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NYC TLC ANNOUNCES PILOT -- SHORT HAUL TICKETS AT JFK AIRPORT FOR FIVE TOWNS DESTINATIONS

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) announced today that, in cooperation with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ), the drivers of medallion taxicabs will receive Short Haul (“shorty”) tickets for rides to destinations in the Five Towns area of Nassau County from John F. Kennedy (JFK) International Airport as a pilot program. The pilot program would begin Monday April 6, and culminate in a review for permanent status in August of this year.

The Short Haul tickets will allow taxicab drivers to queue at the Short Haul Line at the Central Taxi Hold of JFK Airport, for rapid dispatch to terminal taxi lines.

“The concept first saw light as a request by the League of Mutual Taxi Owners (LOMTO), and its Managing Director Vincent Sapone,” said TLC Commissioner/Chairman Matthew W. Daus. “It was a pro-business idea that made good sense to us at the TLC and the Port Authority, and we are very pleased that our close working relationship with both LOMTO and the PA has resulted in our taking it from concept to reality.”

Trips to the following destinations will be eligible for participation in the pilot program: Lawrence, Cedarhurst, Woodmere, Inwood, Hewlett Bay Park, Hewlett Harbor, Hewlett Neck, Hewlett, Woodsburgh, and North Woodmere.