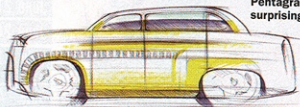


# OutThere

A street-smart guide to  
New York news and newsmakers

HAIL THE FUTURE  
Pentagram's taxi is  
surprisingly retro

## Cab fab



Real-life cab drivers take high-falutin "improvements" for a ride

Recently, the Design Trust for Public Space and Parsons School of Design held a workshop on improving New York City cabs. "The taxi is one of the most beloved icons of the city," Design Trust executive director Deborah Marton says, "but it really could be a lot better." Soliciting input from Taxi & Limousine Commission big shots, officials from the Department of Transportation, and design firms like

Antenna, Birsell + Seck and Pentagram, the workshop came up with proposed improvements like built-in child seats, GPS navigation and wireless access. Sounds good to us, but what about those guys who spend every day behind the wheel of a bright yellow Crown Vic? We showed suggested designs to three cab drivers and—surprise—they had a lot to say.—Katherine Pushkar and Katharine Rust

### Best proposed design change?

### What would you change?

### What wouldn't you change?

The one with the baby seat—the baby needs to live.

Better engine, more power to help you go. You know, cabs, when they gotta go, they go.

The design. The cab's safe and gets passengers to where they're going.

The Checker design. I loved those cabs—you should be able to walk into a cab and sit down.

The design. Make it like the old Checkers, so you can sit down and take more people.

The driver's seat. I like to sit low, not high like in those minivans. It's roomy and comfortable.

The VACANT sign and touch-to-open door

The vehicle—a Rolls-Royce would be much better.

My fuzzy dice



Abdur Rahman, 60  
Years driving: eight



Phillip Tidoe, 59  
Years driving: 20



Daniel Habib, 51  
Years driving: 15



## TONY poll: NYC 2012

When we asked in TONY 492 if you wanted New York to host the Olympics, 67 percent of you answered no. Would holding it in Queens, as the mayor now proposes, change your opinion?

A. Yes B. No

To vote, go to [www.timeoutny.com/poll/](http://www.timeoutny.com/poll/)

Replies must be received by 10am on Tuesday, June 28. Results will be published in TONY 510.

**POLL RESULT:** In TONY 506, we asked if you thought the nine-year-old girl who killed her 11-year-old friend ought to be tried as an adult. Just 27 percent of you thought so.

