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## Taxi Modernization Approvals Increase BC Taxis by 12.5%

The Passenger Transportation Board made decisions on the 90 applications it received through its [Taxi Modernization \(TM\) application process](#). Approvals on 89 applications add up to a 12.5% increase in the number of taxis that companies can put on the road. Board policies gave taxi companies across BC an opportunity to seek increases of up to 15%.

**Table 1: Total Taxis Approved Before & After TM Applications** (July 19, 2018 vs. January 2, 2019)

	BC Total	Metro Vancouver	Greater Victoria	Other Regional Districts
Approved Taxis: July 19 2018	<b>3,477</b>	2,114	303	1,060
Additional "TM" Taxi Approvals	<b>433</b>	305	42	86
TM Taxi Increases (by location)	<b>12.5%</b>	14%	14%	8%
Distribution of TM Taxi Approvals		70%	10%	20%

Generally, increases are closer to 15% in urban areas, and less than the average of 12.5% in other areas. The number of vehicles approved as wheelchair accessible taxis (WATs) in BC increased by 21.5%.

**Table 2: Wheelchair Accessible Taxis (WATs) Before & After TM Applications\*** (July 19, 2018 vs. January 2, 2019)

	BC Total	Metro Vancouver	Greater Victoria	Other Regional Districts
Approved WATs: July 19 2018	<b>484</b>	387	25	72
Additional "TM" WATs Approved	<b>104</b>	70	10	24
TM WAT Increases (by location)	<b>21.5%</b>	18%	40%	33%
Post-TM Proportion of WATs in Taxi Fleets	<b>15.0%</b>	19%	10%	8%

\* Numbers of wheelchair accessible taxis (WATs) in Table 2 are included in totals reported in Table 1.

A breakdown of the approvals by Regional District is set out in Appendix A.

The Board has also approved 12 of 15 requests that taxi companies made with their TM applications to add up to 1,429 taxis as single shift paired vehicles (SSPVs). These approvals enable the companies to operate taxis as SSPVs and improve the availability of taxis at shift change. Of the companies approved to operate SSPVs, 10 are in Metro Vancouver and 2 are in Fort St. John.

## Appendix A: Additional Taxis Approved As a Result of Taxi Modernization (TM) 2018

**Table 3: BC Taxi Modernization Approvals by Regional District** (July 19, 2018 vs. January 2, 2019)

Regional District	Fleets Before TM (July 19 2018)			TM Approvals		Fleets After TM** (January 2 2019)		
	Total Fleet	WATs Included	WAT %	Total Approved	WATs Included	New Fleet Total	WATs Included	New WAT %
Alberni-Clayoquot RD	20	0	0%	3	1	23	1	4%
Bulkley-Nechako RD	10	1	10%	0	0	10	1	10%
Capital RD	303	25	8%	42	10	345	35	10%
Cariboo RD	20	2	10%	1	0	21	2	10%
Central Coast RD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Central Kootenay RD	15	0	0.0%	0	0	15	0	0%
Central Okanagan RD	124	11	9%	16	3	140	14	10%
Columbia Shuswap RD	26	1	4%	1	0	27	1	4%
Comox Valley RD	17	3	18%	2	0	19	3	16%
Cowichan Valley RD	34	1	3%	4	4	38	5	13%
East Kootenay RD	51	0	0.0%	0	0	51	0	0%
Fraser Valley RD	115	18	16%	14	5	129	23	18%
Fraser-Fort George RD	100	2	2%	2	1	102	3	3%
Kitimat-Stikine RD	40	2	5%	2	1	42	3	7%
Kootenay-Boundary RD	4	1	25%	1	0	5	1	20%
Metro Vancouver RD	2,114	387	18%	305	70	2,419	457	19%
Mount Waddington RD	16	0	0%	1	0	17	0	0%
Nanaimo RD	73	6	8%	10	3	83	9	11%
North Okanagan RD	26	3	12%	3	0	29	3	10%
Okanagan-Similkameen RD	46	6	13%	5	0	51	6	12%
Peace River RD	58	1	2%	5	3	63	4	6%
Powell River RD	6	1	17%	0	0	6	1	17%
Skeena Queen Charlotte RD	54	0	0%	2	1	56	1	2%
South Gulf Isl'd's (elect'l area)	9	0	0%	1	0	10	0	0%
Squamish-Lillooet RD	61	5	8%	1	0	62	5	8%
Strathcona RD	20	1	5%	1	1	21	2	10%
Sunshine Coast RD	12	0	0%	1	0	13	0	0%
Thompson-Nicola RD	103	7	7%	10	1	113	8	7%
<b>Provincial Totals</b>	<b>3,477</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>13.9%</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>3,910</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>15.0%</b>
Comparison with total BC taxis approved as of July 19, 2018	100.0%			12.5%		112.5%		

\*\*NOTE: "Fleets After TM" exclude taxis approved between July 19 2018 & January 2, 2019 that are outside the taxi modernization application process