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TLC LICENSEE TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION: "Thru Streets" Modifications; "Gridlock Alert" Days; Single Occupancy Vehicle Restrictions

I. Modifications to Midtown Thru Streets Initiative

The New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) has modified its "Midtown Thru Streets Initiative," the program of which licensees were previously notified via Industry Notice #02-23.

The City will continue the "Midtown Thru Streets Initiative" throughout the holiday season. Effective Monday, November 18 at 10:00 a.m., however, the City will implement the following adjustments to the program:

- **Motorists now will be able to make turns off the thru streets onto Park Avenue.**
- **59th Street is being removed from the "Midtown Thru Streets Initiative".**

All other aspects of the "Midtown Thru Streets Initiative" remain in effect as established.

Under the "Thru Streets" program, turns will continue to be barred between 3rd and 6th Avenues, except Park Avenue, on the following streets from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays:

- **36th and 37th Streets**
- **45th and 46th Streets**
- **49th and 50th Streets**
- **53rd and 54th Streets**
- **60th Street**

II. "Gridlock Alert" Days

The DOT has also designated 10 upcoming dates as "gridlock alert" days. "Gridlock alert" days are those for which the City anticipates at least an 8 percent increase in vehicular traffic. The "gridlock alert" days for the coming weeks are as follows:

- **Friday, November 22**
- **Wednesday, November 27**
- **Wednesday, December 4**
- **Friday, December 6**
- **Wednesday, December 11**
- **Friday, December 13**
- **Wednesday, December 18**
- **Thursday, December 19**
- **Friday, December 20**

III. Single Occupancy Vehicle Restrictions Still in Effect

Medallion taxicabs and for-hire vehicles will continue to be exempt from the City's Single Occupancy Vehicle (SOV) and High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) restrictions. However, licensees may nevertheless find the following information useful.

The City's SOV restrictions will be in effect indefinitely at the lower five Manhattan crossings: the Brooklyn, Manhattan and Williamsburg Bridges and the Brooklyn Battery and Lincoln Tunnels. SOV restrictions are in effect from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on weekdays.

The City has also implemented an HOV lane for vehicles with three or more passengers along the Gowanus Expressway, from the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge to the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel.

SOV and HOV restrictions will be lifted on the following three days:

- **Thanksgiving Day, November 28**
- **Christmas Day, December 25**
- **New Year's Day, January 1**