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By Council Member Eugene

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing a task force to study the hazards and economic impacts of elevated railways and providing for the repeal of such amendment upon expiration thereof

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subchapter 1 of chapter 1 of title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding new section § 19-159.4 to read as follows:

§ 19-159.4 Transit hazard task force. a. The department shall establish an interagency task force to examine the city's elevated railways and assess the scope and nature of their health, safety, environmental and fiscal impacts, including geographical concentration, noise levels, vibrations, quality of life issues, and future trends with respect to planned construction, property values and life expectancy in surrounding communities.

b. Such task force shall develop recommendations to improve health and safety in and around elevated railways. Such recommendations shall include, but need not be limited to, proposals for legislation and rulemaking.

c. Such task force shall consist of the commissioner of transportation, the director of city planning, the commissioner of sanitation, and the commissioner of finance, or the respective designee of such commissioner or chair.

d. The task force shall invite representatives from the New York state department of transportation, the metropolitan transportation authority, and any other relevant city or state agency or city or state elected official, as identified by the task force, to participate in the development of the task force report and recommendations

pursuant to this section. The task force may also invite relevant advocacy groups to participate in the work of the task force.

e. Reporting. 1. The task force shall meet at least quarterly and shall submit semiannual reports detailing its activities and recommendations to the mayor and the speaker of the council, by no later than January 1 and July 1 of each year, for 10 years following the effective date of this section.

2.. The task force shall include with any such report a recommendation to the mayor and the speaker of the council about whether continued reporting on such topic is necessary and appropriate.

§ 2. This local law takes effect 120 days after it becomes law and expires and is deemed repealed one year after the submission of the final report required by section 19-159.4 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by section one of this local law.

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