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CITY ANNOUNCES TAXI STRIKE CONTINGENCY PLAN

In the event of a labor action by some drivers of yellow taxis, the City has created a contingency plan that will be implemented to optimize space in yellow taxis that are operating, while also encouraging the use of mass transit. The NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC), working together with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) have announced a system of amended fare structures that permits and encourages group rides throughout the City, as well as flat rate fares to and from LaGuardia (LGA) and Kennedy (JFK) airports.

The plan authorizes group ride taxicab service throughout the five boroughs. If riders choose the group ride options, they will be required to adhere to a zone-based fare structure of \$10 per person within a given zone, and an additional \$5 per person for each zone subsequently entered or passed through.

- All riders have the option to choose non-group rides. In that scenario, normal metered rates will apply.
- Tolls are included in all zone-based and flat fare rides.
- Charges apply to adult riders only. Children under 12 ride free with adults

Fare Zone

ZONE	AREA
Zone A	Manhattan: Battery – 23 rd Street
Zone B	Manhattan: 23 rd Street – 60 th Street
Zone C	Manhattan: 60 th Street – 96 th Street
Zone D	Manhattan: North of 96 th Street
Zone E	Brooklyn
Zone F	The Bronx
Zone G	Queens
Zone H	Staten Island

Trips to JFK and LGA

Trips to/from Manhattan and JFK will be a \$30 flat fare per person, while trips to/from Manhattan and LGA would be \$20 per person. Zone charges would dictate fares for trips to/from airports and boroughs other than Manhattan.

CHARGE (PER PERSON)	DESCRIPTION
\$30 (PER PERSON)	Trips To/From Manhattan and JFK
\$20 (PER PERSON)	Trips To/From Manhattan and LGA
ZONE CHARGES	Trips To/From JFK or LGA from boroughs other than Manhattan

The City has taken steps to ensure taxi riders at JFK and LGA are aware of the amended fare options available, as well as of mass transit alternatives. Large posters indicating the fare options and encouraging use of mass transit have been posted at both airports. Additionally, additional Port Authority customer care representatives will be on hand at both airports to provide information to travelers.

The MTA will be providing additional service on the M60 and Q33 bus routes to/from LGA.

- The M60 transports riders between LGA and Manhattan, running along 125th Street and making connections with the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, A, B, C, and D subway lines, as well as Metro-North Railroad.
- The Q33 connects LGA with the 74th St. – Broadway Station in Jackson Heights, Queens, where connections to the 7, E, F, R, V, and G subway lines is available.

Travelers at JFK can use the AirTrain to connect to the A train at the Howard Beach station, or the E, J, and Z trains at the Sutphin Boulevard station.

Any driver charging or attempting to charge fares in excess of the fares authorized by the TLC will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Passengers should report any instances to 311 or via the TLC's website at www.NYC.gov/taxi.

The City will be monitoring conditions throughout the threatened strike period and may take additional measures to ensure adequate transportation is available. Updated information will be available by visiting www.NYC.gov or calling 311.

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