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By Council Members Freed and Carrion; also Council Members Sabini, Michels and Quinn

Whereas, The Manhattan Bridge renovation project has become one of the City's longest-running reconstruction projects; and

Whereas, According to the New York Times, a City employee was arrested several weeks ago for seeking a bribe from a contractor on the project; and

Whereas, The reconstruction work for the ninety year old bridge has been going on for nearly twenty years and been the source of continuous frustration for nearby residents, motorists and those who rely on mass transit; and

Whereas, Serious questions have been raised regarding the numerous delays in completing the project; and

Whereas, A thorough review of the numerous contracts involved in the project should be conducted for the purpose of examining the performance of the contractors engaged in the project, the number of defaults that have occurred and what, if any, integrity review mechanisms are in place to root out corruption and to ensure that corrupt practices do not occur; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the appropriate committee of the Council of the City of New York conduct an oversight hearing in relation to the City's procurement practices related to the Manhattan Bridge renovation project.

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