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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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B E F O R E: YDANIS RODRIGUEZ  
CHAIRPERSON

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DANIEL GARODNICK  
DAVID GREENFIELD  
STEPHEN LEVIN  
I.MILLER  
DONOVAN RICHARDS  
DEBORAH ROSE  
JAMES VACCA  
JAMES VAN BRAMER

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

2 Welcome to today's hearing, today hearing  
3 on the New York City Council Transportation  
4 Committee, I am Ydanis Rodriguez, Chair of this  
5 Committee and I am joined by my colleagues Council  
6 Member Richard Rose, Jim Van Bramer, Constantinides  
7 and Vacca.

8 Today we will vote on two bill related to  
9 New York Citi Bike Share Program who better access  
10 and find ways to improve access to Citi Bike so that  
11 more people across the City can enjoy this welcome  
12 amenity.

13 Int. No. 225-A which I am proud to  
14 sponsor will require the City to report on the  
15 finances of the Bike Share Program so that we do not  
16 see another crisis in the operation of what is  
17 becoming a crucial part of our transportation  
18 network. Last year the parading company of the New  
19 York Citi Bike Share (inaudible) faced financial  
20 difficulties. Putting in jeopardy bike share  
21 programs in New York City and cities across the  
22 country.

23 Thankfully last October under the  
24 leadership of Mayor De Blasio and Commissioner Chuck  
25 Tomber (sic) this class was (inaudible) as the company

2 was taking over by Bike Share Holding LLC and changed  
3 his name to Motivate International which has since  
4 made improvement and upgraded technology to the  
5 benefit of riders across the City. Yet as it  
6 continue to be a public good it is in the interest of  
7 the public to ensure that network remain on solid  
8 financial footing. About a month ago I laid out my  
9 vision for moving transportation forward in our City.  
10 Increasing both safety and efficiency across the  
11 board. Cycling is a major part of this plan as it  
12 allows New Yorker to move about our City in a clearer  
13 safer and more efficient manner. Citi Bike plays a  
14 crucial role in achieving the goal of 12% of New  
15 Yorkers using bikes as a primary mode of travel. In  
16 order to ensure the financial wellbeing of this  
17 program in parent company motivated, this bill give  
18 us as the Council as well as the general public a  
19 view to base access when and where additional funding  
20 might be necessary to expand the system at more rapid  
21 pace. I know member of my community as well as many  
22 people in transit established area. In transit  
23 established areas across the city are eager to see  
24 bike share in their neighborhood.

2 Int. No. 210, introduced by Council  
3 Member Lander has similar intentions when it comes to  
4 shedding light on how our bike share program is  
5 operating. This bill will require the DOT publish  
6 Citi Bikes usage data. Showing where trails begin  
7 and end as well as how long riders are using bikes.  
8 With this increase transparency, with this increasing  
9 transparency the public can be engaged in improving  
10 not only the system but the system that Citi Bike  
11 info structure as a whole. Pointing to where cycling  
12 is more common and ensuring they info structure is  
13 keeping up with the demands to keep riders safe.

14 Now before we vote I would like to thank  
15 my Committee Staff Council Kelly Taylor, Policy  
16 Analyst Jonathan Masserano, Gafar Zaaloff and Russell  
17 Murphy as well as my Chief of Staff Carmen Delarosa,  
18 my Communication and Legislative Director Lucas  
19 Acosta. I now call for a vote on Int. No. 210-A and  
20 225-A, I recommend a yes on both and I would like,  
21 first I would like to know if there is any of my  
22 colleagues who'd like to say something? Since not, I  
23 ask the Clerk to please call the vote.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,  
3 Committee Clerk roll call vote, Committee on  
4 Transportation. Chair Rodriguez.

5 CHAIR RODRIGUEZ: I vote I.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Well I'm going to  
8 vote I on all but I do have to say that both pieces  
9 of legislation deal with basic transparency and city,  
10 you know city agencies can take upon themselves to be  
11 more transparent without having legislation and I'm  
12 hoping that they do but the Council play has played  
13 an important part I think in the transparency effort  
14 and in recent years it's been more and more  
15 significant. Without this information thought I will  
16 tell you that Citi Bike is not in the Bronx and we  
17 don't need to have a website to go to too know that  
18 and I think that it's about time we have an  
19 understanding as to when our Borough is going to be  
20 included in this and how and those discussions have  
21 to begin soon. But with that being said I vote I on  
22 all.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: CHIN.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: I on all.

25 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: I want to sort of  
3 parrot Council Member Vacca's concerns about being a  
4 Borough without Citi Bike and look forward it coming  
5 to a place near us in Staten Island. And with that I  
6 vote yes on both and I would like to be included on  
7 Int. No. 225-A and 210-A. Thank you.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote I on  
10 both and would like to be added as a co-sponsor to  
11 225-A.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: I will echo  
14 Council Member Rose and Vacca in saying that we look  
15 forward to the day that the Rockaway in Southeast  
16 Queens will also be a part of Citi Bike. We are  
17 transportation deserts and... and we need better  
18 transportation options I think if come into the  
19 district you will often see people riding bikes or  
20 not riding bikes but we want to make sure that we're  
21 offering as many transportation alternatives to  
22 residents of the Rockaway and Southeast Queens as  
23 well, whatever I'm not a co-sponsor on please add me  
24 and I will add as Queens being the best place in the

2 world and I know Jimmy Van Bramer will agree, Go  
3 Mets.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Constantinides.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: I vote I  
6 on both and please add my name to Int. No. 225-A.  
7 Thank you.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank you I  
10 vote I.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 8 in the  
12 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions  
13 both items have been adopted.

14 CHAIR RODRIGUEZ: Thank you and.. and I  
15 would just like to say that we are working with  
16 administration in Citi Bike to be sure that we  
17 continue expanding Citi Bike throughout the five  
18 Boroughs. My district need to have a Citi Bike at  
19 this moment and as my colleague also in Queens  
20 (inaudible)in the Bronx, I need to also see Citi Bike  
21 for the constitutes and two also to be able to using  
22 in going and discover our community. It is important  
23 that also we will continue to bring more resources so  
24 that Citi Bike is expanded through the five Boroughs.  
25 We will leave the vote open for the next 25 minutes.



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2 [Pause]

3 COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote, Committee  
4 on Transportation is now 8 in the affirmative, 0 in  
5 the negative and no abstentions. Thank you.

6 [Pause]

7 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,  
8 Committee on Transportation, Council Member  
9 Greenfield.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: I.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote now,  
12 Committee on Transportation is 9 in the affirmative, 0  
13 in the negative and no abstentions.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER GREENFIELD: Committee on  
15 Transportation is hereby adjourned.

16 [pause]

17 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,  
18 Committee Clerk this is a continuation roll call, the  
19 Committee on Transportation. Council Member Miller

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I vote I.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Revised final vote,  
22 Committee on Transportation is 10 in the affirmative,  
23 0 in the negative and no abstentions.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Now adjourn the  
25 meeting.

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2 [gavel]

3 [pause]

4 COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation William  
5 Martin, Committee Clerk roll call, Committee on  
6 Transportation. Council Member Levin.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote I on all.

8 COMMITTEE CLERK: Revised final vote,  
9 Committee on Transportation is now 11 in the  
10 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: And we will  
12 adjourn the hearing at this time. Thank you.

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