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## TLC NEWS | ARCHIVED PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF COMPLETION  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
(CEQR # 03TLC001Y)  
NEW YORK CITY TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Executive Order 91 of 1977, as amended, and the Rules of Procedure for City Environmental Quality Review, found at Title 62, Chapter 5 (CEQR) of the Rules of the City of New York, that the Taxi and Limousine Commission has issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). This DEIS considers the effect of the TLC proposal to add 900 additional taxicab medallions, as authorized pursuant to Local Law No. 51 of 2003. The TLC has considered the possible impact upon air quality and has concluded that the addition of these medallions will have no significant adverse impact upon air quality. The DEIS has also concluded that the proposed action will have a minimal impact upon traffic congestion at certain key intersections in the central business district, but that these impacts could be mitigated by making minor changes to traffic light sequences. The DEIS also concludes that the possibility exists that additional medallions may affect the taxicab industry by depressing the value of the taxicab medallion, a transferable asset with a significant monetary value. The future value of such assets cannot be predicted, as values are dependent upon such factors as interest rates, availability of credit, and revenues received by the taxicab industry.

A public hearing will be held at the Taxi and Limousine Commission Offices at 40 Rector Street, 5th Floor, in Manhattan, on **January, 7, 2004 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, and on **January 12, 2004, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**, for comment on the DEIS. The applicant, the Taxi and Limousine Commission, is proposing to issue up to 900 new taxicab medallions. The proposal involves changes potentially affecting traffic, air quality and socioeconomic conditions on a citywide basis.

Public comments are requested with respect to the findings of the DEIS. Speakers may pre-register by contacting Peter M. Mazer at 212-676-1135.

Further information, including copies of the DEIS, may be obtained at 40 Rector Street, 5th Floor or at the New York City Office of Environmental Coordination, 100 Gold St., Second Floor. The DEIS can also be viewed on the TLC's website: [www.nyc.gov/taxi](http://www.nyc.gov/taxi). To request a copy or schedule an inspection, please contact Peter M. Mazer. Written comments in connection with the DEIS may be sent through January, 23, 2004 to:

**Peter M. Mazer**  
**Deputy Commissioner for Legal Affairs**  
New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission  
40 Rector Street, 5th Floor  
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