

New York City Council

Memorandum in Support of Legislation

This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation references below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.

Legislative Service Number: LS 20696

Prime Sponsor: Council Member Yusef Salaam

Bill Title: A local law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the police department to publish daily maps depicting collisions involving department vehicles and locations where department vehicles exceeded the speed limit.

Submitted by: Council Member Yusef Salaam

Justification

This bill promotes public safety, accountability, and transparency by requiring the NYPD to systematically collect and publicly report data on police vehicle speeds and collisions.

Traffic fatalities remain a persistent challenge across our city. Police vehicles operate on the same streets as civilians and must meet the same safety standards. Currently, we lack comprehensive, publicly available data on how police vehicles navigate our streets, how often they exceed speed limits, or systematic reporting on police vehicle collisions.

By requiring the NYPD to publish daily maps showing speeding and collision incidents, this legislation ensures equal accountability for all vehicles on our streets. Transparency strengthens public trust, enables data-driven safety improvements, and demonstrates that no city agency is above scrutiny. This data is critical to achieving Vision Zero goals and protecting vulnerable New Yorkers who deserve to understand the risks in their neighborhoods.

For these reasons, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation