

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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December 15, 2011
Start: 12:17 p.m.
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HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
JAMES VACCA
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Gale A. Brewer
Daniel R. Garodnick
David G. Greenfield
G. Oliver Koppell
Jessica S. Lappin
Darlene Mealy
Ydanis A. Rodriguez
Deborah L. Rose
James G. Van Bramer
Vincent M. Ignizio
Peter A. Koo
Eric A. Ulrich

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2 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Hello. Today
3 is December 15th, 12 noon or thereabouts, and I
4 would like to call this meeting to order. I'm
5 James Vacca. I'm Chair of the City Council
6 Transportation Committee. I want to thank
7 everyone for coming to our second meeting hearing
8 on proposed Intro 567-A and the Committee will be
9 voting on this today to amend the Administrative
10 Code in relation to the requiring the Department
11 of Transportation to provide online access to
12 street resurfacing and capital improvement
13 information for city blocks. I want to thank and
14 commend Council Member Oddo for introducing and
15 advocating for this legislation. It's the latest
16 in a line of legislation coming from this
17 Committee to increase transparency of information
18 within the New York City Department of
19 Transportation. I'm a firm believer in having the
20 public have as much information as possible and
21 empowering communities and the public to have a
22 say in decision making that affects their daily
23 lives.

24 This bill continues that trend. It
25 would require DOT to have online through their

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2 website the following information: the year the
3 street was last resurfaced and received capital
4 improvement, and the current rating of the road
5 either good, fair or poor. In addition, this
6 information will be required to be searchable by
7 block by January 31st, 2013. This information will
8 enable communities to know what roads they should
9 focus on when deciding where in their neighborhood
10 street resurfacing projects should take place
11 based on need. Do any Council Members wish to be
12 heard on this item? Council Member Ignizio?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes, thank
14 you Mr. Chairman. On behalf of my colleague,
15 Minority Leader Jimmy Oddo, I want to thank the
16 Committee along with my other colleagues for
17 taking this bill up. Jimmy worked very hard on
18 this bill with the Administration and with you and
19 we genuinely believe that this will go a long way
20 in not only in informing the public, but assuaging
21 them that there is not a political system what
22 which their streets get paved, but there is a
23 criteria what which they can check and they can
24 hold government accountable. I'm honored to be a
25 co-signer and to support the bill. I'm grateful

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2 for the Committee. On behalf of my colleague,
3 Minority Leader Jim Oddo, who put this forward and
4 worked tirelessly on it, I wanted to commend him
5 for it. Thank you very much.

6 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Thank you,
7 Council Member Ignizio. I join in commending
8 council Member Oddo. From the very inception of
9 this proposal, I thought that this was a very
10 important piece of legislation and as Council
11 Member Ignizio indicated, it will shed light on
12 why, what is done, when it's done and where we go
13 from here when it comes to making sure that street
14 surface conditions are kept in good shape in our
15 neighborhoods.

16 I'd like to introduce the members
17 of the Committee who are here: Council Member
18 Jessica Lappin, Council Member Dan Garodnick,
19 Council Member Vincent Ignizio, Council Member
20 Peter Koo, myself, James Vacca, Council Member
21 Debbie Rose, Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez,
22 Council Member Gale Brewer. The Chair recommends
23 a yes vote on this intro and I will ask the clerk
24 to call the roll please.

25 CLERK: William Martin, Committee

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2 Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on
3 Transportation, Introduction 567-A. Council
4 Member Vacca?

5 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Votes yes.

6 CLERK: Brewer?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote yes
8 and would like to add my name to the bill and just
9 say may be what Council member Oddo could also do
10 is when they repave the roads—because they did do
11 ten in my district this past summer, and that was
12 great, but it's beep, beep, beep all night long,
13 and then in addition, there's a lot of noise, and
14 if he could just get rid of all the noise too,
15 that would be great. Thank you.

16 CLERK: Garodnick?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

18 CLERK: Lappin?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

20 CLERK: Rodriguez?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

22 CLERK: Rose?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye, and I'd
24 like to see them put the lines back more
25 judiciously instead of waiting for weeks and weeks

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to go by. Thank you.

CLERK: Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: I vote aye,
and want to congratulate Minority Leader Jimmy
Oddo and Chairman James Vacca for introducing this
bill. It's a really important bill for our
community. Thank you.

CLERK: By a vote of eight in the
affirmative, zero in the negative and no
abstentions, item is adopted. Members, please
sign the Committee Report.

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Before we
adjourn, can you add my name to the bill as well?
Okay. I am leaving the vote open for 30 minutes
as some members are en route. Okay? Thank you
for reminding me. Without further to do, we are
in recess for the next 30 minutes and will allow
other members to vote during that time.

[gavel]

CLERK: Council Member Greenfield?

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

CLERK: The vote on transportation

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now currently stands at nine in the affirmative.

[pause]

CLERK: Council Member Mealy?

COUNCIL MEMBER MEALY: I vote aye.

CLERK: The vote now currently
stands at ten in the affirmative.

[pause]

CLERK: Van Bramer?

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.

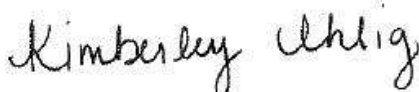
CLERK: Final vote in the Committee
on Transportation, 11 in the affirmative, zero in
the negative, no abstentions.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kimberley Uhlig certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature _____



Date _____1/8/12_____