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Cabbies won't be petal-pushers

The public art project that has plastered many of the city's yellow taxis with floral designs painted by kids has been cut off by tensions between cabbies and the TLC.

Many drivers are refusing to allow the flowers to be applied to their hoods and trunks because they believe the artwork is connected to the GPS and credit-card systems the city has ordered installed.

"Somehow, they now associate us with a government agency," said Ed Massey, one of the organizers of the Garden in Transit project.

Drivers said they could not abide by the peace-and-love sentiment of the flowers in the middle of a battle to persuade the TLC to abandon its plan to require the new technology.

"These flowers are being done by the TLC, and right now, I will not support anything the TLC does," one driver told The Post.

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