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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a street design checklist

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 3 of chapter 1 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 19-182.2 to read as follows:

§ 19-182.2 Street design checklist. a. As used in this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

ADA accessibility. The term “ADA accessibility” means compliance with part 36 of title 28 of the code of federal regulations implementing the Americans with disabilities act of 1990.

Daylighting. The term “daylighting” means street design elements for enhancing visibility of cross traffic and pedestrians for motorists approaching an intersection.

Major transportation project. The term “major transportation project” has the same meaning as such term is defined in section 19-101.2.

Narrow vehicle lane. The term “narrow vehicle lane” means a vehicular lane that is not greater than 10 feet wide.

Pedestrian safety island. The term “pedestrian safety island” means an area located at a crosswalk that serves as pedestrian refuge separating traffic lanes or directions, particularly on wide roadways.

Protected bicycle lane. The term “protected bicycle lane” means a portion of a street or intersection intended for the preferential or exclusive use of bicycles separated from motorized vehicle traffic by vertical delineation or physical barriers in accordance with department design standards.

Wide sidewalk. The term “wide sidewalk” means a sidewalk that is at least eight feet wide.

b. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of law or rule, the department shall develop a standard checklist of safety-enhancing street design elements for all major transportation projects. Such checklist shall include but need not be limited to the following elements: (i) ADA accessibility; (ii) protected bicycle lanes; (iii) dedicated mass transit facilities such as bus lanes and bus bulbs; (iv) dedicated vehicle loading and unloading zones; (v) narrow vehicle lanes; (vi) pedestrian safety islands; (vii) signal-protected pedestrian crossings; (viii) signal retiming; (ix) wide sidewalks; and (x) daylighting. The department may amend the standard checklist by rule to promote vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle safety.

c. The department shall post the standard checklist required by subdivision b of this section on its website. For each major transportation project to be implemented on or after November 1, 2019, the department shall post on its website, prior to implementation, a checklist for such project and, if any element on such checklist has not been included in the project, an explanation why such element was not applicable or otherwise not included.

d. If an agency other than the department implements a major transportation project, such agency shall consider, in consultation with the department, if safety-enhancing street design elements, including those on the checklist, should be included in such project.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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