

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 1
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE

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July 13, 2023
Start: 9:50 a.m.
Recess: 9:58 a.m.

HELD AT: COMMITTEE CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Selvena Brooks-Powers, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joann Ariola
David M. Carr
Amanda Farias
Ari Kagan
Linda Lee
Farrah N. Louis
Mercedes Narcisse
Lincoln Restler
Carlina Rivera
Nantasha M. Williams
Julie Won

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Kamillah Hanks
Carmen De La Rosa
Rita C. Joseph
Vickie Paladino
Oswald Feliz
Tiffany Caban

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING (CONTINUED):

Robert F. Holden
Erik D. Bottcher
Justin L. Brannan

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. Good
3 morning. This is a microphone test on Transportation
4 and Infrastructure. Today's date is July 13, 2023,
5 being recorded by Walter Lewis, located in the
6 Chambers.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
8 welcome to today's New York City Council hearing on
9 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

10 At this time, we ask that you silence all
11 cell phones and electronic devices to minimize
12 disruptions throughout the hearing. We thank you for
13 your cooperation.

14 Chair, we are ready to begin.

15 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: [GAVEL] Good
16 morning and welcome to the hearing of the Committee
17 on Transportation and Infrastructure. I'm Selvena
18 Brooks-Powers, the Chair of the Committee.

19 Today, we will be voting on Proposed
20 Intro. 853-A sponsored by Council Member Joann Ariola
21 in relation to installing intermediate reference
22 location signs, commonly known as mile-markers in
23 designated sections of Cross Bay Boulevard, Beach
24 Channel Drive, and Rockaway Point Boulevard. These
25 roads are major arteries flowing through Broad

2 Channel and the Rockaways, but, unlike other roads in
3 the City, they contain long stretches where there are
4 no cross streets or other definable geographic
5 markers, making it difficult for all road users who
6 may be stranded to identify their precise location.
7 The addition of mile-markers at 1/10th of a mile
8 intervals along these roads will correct that
9 problem. It will ensure that any road users who may
10 be stranded can easily communicate their location to
11 emergency personnel. This is a commonsense bill that
12 will assist those who live in Broad Channel and the
13 Rockaways and the many who come to visit our
14 communities as well. I look forward to voting on this
15 proposed bill.

16 I also want to take a moment to
17 acknowledge our Council Members that are present. We
18 are joined by Council Members Yeger, Farias, Lee,
19 Narcisse, Restler, Williams, and Carr.

20 I will now ask the Committee Clerk to
21 conduct the roll call vote on the legislation and
22 recommend that my Colleagues vote yes on this
23 important piece of legislation.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
25 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call

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2 vote Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,
3 Proposed Introduction 853-A. Chair Brooks-Powers.

4 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: (NO RESPONSE)

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Yeger.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: (NO RESPONSE)

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farias.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIAS: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Lee.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Narcisse.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Restler.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Williams.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Won.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: (NO RESPONSE)

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: With congratulations
3 to Council Member Ariola and Chair Brooks-Powers, I
4 vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ariola.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: (NO RESPONSE)

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Kagan.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: (NO RESPONSE)

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote
10 of eight in the affirmative, zero in the negative,
11 and no abstentions, item has been adopted by the
12 Committee.

13 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: Okay, we're
14 going to hold the vote open for a few extra moments.

15 We've now been joined by Council Member
16 Rivera.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye. Thank
18 you, Madam Chair.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
20 you. The vote is now currently at nine in the
21 affirmative. The roll is still held open by request
22 of the Chair.

23 Continuation roll call on Proposed
24 Introduction 853. Council Member Ariola.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Kagan.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote is

5 now 11 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and

6 no abstentions.

7 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you and

8 this Committee meeting is now adjourned. [GAVEL]

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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 July 14, 2023