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TLC APPROVES LIVERY VAN GROUP RIDE PILOT

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Proposed Service Locations Announced For Areas Impacted by MTA Service Cuts

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The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) today voted unanimously to authorize a pilot program that would create a framework for livery van group ride service in certain areas throughout the city that are either underserved by mass transit or impacted by recent MTA service cuts. The program was announced by Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, Deputy Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, TLC Commissioner David Yassky and Council Speaker Christine C. Quinn on June 22, 2010.

The new service will allow point-to-point, shared ride service among specified pick up and drop off locations, with initial service areas based around MTA bus routes that have been eliminated or significantly reduced. It is anticipated that passengers will pay a flat fare of \$2. Vehicles will be clearly marked (both outside and inside) for identification as participating in the pilot. Pick up and drop off locations will be marked with DOT-provided signage. Drop-offs can occur at the fixed stops or at other locations passengers negotiate with drivers.

“The TLC’s action today paves the road for a new form of service that we believe will be of great benefit to people affected by the MTA’s service reductions,” said Commissioner Yassky. “One of the great advantages of having a comprehensive transportation network as we do in New York City is that it sometimes has the flexibility to serve people in new and better ways that never before existed, and this van program is a perfect example of this.”

Bases, commuter van authorities, and other businesses capable of providing the service can participate by responding to a Notice of Solicitation that will be distributed shortly. The program is limited to vehicles that can hold 6 to 20 passengers. Drivers, vehicles, and bases/commuter van authorities will apply for a new license specific to the piloted service. Insurance and licensing requirements for the pilot will be similar to existing van/livery service requirements. TLC will select operators for the pilot and enter into MOU agreements with them. We anticipate the service being available to the public on or around August 16, 2010.

The following are five service locations that have been initially chosen. Several others will follow. (*Specific pick-up and drop-off locations will be announced once MOU agreements have been finalized.*):

1. Former B23
Borough Park, Kensington, Flatbush
1,580 weekday customers



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2. Former B71
Park Slope, Carroll Gardens, Prospect Heights
1,080 weekday customers
3. Former B39
Williamsburg, Manhattan
1,180 weekday customers
4. Former Q74
Kew Gardens, Queens College
2,100 weekday customers
5. Former Q79
Little Neck, Glen Oaks, Bellerose
650 weekday customers

The program, which will be implemented in close coordination with members of the New York City Council and other elected officials, will include a strong enforcement component in conjunction with the NYPD.