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Res. No. 198

Resolution calling upon the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to offer reduced toll fares for alternative fuel vehicles.

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Whereas, According to the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT), our transportation system is over ninety percent dependent on oil with over fifty percent coming from overseas; and

Whereas, According to the DOT, fossil fuels such as oil contain certain gases that, when released into the air, negatively affect air quality, damage the environment, and are not compatible with the respiratory systems and processes of life on Earth; and

Whereas, The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) explains that not only is oil a finite resource, but also that the supply of this resource may become unavailable within thirty-five to forty years; and

Whereas, The National Renewable Energy Laboratory Alternative reports that alternate fuel vehicles running on natural gas, ethanol, electricity, and hybrid combinations and their refueling stations are becoming more widely available to consumers and businesses alike; and

Whereas, The DOE, the General Services Administration and the Department of Agriculture are involved with efforts to promote the use and expansion of alternative fuels and the alternative fuel infrastructure; and

Whereas, Creating incentives for commuters traveling into New York City to use alternative fuel vehicles would further the DOE's goals and lead to a cleaner New York; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to offer reduced toll fares for alternative fuel

vehicles.

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