

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 1
CITY COUNCIL
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Of the

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
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October 23, 2024
Start: 10:37 a.m.
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HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - 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

OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ATTENDING:

Crystal Hudson
Chi A. Ossé
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Nantasha M. Williams
Diana Ayala

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone
3 check for the Committee on Transportation and
4 Infrastructure. Today's date is October 23, 2024,
5 located in the Committee Room. Recording is done by
6 Rocco Mesiti.

7 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
8 welcome to today's City Council vote for the
9 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

10 At this time, we ask that you silence all
11 electronic devices, and at no time is anyone to
12 approach the dais.

13 Chair, we're 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'm Selvena
17 Brooks-Powers, the Chair of the Committee.

18 Today, we will be voting on Proposed
19 Intro. 468-A, sponsored by Council Member Nantasha
20 Williams, a local law in relation to the Department
21 of Transportation, posting information on traffic
22 control device and speed reducer requests on its
23 website. Proposed Intro. 468-A would require the DOT
24 to post certain information regarding the status of
25 traffic control device and speed reducer requests on

2 its website, thus making the information accessible
3 to the public. The required website would include,
4 but not be limited to, the following information,
5 case number, subject of the request, status,
6 resolution, reasons for denial of traffic control
7 device or speed reducer, and if approved, the
8 timeline for completion of the traffic control device
9 request. The bill would also require the DOT to
10 provide a data dictionary and update the website as
11 soon as practicable following any update or change to
12 a request for a traffic control or speed reducer.
13 This bill would ultimately look to add transparency
14 regarding these requests and ensure that the public
15 can easily access this data.

16 I will now allow Council Member Williams
17 to speak on her introduction.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Thank you. Good
19 morning, Chair Brooks-Powers and esteemed Members of
20 the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. I
21 am grateful for the opportunity to speak today and
22 for your consideration of Intro. 468-A, a bill that
23 I'm proud to sponsor. I want to begin by thanking
24 Majority Whip Selvena Brooks-Powers for allowing me
25 time to address this Committee and for her continued

2 leadership on transportation issues in our city. I
3 also want to extend my deepest gratitude to the
4 Legislative Division who worked tirelessly to
5 negotiate this bill and bring it here today.

6 Intro. 468-A is about increasing
7 transparency and improving accountability. This bill
8 will require the Department of Transportation to post
9 information regarding traffic control device and
10 speed reducer requests on its website, making this
11 critical information accessible to the public. As we
12 all know, traffic control devices like stop signs and
13 traffic lights play a pivotal role in the safety of
14 our streets. However, the process of requesting and
15 approving these devices can often feel opaque and
16 confusing for our constituents. Too many New Yorkers
17 are left waiting for months, even years, without
18 knowing the status of their requests, the reasons for
19 a denial, or when approved devices will be installed.
20 With this legislation, we aim to change that. Intro.
21 468-A will require DOT to maintain an online portal
22 where the public can track the status of traffic
23 control devices and speed reducer requests. This
24 portal would include key information, such as the
25 case number, the subject of the request, its current

2 status, the resolution, and if denied, the reason for
3 the denial. If approved, the timeline for the
4 devices' installation will also be available, giving
5 New Yorkers a clear understanding of when they can
6 expect these vital safety measures to be put in
7 place. This increased transparency will not only make
8 it easier for New Yorkers to follow the progress of
9 their requests, but will also ensure that our City's
10 agencies remain accountable to the people they serve.
11 By making this process more open and more accessible,
12 we can help foster greater trust between the
13 community and our government while ensuring that
14 traffic control devices are implemented in a timely
15 manner. I believe this bill will be a significant
16 step forward in addressing some of the frustration
17 and confusion that so many people feel when
18 navigating the current system. It is my hope that
19 with Intro. 468-A, we can create a more transparent,
20 efficient, and effective process for ensuring the
21 safety of our streets. Once again, thank you, Chair
22 Brooks-Powers, for bringing this important
23 legislation for a vote. I look forward to continuing
24 to discuss how this bill will get implemented swiftly

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2 and just overall creating safer streets for all New
3 Yorkers. Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: I will now ask
5 the Committee Clerk to conduct a roll call vote on
6 the legislation.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
8 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
9 vote, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.
10 Proposed Introduction 468-A. Chair Brooks-Powers.

11 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.
12 Congratulations, Council Member Williams.

13 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Rivera.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

17 Congratulations.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: De La

19 Rosa.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER DE LA ROSA: Aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank
22 you. Farías.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER FARÍAS: I vote aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Narcisse.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER NARCISSE: Aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Won.

3 Banks.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER BANKS: Aye and

5 congratulations.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ariola.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER ARIOLA: I vote aye and

8 congratulations.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote

10 of eight in the affirmative, zero in the negative,

11 and no abstentions, item has been adopted by the

12 Committee.

13 CHAIRPERSON BROOKS-POWERS: This meeting

14 is now adjourned. [GAVEL]

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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 October 24, 2024