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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a study on left turns.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 19-182 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new subdivision c to read as follows:

c. 1. For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(A) “Exclusive pedestrian phase” shall mean a pedestrian control signal that allows pedestrians an exclusive interval at which to completely cross using any of the existing crosswalks within the intersection while traffic is stopped in all directions;

(B) “Leading pedestrian interval” shall mean a pedestrian control signal that displays a walk indication before a green indication for the parallel direction of traffic; and

(C) “Motor vehicle” shall have the same meaning as in section one hundred twenty-five of the vehicle and traffic law.

2. As part of the comprehensive study and plan required pursuant to this section, the department shall study means of enhancing the safety of pedestrians and bicyclists where motor vehicles make left turns. Such study and plan shall consider and make recommendations as to how streets and sidewalks may be designed to minimize the risk of traffic crashes and to minimize the risk of critical injury or death resulting from the making of such turns. Such study and plan shall include, but not be limited to, at or near left turn locations, consideration of removing motor vehicle parking, the installation of leading pedestrian intervals, the

designation of lanes exclusively for left turns, and the installation of exclusive pedestrian phases.

§2. This local law shall take effect immediately upon enactment into law.

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