

March 23, 2009

To: Chair and Members of the Licensing and Standards Committee

**Re: Cameras for Taxis entering Wheel-Trans Service**

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I have recently had a number of discussions with drivers who are putting their car into Wheel-Trans Service. These cars have the existing camera systems required by the Taxi bylaw. Wheel Trans has established a higher standard for cameras. It would appear that licensing is failing vehicles entering Wheel-Trans service even though they have the present regulation cameras in them and are fully compliant with our bylaws.

In most instances the operators of these vehicles will, in a matter of months, be purchasing new vehicles. Under the present regime we are forcing these drivers to undertake a huge expense to change their cameras in their old vehicles and then pay the same expense to reinstall them in their new vehicles. It makes no sense.

I have discussed the matter with Councillor Giambrone, Chair of the TTC who is quite sympathetic to allowing the new cameras to be phased in over a short period of time and to apply the new camera standards when the vehicles are changed. He is bringing the matter to the Toronto Transit Commission.

**Recommendation:**

1. That licensing permit cars to retain their present regulation cameras and stop rejecting these vehicles on the basis of their Wheel-Trans status.

Councillor Howard Moscoe  
Chair, Licensing and Standards Committee

cc: Councillor Giambrone, Chair, TTC