

NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Taxi Medallion Increase CEQR No. *12TLC026Y*

September 13, 2013

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC), as lead agency, has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (“DEIS”) for the proposed Taxi Medallion Increase project. As allowed under Chapter 602 of the Laws of 2011 of the State of New York and Chapter 9 of the Laws of 2012 of the State of New York, the TLC proposes to issue 2,000 additional taxicab medallion licenses provided that such licenses be restricted to vehicles capable of transporting persons in wheelchairs or that contain a physical device or alteration designed to permit access to and enable the transportation of persons in wheelchairs in accordance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), provided further that:

- Such additional medallion licenses are issued by public sale;
- The additional medallion licenses are fully transferable;
- No more than four hundred of the taxicab medallion licenses authorized pursuant to the legislation, may be issued by TLC until a Disabled Accessibility Plan (DAP) is approved by the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT); and
- Authorization for the public sale of the additional taxicab medallions is also conditioned upon the TLC making hail vehicle licenses available for issuance.

Sale of the additional medallions would be at the discretion of the Mayor of New York City through TLC, an action subject to review under the requirements of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) found in Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and the Rules of Procedure for City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) published as Chapter 5 of Title 62 of the Rules of the City of New York. In conformance with those requirements, the DEIS considered the environmental impacts of this discretionary action.

TLC anticipates that the public sale of the initial 400 taxicab licenses would occur by June 2014, and that the remaining 1,600 additional taxicab licenses would be issued by public sale through 2017, subject to approval of the DAP by NYSDOT.

The DEIS, prepared in accordance with the Final Scope of Work issued on May 22, 2012, assesses the effects of the Proposed Actions on land use, zoning, and public policy; socioeconomic conditions; community facilities and services; open space; shadows; historic and cultural resources; urban design and visual resources; natural resources; hazardous materials; water and sewer infrastructure; solid waste and sanitation services;

energy; transportation; air quality; greenhouse gas emissions; noise; public health; neighborhood character, and construction. The DEIS identifies the potential impacts to socioeconomic conditions, air and transportation. Many impacts would be mitigated, in whole or in part; others would remain unmitigated.

The DEIS also examined a No Action alternative.

A public hearing on the DEIS will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2013, at the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission – Commission Room located at 33 Beaver Street, 19th Floor, New York, New York, 10004. The meeting will commence at 6:00pm and close at 8:00pm. Written comments will be accepted by the lead agency until Tuesday October 15, 2013.

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Document Availability: The DEIS will be available at the TLC website: www.nyc.gov/TLC. A CD-ROM copy of the DEIS can be made available upon request by contacting the Lead Agency contact listed above. The DEIS will be available at the following locations for review:

New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission
33 Beaver Street, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10004
Please call (212) 676-1137 for an appointment

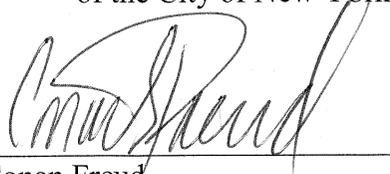
New York City Mayor's Office of Environmental Coordination
253 Broadway, 14th floor
New York, NY 10007

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209 West 23rd Street
New York, NY

This Notice has been prepared in accordance with:

- SEQRA, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law (ECL §§ 8-0101 et seq.), and its implementing regulations, Title 6 NYCRR §617; and

- CEQR requirements as established in Executive Order No. 91 of 1977, and as set forth in its implementing Rules and Procedures, Title 62, Chapter 5 of the Rules of the City of New York.

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Conan Freud
Chief Operating Officer
New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission