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**By First Class Mail**

July 24, 2015

Carl Bialik  
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147 Columbus Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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**FOIL REQUEST 22551**

Dear Mr. Bialik:

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) hereby acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request dated July 20, 2015. Specifically you requested the following items:

“Anonymized trip data, including GPS, for Uber, Lyft and for livery cars in general, going back as far as available. (To. Jan. 1, 2013, if that’d expedite request).”

The TLC collected trip information (date of trip, time of trip, pick-up location, driver’s for-hire license number, and vehicle’s for-hire license number) from ten for-hire vehicle bases (American, Carmel, Dial 7, Diplo, Federal, Firstclass, Highclass, Lyft, Prestige, and Skyline) for the period July 2014 through September 2014. The TLC also collected trip data from five for-hire vehicle bases (Unter, Hinter, Weiter, Schmecken, and Danach-NY) for the period April 2014 through September 2014. Data fields with the driver’s TLC license number and vehicle license number have been removed pursuant to Article 6 §87(2)(b) of the New York State Public Officers Law. Disclosure of a driver’s TLC license number and vehicle license number would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy and could jeopardize the employment of licensees who were directed not to accept dispatches from more than one base.

In addition to receiving raw trip data, the TLC also completed an aggregate analysis of the 2014 data for all of the aforementioned bases which has also been placed on the enclosed CD-ROM. The TLC does not possess For-Hire Vehicle trip data records covering any period prior to April 2014 and has not required bases to submit any fare information.

Though the TLC now requires all For-Hire Vehicle bases to submit monthly trip records, the 2015 trip data received from several bases did not comport to the formatting requirements specified by the TLC. Consequently, the TLC is devising a method to load the data so that it can further be reviewed to ensure that no



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submitted data fields contain personally identifiable information. Given the large amount of records which must be reviewed, the TLC cannot provide an estimate as to when raw trip data will be available.

On the enclosed CD-ROM please find an aggregate analysis of trip data submitted by Unter, Grun, Danach-NY, Schmecken, Weiter, and Hinter for the period January 1, 2015 through February 28, 2015. Please note that this analysis was completed by the TLC using raw trip data submitted by the above mentioned bases. Therefore, the accuracy of this analysis is limited to the accuracy of the data provided by the bases. The TLC expects that aggregate trip data for the remaining compliant bases will be available within forty-five to sixty days.

You may file an appeal concerning the information in your request which has been denied within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter in writing to Mr. Christopher Wilson, General Counsel at the following address:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Conwell".

Christine Conwell  
*Records Access Officer*