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By Council Members Deutsch and Holden

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to raising the speed limit on certain streets

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 19-177 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new paragraphs 1 and 2 to read as follows:

1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this subdivision, the commissioner may raise the speed limit to a maximum of 35 miles per hour on streets that are high-capacity streets under the jurisdiction of the department serving as the principal network of through-traffic flow and are designed to accommodate a higher rate of speed safely, as determined by the commissioner.

2. Upon request by a council member to raise the speed limit pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subdivision, the commissioner shall perform a study regarding the feasibility of raising the speed limit on a street specified by such council member and whether such a change would increase the risk of traffic crashes or increase the risk of critical injury or death resulting from such crashes. Such study shall include a recommendation from the commissioner regarding whether or not to raise the speed limit on the respective street and the basis for that recommendation. In determining whether to raise the speed limit, the commissioner shall take into account the results of any such study that has been conducted.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law, except that the commissioner may take such measures as are necessary for the implementation of this local law, including the promulgation of rules, before such date.

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