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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES  
  
Of the  
  
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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Start: 12:27 p.m.  
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HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Rm,  
14th Fl.

B E F O R E:  
  
JAMES VACCA  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
  
GALE A. BREWER  
DANIEL R. GARODNICK  
DAVID G. GREENFIELD  
VINCENT M. IGNIZIO  
PETER A. KOO  
G. OLIVER KOPPELL  
JESSICA S. LAPPIN  
DARLENE MEALY  
YDANIS A. RODRIGUEZ  
DEBORAH L. ROSE  
ERIC A. ULRICH  
JAMES G. VAN BRAMER



[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Okay we will call this meeting to order. It is 12:25 p.m. and I am city councilman James Vacca chair of the Transportation Committee and we are going to be voting on a local law today introduced by my colleague Council Member Rose. It is to amend the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to requiring the installation of speed humps on roadways adjacent to schools. Intro 732. The bill would require DOT to baseline the installation of speed humps adjacent to schools. Annually DOT would be required to install one or more speed humps on at least 50 block segments adjacent to school buildings or grounds that contain 250 students or more. This includes both public and private. Intro 732 A ensured that a proper amount of resources are set aside to curb speeding near schools. And I want to thank council member Rose for this legislation. In the past few months our committee has had hearings and we've been working with DOT doing meaningful oversight and legislation to enhance safety in our streets by slowing the speed of cars. There've been far too

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2 many incidents this year involving injury or death  
3 of pedestrians. Intro 732 is another step that the  
4 New York City council is taking to prevent these  
5 incidents from happening. So I thank the sponsor  
6 council member Rose. I want to introduce the  
7 members who are here; council member Lappin,  
8 council member Koppell, myself council member  
9 Vacca, council member Rose, council member  
10 Rodriguez, and council member Brewer. And I want to  
11 thank the staff for all their help. Council member  
12 Van Bramer who I told not to leave me and I don't  
13 even introduce him anyway who's right next to me.

14 [laughter]

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Fine.

16 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: And I want to...

17 [interpose]

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Fine.

19 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: And I love you  
20 anyway.

21 [laughter]

22 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: And I want to  
23 introduce council member Rose the sponsor for  
24 several words on this legislation.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you council  
3 member Vacca, chair Vacca. And I'd like to thank  
4 Speaker Quinn and transportation chair Vacca for  
5 their support of Intro 732 and for Lyle Frank and  
6 all of this committee staff for making this into a  
7 good bill that will ensure the safety of our  
8 children. And I wish to thank all of the co-  
9 sponsors for this important public safety bill, of  
10 this public safety bill for their support. Simply  
11 put Intro 732 will save lives. Sadly we have all  
12 experienced in our districts that most horrific of  
13 tragedies, the tragedy of a child being hit and  
14 killed or seriously injured by a speeding driver  
15 while crossing the street to or from school. What  
16 is most horrific about these tragedies is that they  
17 are easily avoidable. They are avoid, avoidable  
18 with speed humps on roads adjacent to schools which  
19 data shows results in an average of 19 percent  
20 reduction in speed and an almost 40 percent  
21 reduction in crashes which result in injury. That  
22 is why Intro 732 which will require the  
23 installation of speed humps on streets adjacent to  
24 schools is such critically important public safety  
25 legislation. It will prevent the tragedy of our

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2 children losing lives and limb to reckless speeding  
3 drivers. I am very proud to have sponsored this  
4 legislation which I believe will enhance the safety  
5 of our children. Will passage of this legislation  
6 the council will show its leadership once again in  
7 ensuring public safety and protecting our most  
8 vulnerable citizens; in this instance, our  
9 children. Thank you and I would request that  
10 everyone vote aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Thank you council  
12 member Rose and I would like to be added as a  
13 cosponsor of the bill and with that the chair  
14 recommends an aye vote and we will now call the  
15 roll. Sir.

16 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,  
17 Committee Clerk. Roll call vote Committee on  
18 Transportation. Introduction 732-A. Council member  
19 Vacca.

20 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Votes aye.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: [off mic] I  
23 vote.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye. I  
25 hope that in the process of determining which

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2 schools get the speed bumps that the CEC and the  
3 Parent Association and the principle have input. I  
4 will say that I think all my schools now have speed  
5 bumps. It does slow down the car traffic. They are  
6 a great way to do that but in every single case  
7 we've had a lot of input because where the speed  
8 bump goes on the street is as important as the fact  
9 that there is a speed bump. And we've had a lot of  
10 discussion about exactly where it should go on the  
11 street and parents and principle should have a lot  
12 of input. With all due respect to DOT sometimes  
13 just the on the ground observance is as important.  
14 So I hope that that's also part of the ongoing  
15 regulations. I vote aye.

16 WILLIAM MARTIN: Koppell.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER KOPPELL: Aye.

18 WILLIAM MARTIN: Lappin.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN: Rodriguez.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: [off mic] Aye

22 and I'd also like to...

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I'd also like

24 to give a lot of credit to Debbie Rose and the

25 chairman of the Committee of Transportation Vacca

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2 and everyone that make these things happen. You  
3 know when the next mayor to be De Blasio talk about  
4 the two city. There's a two city. And I can tell  
5 you that I know the Manhattan Gale. I had like a  
6 group advocate parents in getting signature, going  
7 to the DOT, making the case. Schools such as the  
8 Queens Lady Mother where we have a real issue with  
9 speeding in my district. And unfortunately like in  
10 months ago a block from, two block from where I  
11 have my office a, a working class person, a, a high  
12 working person, he was killed by someone that was  
13 speeding. It wouldn't of happened if the DOT would  
14 have listened to the request that we make. So I'm  
15 so proud that today we, to letting all the parent  
16 know that they will be more, they shouldn't worry  
17 be safe because they, they would not be that big to  
18 experience. I have, it has happened in many schools  
19 so I'm happy on this changing that will bring and  
20 again thank you council member Debbie Rose.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you. Thank  
22 you.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: And I vote  
24 aye.

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2 CHAIRPERSON VACCA: We've been joined by  
3 council member Ignizio and council member Ulrich  
4 and I would ask that they be called upon to vote.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN: Ignizio.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN: Ulrich.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I, I saw medical  
9 marijuana and I got excited. I'm sorry I'm looking  
10 at the wrong...

11 UNKNOWN MALE: Most people do get  
12 excited.

13 UNKNOWN MALE 2: Because he wanted to  
14 vote yes on that.

15 [laughter]

16 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I wanted to  
17 vote... I did. I did. I believe in that to. I'm a...

18 [background comments]

19 COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Anyway yeah  
20 thank you. Rockefeller republic in here. So I'm a  
21 cosponsor of the bill and I want to congratulate  
22 the lead sponsor and I proudly vote aye.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN: Rose.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

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WILLIAM MARTIN: Van Bramer.

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I am going to vote aye but I want to thank council member Rose and her staff who included a suggestion that we had. A very important one that includes nonpublic schools as well as public schools into this bill. I want to thank them for their support of that change. And I believe I already am a cosponsor just not on this piece of paper. But if I'm not please add me as a cosponsor and congratulations again to council member Rose and chair Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Thank you.

WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of nine in the affirmative, zero in the negative, no abstentions item is adopted. Members please sign the committee report.

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: I want to thank all the members for coming. I will leave the roll open until 12:45 for additional members to vote as well. Without further to do this hearing is adjourned.

[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Council member Garodnick how do you vote?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank you Mr.

Chairman. I vote aye.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Vote now stands at 10.

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Okay 10 in favor.

Thank you.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Council member

Greenfield.

COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I vote aye and ask that my name be added as a cosponsor of the bill.

WILLIAM MARTIN: Final vote in the Committee on Transportation is now 11 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, and no abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON VACCA: Committee for Education is now, Committee for Transportation sorry Committee for Education, Committee for Transportation is now adjourned.

[gavel]

C E R T I F I C A T E

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ December 05, 2013\_\_\_\_\_