

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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May 28, 2091
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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Room
14th Fl.

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

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

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

2 [sound check] [pause]

3 CHAIRPERSON RODRIGUEZ: Good morning and
4 welcome to today's City Council Transportation
5 Committee hearing. I'm Council Member Ydanis
6 Rodriguez, Chairman of this committee. Today we will
7 be voting on two bills. The first bill is related to
8 designing safe streets, and the second bill is
9 related to the installation of temporary bike lanes.
10 I would like first to thank Transportation
11 Alternatives, Families for Safe Streets, the American
12 Heart Association and all advocates for the work they
13 have done in this bill and for all their work that
14 they have done to make our streets safe. Propose
15 Intro 322-A, which I introduced and which currently
16 and-and which currently has 43 co-sponsors along side
17 the support of Speaker Corey Johnson, will require
18 DOT to develop a standard checklist of safety
19 enhancing street design elements that the Department
20 of Transportation must consider for all major
21 transportation projects. This checklist will mandate
22 DOT to include the following aspects when redesigning
23 our streets: ADA accessibility, public amenities,
24 protected bike lanes, dedicated mass transit
25 facilities, dedicated unloading zones, narrow vehicle

2 lanes, pedestrian safety islands, signal protected
3 pedestrian crossings, while-wide sidewalks and any
4 other appropriate street design elements to make our
5 streets safe. This Vision Zero Redesigning checklist
6 goes along with my goal chairing this committee
7 together with my colleague, to make our city the
8 most walkable pedestrian and cyclist friendly in the
9 whole nation. Under the bill DOT will be required to
10 post the standard checklist on its website and they
11 will be allowed to amend the standard checklist by
12 rule only to promote vehicle, pedestrians and bicycle
13 safety. Additionally, for each major transportation
14 project, DOT will be required to complete a checklist
15 stating which street design elements have been
16 applied, and if an element has not been applied, the
17 reason for not applying it. This important piece of
18 legislation will provide transparency into DOT street
19 redesigning process not only for the current, but for
20 the future administration. As chair of the
21 committee-of the Transportation Committee, ensuring
22 the safety and efficiency of our streets and public
23 transportation has been my top priority. The second
24 bill will be-we will be voting today on-and be voting
25 today is Proposed Intro 1163-A, a bill introduced by

2 Council Member Calina Rivera—Carlina Rivera in
3 relation to temporary bill for bicycle lanes. This
4 bill will require DOT permit holders performing work
5 affecting a street segment or intersection with a
6 bicycle lane to maintain a temporary bicycle lane.
7 The bill will also require DOT to notify the local
8 affected borough president, council members and
9 community boards of any permit authorizing work
10 impacting a bicycle lane. This is an important bill
11 because often times during the street construction,
12 cyclists are forced out of their normal bike lanes
13 and onto the street or a sidewalk without being
14 notified. I know I'm—I'm sorry, Council Member
15 Carlina is not here. I would like to thank Council
16 Member Carlina Rivera even though she's not here for
17 the great job on this bill. I would like to add my
18 name in that bill, and will now call for a vote on
19 Proposed Intro 322-A and Proposed intro 1163-A, and
20 recommend a yes vote on both. Could the Committee
21 Clerk please call the roll?

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

25 CHAIRPERSON RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

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2 CLERK: Deutsch.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Chair, I'll take
4 your recommendation. Please sign me onto 1163-A. I
5 vote aye on all.

6 CLERK: Koo.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

8 CLERK: Menchaca.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Aye.

10 CLERK: Richards.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

12 CLERK: Rose.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye and I'd like to
14 be added to 1163-A. Thank you.

15 CLERK: Diaz.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Yes, and I would
17 like to be added to both of those bills.

18 CLERK: By a vote of 7 in the
19 affirmative, 0 in the negative and not abstentions,
20 both items have been adopted by the Committee.

21 CHAIRPERSON RODRIGUEZ: Thank your and we
22 will leave it open for the next 15 minutes. [pause]

23 CLERK: Continuation roll call, Committee
24 on Criminal Justice, Council Member

25 COUNCIL MEMBER: What was that?

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2 CLERK: Correction, Committee on
3 Transportation. Council Member Levine.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I vote aye.

5 CLERK: Council Member Cabrera.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

7 CLERK: The vote now stands at 9 in the
8 affirmative. [pause] Council Member Levine.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: And this
10 concludes our Committee and Transportation Committee.

11 [gavel]

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