



Legislation Text

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Resolution calling upon the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to institute a public recycling program in all of its transit facilities within New York City.

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Whereas, The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) does not provide separate recycling receptacles for paper, metals, glass and plastic, as the transit systems in cities such as Chicago, Washington, Boston, Montreal and San Francisco have done; and

Whereas, According to a press release by the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), CTA partnered with the Chicago Tribune to install 285 recycling bins at 112 locations and collected over 230 tons of newspaper annually from customers to continue their efforts for a cleaner environment; and

Whereas, The MTA does perform post-collection separation which includes picking through the trash after it is collected to separate recyclables; and

Whereas, Recyclables that are mixed in with food waste and other trash before being separated can lead to higher levels of contaminated recyclables; and

Whereas, Recycling has proven to be a relatively inexpensive and environmentally sound way to reduce waste; and

Whereas, New York City has implemented curbside recycling programs throughout many communities in the five boroughs; and

Whereas, These programs include the collection of newspapers, magazines, corrugated boxes, metal and glass and the residents within these communities have been active and enthusiastic participants; and

Whereas, At present, thousands of newspapers and other recyclables are disposed of in regular receptacle bins containing trash in subway stations throughout the City everyday as commuters leave their trains; and

Whereas, Creating a separate recycling program for discarded newspapers and other recyclables in subway stations would further reduce the City's waste stream; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to institute a public recycling program in all of its transit facilities within New York City.

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