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 FHVs 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

Data source: NYC TLC.
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 FHVs

* 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 FHVs and 13,587 taxis

**App-Based Service Will be Widely Available**
- Over 25,000 FHVs 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 FHVs within growth limitation and/or affiliate FHVs 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