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'Horseless eCarriage' unveiled at Auto Show

Commissioned by an anti-carriage horse group, the 20th-century prototype seats eight people and will sell for up to \$175,000.

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(AP) -- Here it is: An electric car that proponents hope will replace horse-drawn carriages in New York City. The "Horseless eCarriage" prototype was unveiled Thursday at the New York International Auto Show. It was commissioned by NYCLASS, a group advocating for a ban on carriage horses, saying it's inhumane to have them toiling in an urban environment.

The prototype seats eight people, and harkens back to the early 20th century in its style, with lots of brass and oversized wheels. Its creator says an estimated selling price could be between \$150,000 and \$175,000.

Mayor Bill de Blasio wants to ban the horses. But carriage-horse operators and their allies — including actor Liam Neeson — have loudly opposed the mayor's plan.

The council has not yet introduced the legislation.

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