



**Participating Drivers Will Earn an Extra \$1
for Accessible Trips in Yellow WAVs**

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The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) is pleased to announce that medallion taxicab drivers will now earn an extra \$1 for any trip provided in a wheelchair-accessible (yellow taxi) vehicle (WAV). This increase doubles the \$.50 per trip that drivers had earned. Passengers will continue to pay the same 30-cent Taxi Improvement Fund (TIF) surcharge on all metered rides.

“Professional drivers play a tremendous role in making New York City more accessible and equitable to passengers with disabilities,” said Commissioner Meera Joshi. “This will give hardworking TLC licensees greater financial resources as they provide this vital service to the riding public.”

“This incentive will help to expand the pool of drivers and increase the number of accessible taxicabs throughout the five Boros,” said Victor Calise, Commissioner of the Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities. “This will have a positive impact on the quality of lives for those with disabilities working, living and visiting our City.”

TIF has provided financial opportunities for taxicab drivers and owners since the program’s launch in 2016.

- Since January 2016, almost \$6 million in TIF payments have been made to the drivers of wheelchair accessible taxis, including more than \$1.5 million this year alone.
- Accessible taxi owners have received more than \$34 million in TIF payments that have helped to offset vehicle purchases and higher maintenance costs since January 2016, and over \$4.5 million since January 2018.
- As of May 2018, 4,285 TLC-licensed drivers have enrolled to receive TIF payments, as well as 2,123 taxicab owners.
- Drivers received an average of almost \$90 every two weeks from the Taxi Improvement Fund.

To take part in the Taxi Improvement Fund program, , drivers must sign up here: http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/downloads/pdf/tif_driver.pdf.

NOTE: The \$1 payment is *in addition* to the metered fare.

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) was created in 1971, and is the agency responsible for the regulation and licensing of taxicabs, for-hire vehicles, their

drivers, and the businesses that operate and support their industries. It is recognized as the largest and most active taxi and for-hire vehicle regulatory body in the United States.

To find out more about the TLC, or to review its rules, regulations and procedures, we encourage you to visit our official website at www.nyc.gov/taxi.