

Proposed Bills to Facilitate Study of Congestion by Limiting Issuance of New For-Hire Vehicle (FHV) Licenses



Reasons for Temporary Growth Limitation



Recent FHV Fleet Growth Has Been Tremendous

25,000 new FHV's since 2011

63% growth in FHV fleet

FHV Growth Expected to Continue

2,000 new vehicle licenses issued *each month* of FY2015

FHV Growth Concentrated in Congested Manhattan Core

72% of pick-ups by high-growth FHV companies take place in congested Manhattan Core

FHV Fleet Growth May Be Causing Worsening Traffic Congestion



- 9% decline in average Manhattan traffic speeds, from 9.35 mph to 8.51 mph*
- 5% decline in rush hour MTA bus speeds**
- Need a study to determine impact associated with FHV's



Public Health



Quality of Life



Ability for
Businesses to
Thrive

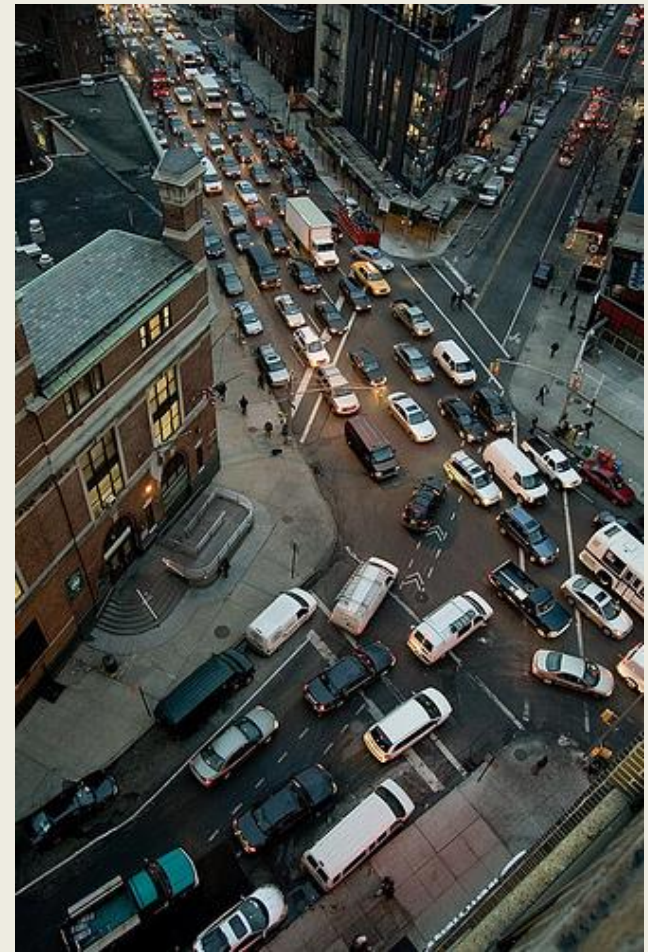
* 2010 to 2014. Source: NYC DOT.

** 2013 to 2014. Source: NYC DOT.

Proposed Bill



- TLC may only issue limited quantity of new FHV licenses until (1) TLC, DOT and DEP complete a study of the impact of FHV industry growth, or (2) August 31, 2016 (whichever comes first).
- The limitations depend on the base's size as of June 15, 2015:
 - 500+ vehicles: may grow 1%
 - 20 to 499 vehicles: may grow 5%
 - 19 or fewer: may grow 15%
- Bill gives City time to study issue during a period of gradual growth and make informed policy.
- Limitation does not apply to green Boro Taxis, which serve the outer boroughs and Northern Manhattan.



Public Will Continue to Have Excellent For-Hire Access



Plenty of Service Will Be Available

- 63,000 FHV's and 13,587 taxis

App-Based Service Will be Widely Available

- Over 25,000 FHV's already use apps for pickups

App-Based Service Can Continue to Grow

- Drivers can use apps regardless of which base they are affiliated with
- Apps can continue to recruit drivers to their bases, or just to use their apps

FHV Industry Can Continue to Thrive While Growth is Slowed



Existing FHV Owners/Drivers

- Still able to renew licenses and switch vehicles and bases
- May take calls from any app or licensed base of the same class
- May benefit from stemming the tide of new vehicles

Existing Bases

- May affiliate new FHV's within growth limitation and/or affiliate FHV's that were previously with other bases
- Can give each affiliated vehicle more calls (welcome by drivers)
- Can send extra calls to other bases' vehicles

New Drivers

- Can join as new vehicle owners with a base that has not hit its limitation
- May join industry by driving second shift on an existing vehicle
- May join by signing on with a base with existing vehicles