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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Start: 10:31 a.m.  
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HELD AT: Council Chambers - City Hall

B E F O R E: YDANIS A. RODRIGUEZ  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Fernando Cabrera  
Costa G. Constantinides  
Chaim M. Deutsch  
Ruben Diaz, Sr.  
Rafael Espinal, Jr.  
Peter A. Koo  
Stephen T. Levin  
Mark Levine  
Carlos Menchaca  
I. Daneek Miller  
Antonio Reynoso  
Donovan J. Richards  
Deborah L. Rose  
Rafael Salamanca, Jr.

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A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

2 [sound check] [pause] [gavel]

3 CHAIR RODRIGUEZ: Good afternoon and  
4 welcome today's hearing of the City Council  
5 Transportation Committee. I'm Ydanis Rodriguez, the  
6 Chair of the Committee. First, let me recognize my  
7 colleagues who are here with us today, Council Member  
8 Menchaca, Deutsch, Koo, Constantinides, Cabrera,  
9 Salamanca, Levin, Levine and Richards. Today we will  
10 be voting on three bills. The first proposed Intro  
11 206-A introduced by Council Member Mathieu, will  
12 require the Department of Transportation to install  
13 pedestrian countdown displays at any intersections  
14 where there is a red light camera. The city has  
15 identified this location a Vision Zero safety  
16 priority by placing red light cameras there, and this  
17 bill goes one step further by adding pedestrian  
18 countdown clocks and other proven safety measures.  
19 The second, Proposed Intro 867-A introduced by  
20 Council Member Adams will require DOT to establish  
21 and maintain guidelines on its website relating to  
22 traffic flow designations, changes of a street from  
23 one-way to two-way or vice versa. DOT will also have  
24 a report on the status of requests for changes that  
25 it has received. Community boards can currently

2 request traffic flow changes, but the proposed—the  
3 process is not very transparent. By requiring DOT's  
4 guidelines to be published, members of the public  
5 will have a better sense of how DOT makes these  
6 decisions, and how they can go about requesting such  
7 changes. The third, Proposed Intro 928-A also  
8 introduced by Council Member Adams will require at  
9 least two corners of each sections to have their  
10 appropriate street name signals installed. Some  
11 locations particularly in the Outer Boroughs do not  
12 have adequate signals, and this bill would impose a  
13 new standard for DOT going forward. I would like to  
14 sing in—in those bills in my name by any chance it's  
15 not added yet, and I would now like to invite any  
16 sponsor. There's none here. So, thank you. I now  
17 call for the vote on Proposed Intro 206-A, 867-A and  
18 928-A. I recommend a yes vote, and I ask the  
19 Committee clerk to please call the roll, and to  
20 please add my name on those bills and if my bills are  
21 not added.

22 CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk,  
23 roll call vote Committee on Transportation. All  
24 items are coupled. Chair Rodriguez.

25 CHAIR RODRIGUEZ: [off mic] [pause]

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2 CLERK: Cabrera.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye

4 CLERK: Constantinides.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: With  
6 congratulations to Council Member Matteo, and Adams,  
7 I vote aye on all.

8 CLERK: Deutsch.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: [off mic] I vote  
10 aye on all, and would like to be added as a sponsor.  
11 Thank you. (sic)

12 CLERK: Koo.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye and I would also  
14 like to add my name to 206-A, yeah.

15 CLERK: Levine.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Aye.

17 CLERK: Menchaca.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye on all.

19 CLERK: Richards.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye on all.

21 CLERK: Salamanca.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Aye .

23 CLERK: By a vote of 9 in the  
24 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,  
25 all items have been adopted by the committee.

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2 CHAIR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. I will—we  
3 will leave the vote for a few minutes. [pause]

4 CLERK: Continuation roll call the  
5 Committee on Transportation, Council Member Rose.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye. [background  
7 comments]

8 CLERK: The vote now currently stands at  
9 10 in the affirmative.

10 CHAIR RODRIGUEZ: With that, this hearing  
11 is adjourned, but before that, I would like to invite  
12 everyone to keep waiting for the day where we're  
13 expecting to bring MTA to have a tour with this  
14 committee through—to one of those train stations that  
15 they are not accessible. Since we are committed to  
16 make all train stations accessible in New York City,  
17 we're going to be working to be sure that MTA put  
18 their resources in the priority to work on this  
19 issue. With that, this hearing adjourned. [gavel]

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C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date March 17, 2019