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Industry Notice #05-05

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CENTRAL PARK DRIVE CLOSURES ASSOCIATED WITH ART PROJECT "THE GATES"

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) wishes to remind all driver licensees that the Central Park Drives will be closed to vehicular traffic through Friday, February 11 due to the installation work of *The Gates* and the anticipated high volumes of pedestrian traffic. The Sixth Avenue entrance at Central Park South to East 72nd Street and 5th Avenue exit will remain open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The transverses will also continue to be open to traffic at all hours.

The drives will again be closed following the completion of *The Gates* from February 28, 2005 through March 4, 2005 to allow for the safe removal of *The Gates* from Central Park.

The Park Drives are always closed to motor traffic weekdays: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. (weekday exception: Drive from the Sixth Avenue entrance on Central Park South to East 72nd Street exit remains open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.). On weekends the drives are closed: 7 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Monday. The drives also close on occasion due to icy conditions, on holidays, and before and during major events such as the New York City Marathon.

In anticipation of the increased volume of pedestrian traffic expected in February due to *The Gates*, the New York City Departments of Parks & Recreation and Transportation will have alternate side closures from Monday, February 14 through Friday, February 25. During this time, the West Drive will only be open during morning rush hours from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. The East Drive will only be open during afternoon rush hours from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.