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**First Battery Electric Vehicle Pilot Taxis Go on Road in NYC**

**NEW YORK --** The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) is pleased to announce that the first participant in its Battery Electric Vehicle Taxi Pilot was hacked-up at its Safety and Emissions facility and went on the road today, and that five Electric Taxis received the 2021/2023 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary medallion design.

“Electric is the future for the Taxi industry, and this pilot will help ensure that many more Electric Taxis provide service in New York City,” said TLC Commissioner and Chair Aloysee Heredia Jarmoszuk. “The pilot will also help TLC evaluate how Electric Vehicles can improve the experience of Drivers and Medallion Owners, and it will look at how Licensees can save money on fuel and maintenance, as well as through tax credits, rebates, and toll discounts, while simultaneously reducing carbon emissions. It is fitting that the Taxis hacked up today are the first to showcase the new Taxi Medallion, since Electric is the way forward for New York City.”

The taxi hacked up today at the TLC’s Safety and Emissions facility was the first to display the new 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary medallions for 2021/2023. To recognize the anniversary, the TLC commissioned two designs from an MWBE company, the Studio NYC, for the 2021 medallion, in line with the aesthetics and design trends of the early 1970s. The designs are in part inspired by the iconic designer Massimo Vignelli, whose works have influenced the New York City Subway with elegant simplicity and color. When a taxi is hacked-up, this includes a full TLC inspection, inspection of the meter, and placement of the Medallion.

The new Electric Taxi models [available](#) for hack-up now include the Kia Niro EV, Tesla Model Y, Hyundai Ioniq Electric, Audi E-Tron, Mustang Mach-E, and three electric Volkswagen models. Other models can also still be considered for the Pilot Program. The new pilot significantly increases the number of Electric Vehicle options available to Taxi Medallion Owners, and these taxis join 16 Tesla Model 3 taxis currently on the road.

The TLC is committed to improving the experience of TLC-Licensed Drivers when they provide service, and it will evaluate the 12-month pilot through data analysis and communication with Drivers and Medallion Owners.