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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a traffic management plan in response to certain emergency events.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 30 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 30-108 to read as follows:

§ 30-108 Traffic management plan. The commissioner shall develop or update, no later than December first, two thousand thirteen, a traffic management plan in consultation with other city agencies and relevant governmental entities, to be utilized during and after coastal storms and other severe weather and natural disaster events where such events severely impact automotive, subway, and/or commuter train transportation in the city of New York. Such plan shall include but not be limited to the following features, provided that nothing herein shall be construed to interfere with the ability of agencies responding to an emergency to implement plans, modify plans, or take steps not described in any written plan, in a manner appropriate to circumstances particular to that emergency:

a. the installation of back-up power capability, including but not limited to the consideration of the effectiveness of installing solar power and other alternative energy sources with respect to street lights and traffic control signals to keep the roadway network functioning to the maximum possible extent during power outages;

b. alternative transportation options provided by governmental and/or private entities to be used in the event of subway service and/or major roadway shutdowns, including but not limited to expanded bus and ferry service;

c. alternative bus routing, including but not limited to criteria for the closing of streets to all traffic except buses;

d. the expanded use of vehicles licensed by the taxi and limousine commission;

e. some accessible transportation options for persons with special needs;

f. closing or partially closing certain streets or designating that one or more lanes of traffic on such streets are closed to traffic except for emergency vehicles and/or vehicles driven by certain individuals involved in rescue, recovery and clean-up operations;

g. where appropriate, recommending to the appropriate state transportation authorities the elimination or reduction of fares on buses, subways and ferries; and

h. a mechanism to provide that, to the extent practicable, all public communications, written or otherwise, are available in the most commonly spoken languages of affected communities.

§ 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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