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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to redesigning the truck route network to improve safety and reduce traffic congestion and emissions

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 19-192.1 to read as follows:

§ 19-192.1 Redesigning Truck Routes. a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Daylighting. The term “daylighting” means street design elements, including the removal of parking, for enhancing the visibility of cross traffic and pedestrians for motorists within 25 feet of an intersection and the imposition of turn restrictions.

Large generator of truck traffic building. The term “large generator of truck traffic building” means a commercial building that is over 500,000 gross square feet in size.

b. Redesign. The department shall redesign the city truck route network to improve safety, increase visibility, reduce traffic congestion and emissions, and reduce vehicle miles traveled. In redesigning such network, the department shall consult with the department of city planning, the department of buildings, the economic development corporation, small business services, the department of citywide administrative services, affected residents, representatives from businesses, owners of large generator of truck traffic

buildings, representatives from environmental and climate justice organizations, representatives from street safety organizations, industrial business zone administrators, and the trucking, logistics and last-mile delivery industries. In addition, the department shall seek input from relevant state and federal agencies, including, but not limited to, the port authority of New York and New Jersey.

d. Daylighting. In connection with the redesign, the department shall implement daylighting at each intersection adjacent to the truck route network to improve sight lines and turning radii.

c. Initial report. No later than November 1, 2023, the department shall publish on its website, and submit to the speaker of the council and the mayor, a report describing the proposed redesigned truck route network and explaining the reasons for the proposed route adjustments. The report shall include consideration of existing city and regional logistics and distribution center networks, as well as recent trends in freight, logistics, and deliveries. Additionally, the report shall include recommendations for improving logistics related to truck routes, including but not limited to changes to truck route signage and cost estimates for truck route signage replacement on all truck routes, changes to the New York city zoning resolution, changes to the New York city building code, improvements to and investments in logistics centers such as marine transfer stations, proposals for delivery consolidation and distribution, proposals to reduce vehicle miles travelled and congestion, street safety design changes, improved truck specifications and design, vehicle procurement policies, and state and federal agency coordination.

d. Public comment. Upon issuing the report, the department shall provide no fewer than 30 days for public review and comment on the proposed routes and recommendations.

e. Final report. After considering all public input, but no later than 90 days following the end of the public comment period, the department shall publish on its website, and submit to the speaker of the council and the mayor, a revised report describing the final redesigned truck route network and recommendation implementation timeline.

f. Implementation. No later than June 1, 2024, the department shall implement the redesigned truck

route network, including the daylighting of every intersection adjacent to the truck route network.

g. Signage. No later than July 1, 2024, the department shall review all truck route signage and replace signage along such redesigned truck route network where deemed necessary for improved visibility.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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