

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 1
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Of the

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

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

David M. Carr
Amanda Farías
Ari Kagan
Linda Lee
Farrah N. Louis
Mercedes Narcisse
Lincoln Restler
Nantasha M. Williams
Julie Won
Kalman Yeger

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Today's date October
3 19, 2023. Today's Committee on Transportation and
4 Infrastructure being recorded in the Chambers by
5 Keith Polite.

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

9 At this time, can everybody please
10 silence your cell phones.

11 At this time, no one is to approach the
12 dais. Thank you for your cooperation.

13 Chair, we are ready to begin.

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

18 Today, we will be voting on three bills.
19 Proposed Intro. number 712-A sponsored by Council
20 Member Erik Bottcher in relation to reporting on
21 motor vehicles with license plates that are
22 unreadable by photo violation monitoring systems,
23 Proposed Intro. number 1026-A sponsored by Council
24 Member Sandra Ung in relation to requiring a report
25 on potential locations for the construction of a bus

2 transit center in Flushing Queens, and on this bill I
3 just want to thank Council Member Ung for having me
4 in her District for one of my Transportation and
5 Infrastructure tours when we talked about how
6 transformative it could be to improve bus access and
7 service in Flushing, and finally Proposed Intro.
8 number 1164-A sponsored by myself in relation to
9 adding an investment roadmap to the Streets Master
10 Plan.

11 Every New Yorker deserves safe streets,
12 and every New Yorker deserves access to the
13 infrastructure necessary to travel the city safely
14 and efficiently, but it's not enough to just build
15 infrastructure. We have to build where it's needed.
16 The Department of Transportation has taken steps to
17 consider equity in their investment decisions, but we
18 can do more. We can be more transparent, we can be
19 more equitable, and we can enshrine safeguards in law
20 such that New Yorkers in forgotten and neglected
21 communities are no longer overlooked. The bill I am
22 proposing today would require the Department of
23 Transportation to promote equity as a part of its
24 Streets Plan and require DOT to identify underserved
25 neighborhoods in need of additional infrastructure

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2 and create a roadmap to ensure these neighborhoods
3 receive adequate improvements moving forward.

4 I will now ask the Committee Clerk to
5 conduct a roll call vote on the legislation and
6 recommend that my Colleagues vote yet on these
7 important pieces of legislation.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
9 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
10 vote Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
11 Items are coupled. Chair Brooks-Powers.

12 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on all.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.
14 Yeger.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Aye on all with the
16 exception of 1164. Thank you.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
20 you. Restler.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Aye on all.
22 Congrats.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farías.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye on all.
25 Thank you.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Lee.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye on all.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Narcisse.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye on all.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
7 you. Williams.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye on
9 all.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: I vote no on
12 Introduction 1164-A and aye on the rest.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
14 you. Ariola. Won. Kagan.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER KAGAN: I vote no on 1164-A
16 and aye on the rest. Thank you.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
18 you. One moment.

19 With a vote of 10 in the affirmative,
20 zero in the negative, and no abstentions, Committee
21 has adopted Introduction 712-A and 1026-A, and with a
22 vote of seven in the affirmative, three in the
23 negative, and no abstentions, 1164-A has also been
24 adopted by the Committee.

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2 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you.

3 We're going to keep the Committee vote open.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

5 Continuation roll call, Committee on Transportation.

6 Proposed Introduction 712-A, 1026-A, and 1164-A.

7 Council Member Won.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: I vote aye. Thank

9 you.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: The vote

11 is still open.

12 Final vote Committee on Transportation,

13 we have Proposed Introduction 712-A and 1026-A

14 adopted by the Committee with 11 in the affirmative,

15 zero in the negative, and no abstentions, and

16 Proposed Introduction 1164-A is now adopted by the

17 Committee with eight in the affirmative, three in the

18 negative, and no abstentions.

19 Council Member Won to close.

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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 October 26, 2023