

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 1  
CITY COUNCIL  
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Of the

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND  
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December 6, 2023  
Start: 10:00 a.m.  
Recess: 10:06 a.m.

HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Joann Ariola  
David M. Carr  
Amanda Farías  
Linda Lee  
Farrah N. Louis  
Mercedes Narcisse  
Lincoln Restler  
Carlina Rivera  
Nantasha M. Williams  
Julie Won  
Kalman Yeger

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone  
3 check for the Committee on Transportation and  
4 Infrastructure, recorded on December 6, 2023, in the  
5 Chambers by Giselle Rivera.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning,  
7 everybody, and welcome to the Committee on  
8 Transportation.

9 At this time, we ask if you could please  
10 place phones on vibrate or silent mode.

11 Thank you.

12 Chair, we are ready to begin.

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

17 Today, we will be voting on Proposed  
18 Intro. 417-B sponsored by Council Member Lincoln  
19 Restler, a Local Law in relation to notice  
20 requirements for certain transportation projects and  
21 the repeal of Section 19-187 in relation thereto.  
22 This bill has been heard at a previous hearing in  
23 relation to bicycle, micro-mobility, and street  
24 enforcement and would look to consolidate the  
25 Community Board and Council Member notice requirement

2 for bike lanes into the same provision for major  
3 transportation projects while affording Community  
4 Boards additional flexibility during their summer  
5 months.

6 I will now allow Council Member Restler  
7 to speak on his bill.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: Thank you so  
9 much, Chair Brooks-Powers. I especially just want to  
10 take a moment to express my gratitude to you for your  
11 support of this legislation and for helping to  
12 navigate it through the Council. We wouldn't be here  
13 today without your leadership and support, and I  
14 really appreciate it.

15 I also want to thank Borough President  
16 Reynoso who had introduced an earlier draft of this  
17 bill in the previous Council, Legislative Counsel  
18 Mark Chen, many folks here at the Council including  
19 my Chief-of-Staff, Molly Haley, who worked tirelessly  
20 on this and advocates from across the city who have  
21 expressed strong support.

22 It's worth noting that 2023 is on track  
23 to be the deadliest year for cyclists in New York  
24 City in decades. Crashes have killed 26 cyclists in  
25 the first nine months of this year, and

2 overwhelmingly, almost 95 percent of those deaths  
3 have occurred on streets where we lack protected bike  
4 lanes. This legislation will help us get back on  
5 track with the Master Streets Plan. We are required  
6 to build 250 miles of protected bike lanes by 2025,  
7 but we've only installed 35 so far. We're behind  
8 because DOT has a process that requires months of  
9 dead periods after Community Board presentations. It  
10 doesn't make sense. No other transportation project  
11 in New York City, no bus lane or otherwise, requires  
12 this type of extended dead periods where we cannot  
13 move forward on projects that are supported by our  
14 communities. I am really supportive of each of the  
15 Members of this Committee who are voting for the bill  
16 today and appreciate the really thoughtful dialogue  
17 that Council Members who disagree with the bill have  
18 had with me over the last number of months. This  
19 legislation will help increase safety on our streets,  
20 it will reduce dependence on cars, and it will ensure  
21 a more streamlined and responsible government process  
22 moving forward, and I really want to thank everybody  
23 who's supporting it again.

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2 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: Thank you. I  
3 will now ask the Committee Clerk to conduct a roll  
4 call vote on the legislation.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good  
6 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call  
7 vote Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,  
8 Proposed Introduction 417-B. Chair Brooks-Powers.

9 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.  
10 Congratulations, Council Member Restler.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Yeger.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: No.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Nay.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farías.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

19 Congrats, Council Member Restler.

20 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Lee.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LEE: Aye.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

23 you. Narcisse.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: No.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Restler.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RESTLER: I vote aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Williams.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Won.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WON: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Carr.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Nay.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ariola.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote no.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Kagan.

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

15 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: With that,  
16 this Committee hearing is adjourned.

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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 December 11, 2023