try, as we continue to look for opportunities to build on the group riding concept throughout city."

Further information on the Group Ride Stand is available on the TLC's web site at www.nyc.gov/taxi.