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## **Boro Taxi Program Moving Ahead With Accessibility and Outreach as Central Components**

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The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) today highlighted its commitment to improving for-hire transportation options in upper Manhattan and the other boroughs, and announced upcoming goals and milestones for the Street Hail Livery (SHL) program. Chief among these goals will be to ensure that the plan fully optimizes every available opportunity to enrich service for persons who use wheelchairs.

The City will sell additional SHL permits from the second tranche of 6,000 permits authorized by the law as soon as the TLC finalizes a fully considered plan on how to make those vehicles and the overall fleet as accessible as possible, and has approval from the State on a Disabled Accessibility Plan (DAP). The DAP will be shared with the New York City Council for its review at the end of May, and is then due to the New York State Department of Transportation in mid-June for action by mid-August. Permit issuance should then begin in late summer. It is anticipated that the DAP approval process will incorporate crucial guidance on accessibility requirements for new issuances of outer borough permits

In keeping with the de Blasio administration's emphasis on communications and inclusion, the TLC is also currently in discussions with all stakeholders, including members of the green Boro Taxi industry and accessibility advocates about how to best maximize legal, quality service throughout the five boroughs for all riders.

Said TLC Chair Meera Joshi, "The expansion of this service will have far-reaching effects on many constituencies, and the importance of fully considering accessibility, making sure that every stakeholder's voice is heard, and that all concerns have been heard and addressed is vital to the continued success of this program."

Of the 6,000 SHL permits issued last year, over 5,000 of the vehicles are currently on the road providing service. The program's enabling state legislation allows the second issuance of up to 6,000 permits to be sold anytime after mid-June.