

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 1
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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joann Ariola
Chris Banks
Carmen N. De La Rosa
Amanda Farías
Farrah N. Louis
Mercedes Narcisse
Carlina Rivera
Julie Won

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Sound check for the
3 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
4 Today's day is May 28, 2025, being recorded by Danny
5 Huang in the Council Chambers.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. Welcome
7 to the New York City Council Committee on
8 Transportation and Infrastructure.

9 Please place your phone on vibrate or
10 silent mode.

11 Anytime during the hearing, do not
12 approach the dais.

13 Chair, we are ready to begin.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: One
15 moment.

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

20 Today we will be voting on Proposed Intro
21 676-A, sponsored by Majority Leader Amanda Farías, a
22 local law in relation to requiring a study on
23 increasing the use of electric for-hire vehicles and
24 installing new charging infrastructure and to amend
25 the Administrative Code of the City of New York. In

2 relation to annual reports on increasing the use of
3 electric for-hire vehicles and installing new
4 charging infrastructure, this bill would require the
5 Taxi and Limousine Commission to study and report on
6 the challenges and opportunities related to
7 increasing the use of electric for-hire vehicles and
8 installing new charging infrastructure.

9 I will now allow Majority Leader Farías
10 to speak on her introduction.

11 MAJORITY LEADER FARÍAS: Thank you,
12 Majority Whip Brooks-Powers. As Majority Leader and
13 sponsor of Intro. 676, I'm proud to bring this
14 legislation forward as a practical and necessary step
15 towards preparing our city for the future of
16 transportation. This bill requires the Taxi and
17 Limousine Commission to conduct a study and submit
18 annual reports on the City's progress towards
19 electrifying the for-hire vehicle fleet and, more
20 importantly, to evaluate whether we have the
21 infrastructure in place to support that transition.
22 Electrification is happening, and we need to make
23 sure we're ready for it. That means understanding
24 where our charging stations are, how they're being
25 used, where gaps exist, and what kinds of investments

are needed to meet the growing need. We also need real data on the cost burdens faced by drivers, the pace of EV adoption, and what incentives are or are not working. Intro. 676 ensures that the TLC collects and reports on this information every year so we can make informed decisions. It mandates a public report that includes clear targets for vehicle electrification, assessments of infrastructure capacity, cost comparisons, and charger accessibility broken down by borough and charging levels. This isn't just about electric's benefits and advantages and bringing them to the city. It's about the logistics, planning, and data that are necessary to support electrification. Thousands of for-hire vehicle drivers, many of them immigrants and small business owners, will be directly affected by how well we prepare or the lack thereof. If we don't have the right charging infrastructure in the right places or if we don't account for actual driver patterns, we risk building a transition plan that doesn't work for the people who keep this sector moving and for the communities that want to transition. This legislation gives us the tools to avoid that. It creates a framework for tracking what's working, what's

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2 missing, and how to scale up in a way that's
3 realistic and responsive. Electrification is the
4 direction the industry is heading, but it's up to us
5 to make sure the City is equipped to support that
6 shift in a data-driven, coordinated, and equitable
7 way. It's time for the City to get serious about what
8 it will take to support full electrification. I urge
9 my Colleagues to support Intro. 676 so that we can
10 develop the infrastructure we need to meet this
11 moment. Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you. I
13 will now ask the Committee Clerk to conduct a roll
14 call vote on the legislation.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
16 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
17 vote Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,
18 Proposed Introduction 676-A. Chair Brooks-Powers.

19 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.
20 Congratulation, Majority Leader.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.
22 Louis.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.
24 Congratulations.
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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: De La
3 Rosa.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farías.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Narcisse.
8 Won. Banks.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye, and
10 congratulations.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ariola.

12 With a vote of five in the affirmative,
13 zero in the negative, and no abstentions, item has
14 been adopted by the Committee.

15 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: With that,
16 this vote is recessed pending attendance of other
17 Committee Members.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: The vote
19 will remain open at request of the Chair.

20 Continuation roll call Committee on
21 Transportation, Proposed Introduction 676-A. Council
22 Member Rivera.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
25 you. Council Member Ariola.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
4 you. Vote is now seven in the affirmative, zero in
5 the negative, and no abstentions.

6 Continuation roll call Committee on
7 Transportation. Council Member Narcisse.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: I vote aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote is
10 now eight in the affirmative, zero in the negative,
11 and no abstentions.

12 Continuation roll call Committee on
13 Transportation. Council Member Won.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote is
16 now nine in the affirmative, zero in the negative,
17 and no abstentions.

18 Council Member Won to close, please.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: [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 July 10, 2025