



# WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBILITY

PROPOSED RULES AND PHASE-IN PLAN

# Agenda

- Review of TLC accessibility initiatives to date
- Outline new plan to make **50%** of yellow taxis wheelchair-accessible by **2020**  
Half of existing unrestricted medallions retiring each year will convert to wheelchair-accessible vehicles beginning on Accessible Conversion Start Date\*  
Establish **Taxicab Improvement Fund** to help fund additional owners and drivers providing accessible service (funded through a passenger surcharge beginning in 2015)
- Discuss next steps

\*Date when an accessible, hybrid vehicle is available that meets TLC and City standards for accessible and alt-fuel vehicles or January 1, 2016, whichever is earlier

# Accessibility Timeline



First 231 accessible-only medallions sold

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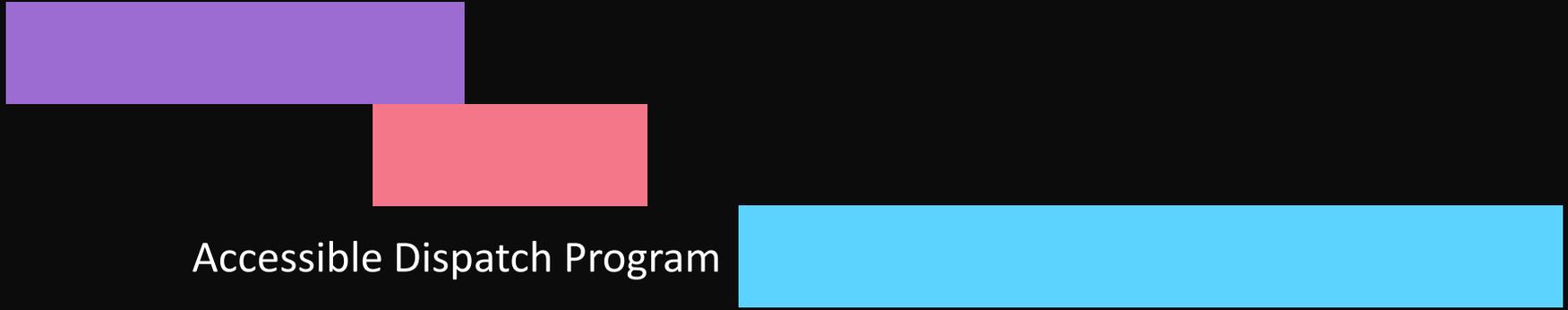
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Accessible Dispatch Pilot

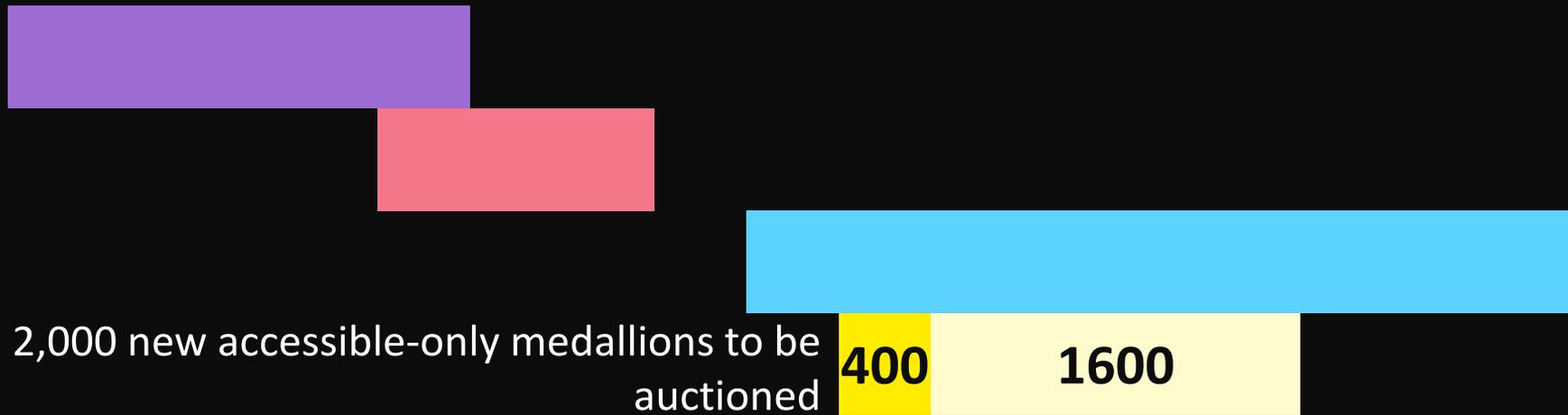
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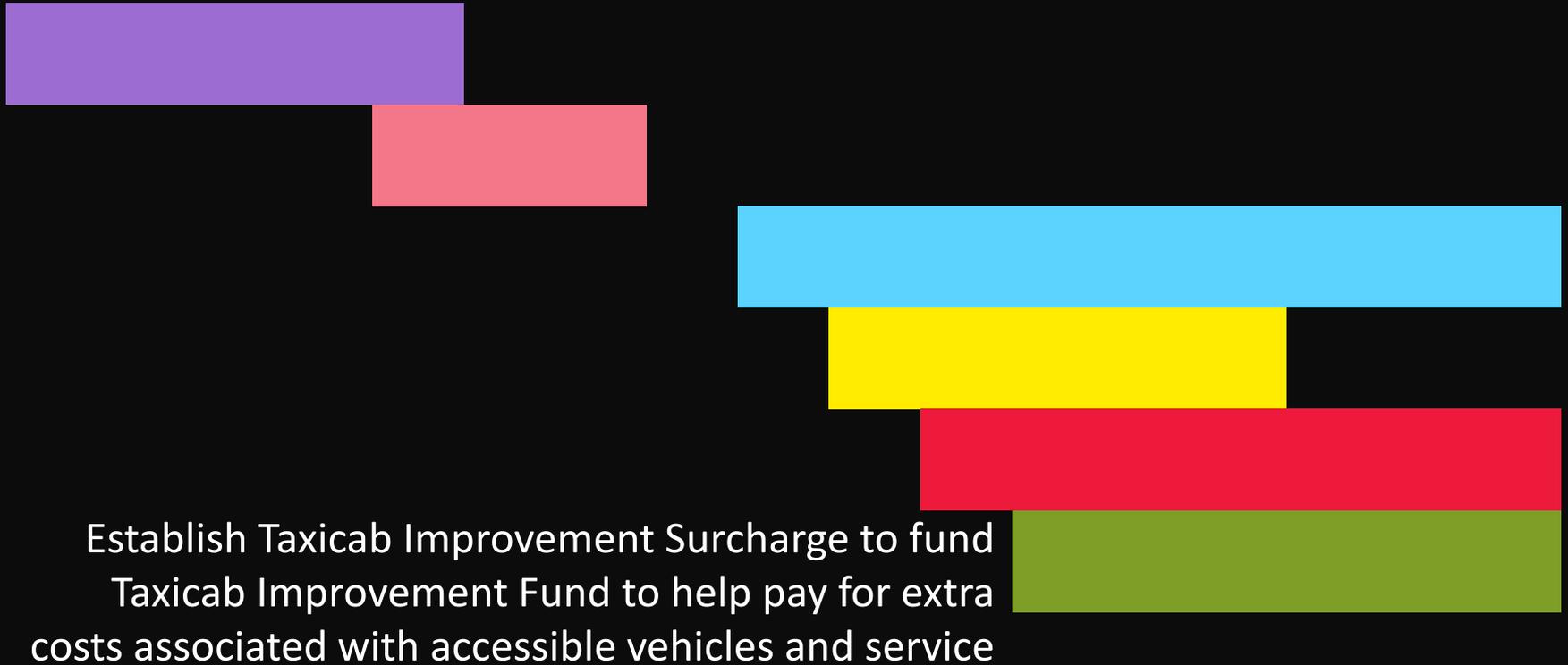
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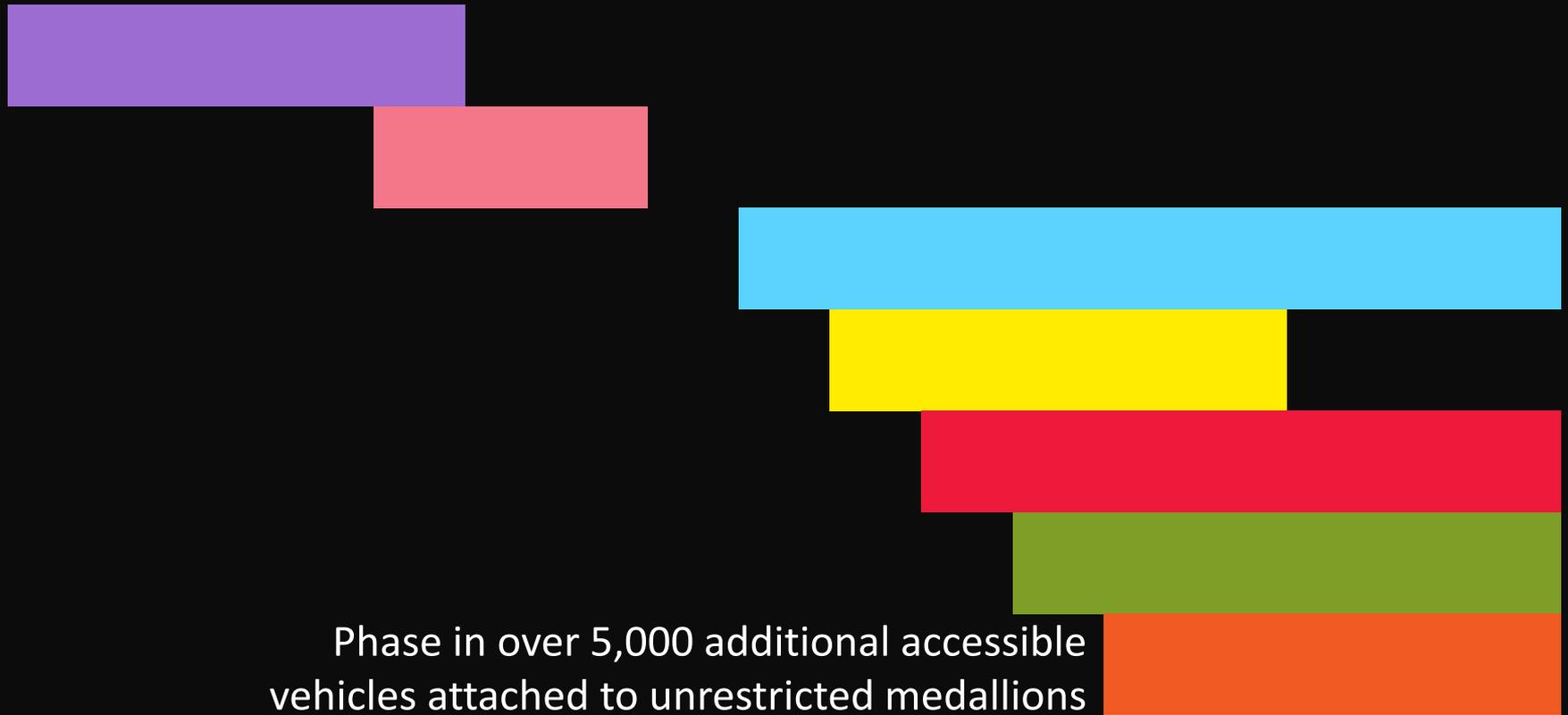
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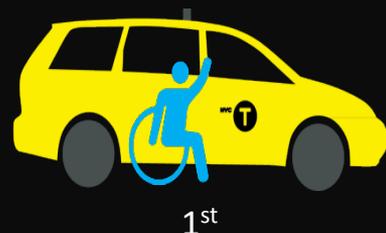


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# Accessible Vehicle Phase-In

## Minifleet Unrestricted Medallion Owners

Every medallion scheduled to retire after the Accessible Conversion Start Date must be hacked up with an accessible vehicle until at least one half of the ownership unit's medallions are being used with accessible vehicles.



## Independent Unrestricted Medallion Owners

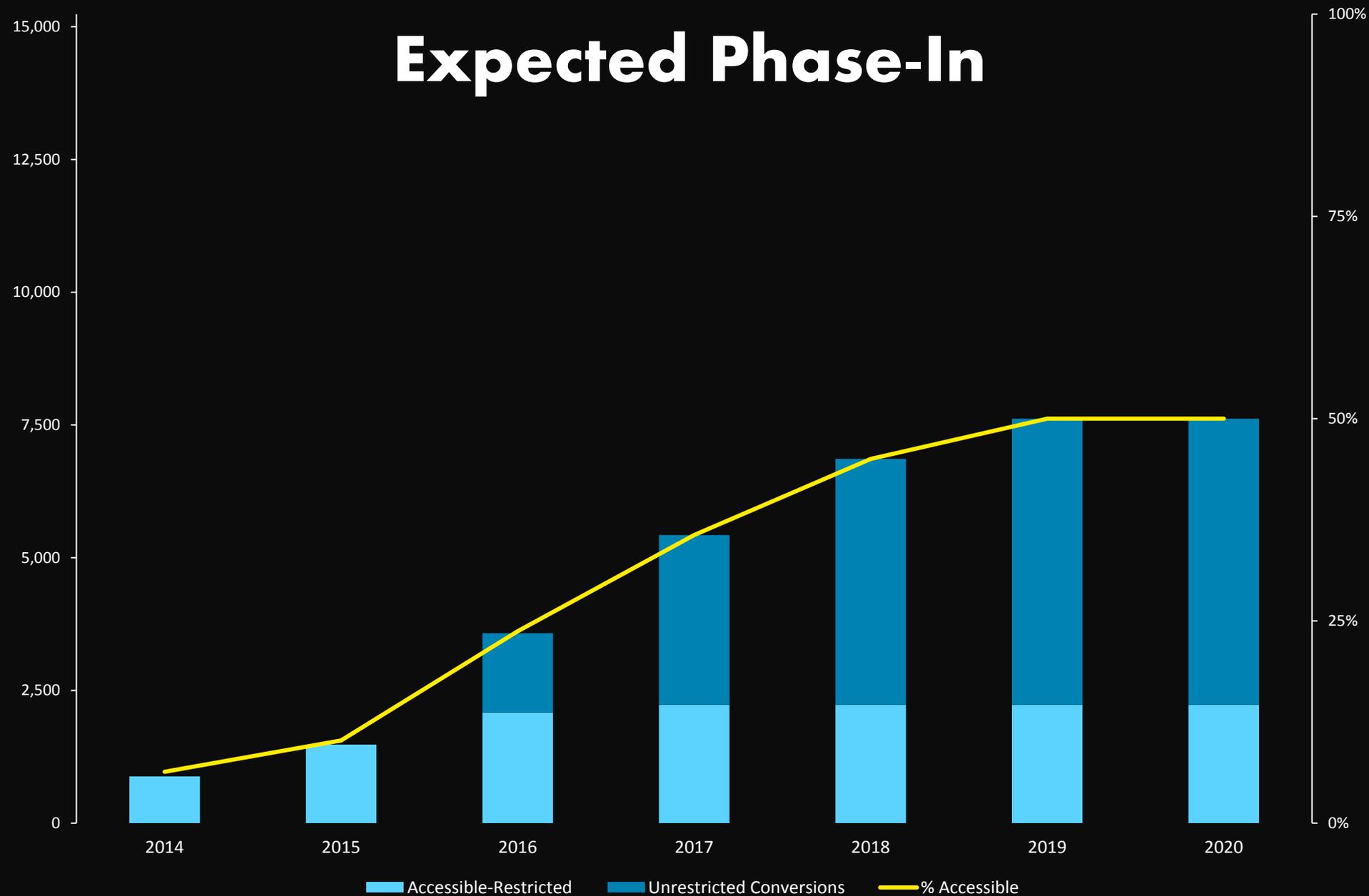
After the Accessible Conversion Start Date, half of independent unrestricted medallion owners will be required to operate accessible vehicles.

Half of all medallions scheduled for retirement each calendar year will be selected through biannual lottery to operate an accessible vehicle.

The other half will have an accessibility requirement after their next scheduled retirement date.



# Expected Phase-In



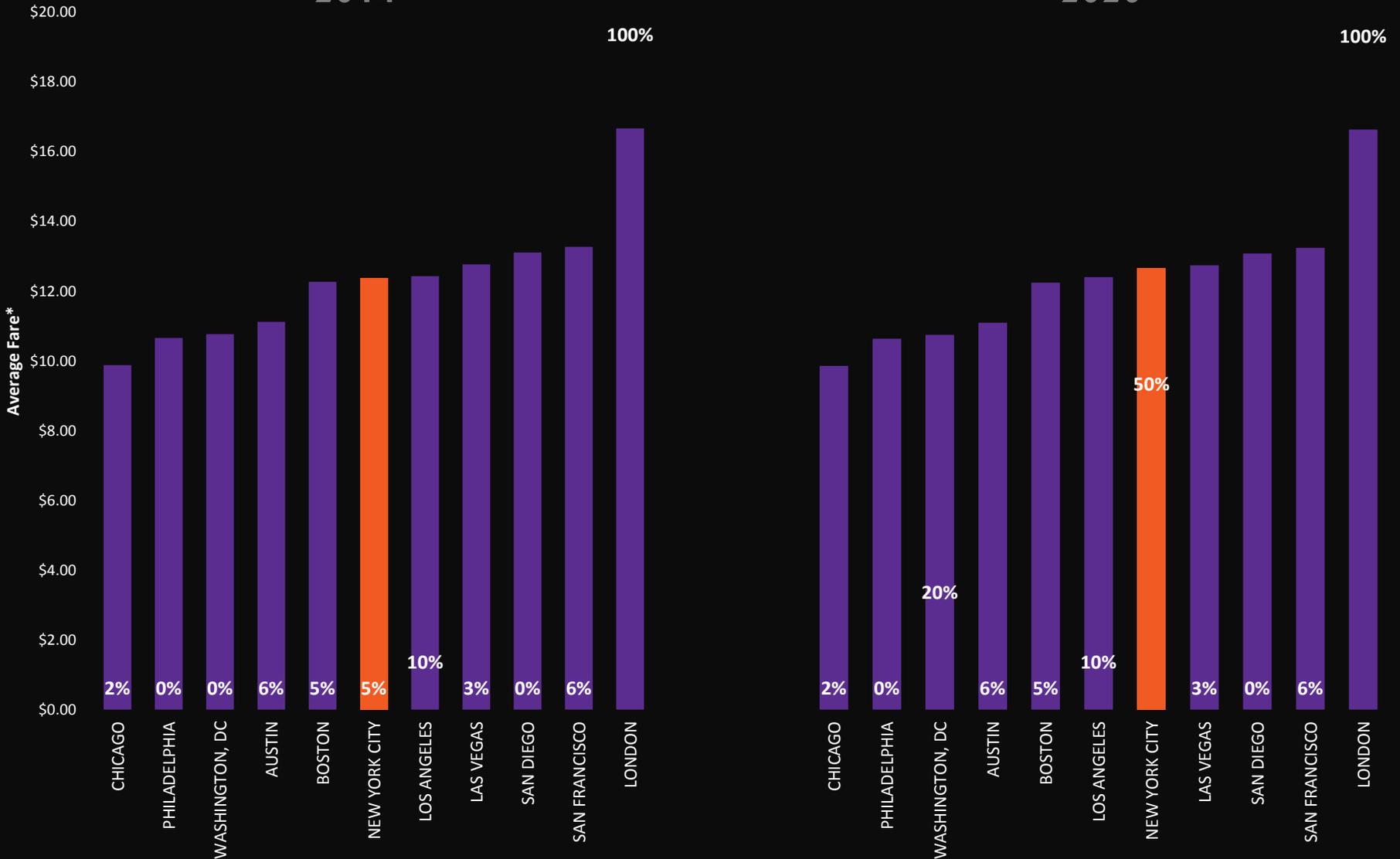
# Taxicab Improvement Surcharge



# Fares and Accessibility

2014

2020



\*Calculated using typical NYC trip: 2.8 miles traveled and 4.77 minutes waiting time; Weekday at 5:00pm

# Review of the Fund

Per proposed rules, TLC will review the Fund annually beginning in 2017, evaluating the following:

Whether the surcharge should be lowered, raised, or kept the same

Whether possible alternative sources of funding exist for the Fund

Whether grant amounts should be adjusted

Based on real costs incurred by owners and drivers converting to accessible service

# Street Hail Liveries

Same 30¢ surcharge will be applied to all SHL trips

Owner and driver funds will be established similar to yellow taxi funds



# Next Steps

New rules detailing Taxicab Improvement Fund collection and payment

New rules detailing the Fund plan for SHLs

Evaluation plan for the Fund review beginning in 2017



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