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Commission Proceeds with Lower Mainland Taxi Camera Plan

On February 4th the Commission released a discussion paper on its taxi camera plan for Lower Mainland taxis. The Commission sought additional public comment on this plan. The Commission received 23 responses, with the majority supporting the plan and some suggesting slight modifications.

The Commission is proceeding with its plan to have cameras installed in Lower Mainland taxis. Commission Order 05-04 sets out requirements and technical standards for taxi cameras that must be installed in Lower Mainland taxis by February 28, 2005. The Order requires, among other things, that:

1. All taxicabs in the Lower Mainland must have digital cameras installed by February 28, 2005.
2. All digital camera systems must meet the minimum standards listed as an appendix to Order 05-04.
3. All digital camera systems must be installed by a supplier-certified installer according to manufacturer specifications and commission regulations and orders.
4. Operators must impose a minor, time-limited surcharge on flag rates to offset taxi program costs.
5. Every vehicle with a digital camera system must have affixed on the inside and outside of both rear windows a decal that states "YOU ARE ON CAMERA FOR DRIVER AND PASSENGER SAFETY."
6. Licensees must establish practices and procedures as required by the *Privacy Information Protection Act*, specifically companies must:
 - i) disclose to an individual either verbally or in writing the purposes for the collection of the information and
 - ii) on request by the individual, provide the position name or title and the contact information for an officer or employee of the organization who is able to answer the individual's questions about the collection.

Details are set out in Commission [Order 05-04](#) that was signed on February 27, 2004, and which is available at the Commission web site.