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A Local Law in relation to the establishment of a task force to study options, report on, and make recommendations for potential locations for the construction of a bus depot in Flushing, Queens

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. For purposes of this local law, the following terms have the following meanings:

Bus depot. The term “bus depot” means a public transit yard as used in section 32-25(C) of the zoning resolution of the city of New York.

City. The term “city” means the city of New York.

Task force. The term “task force” means the Flushing bus depot task force established by this local law.

§ 2. Task force established. There is hereby established a task force to be known as the Flushing bus depot task force.

§ 3. Duties. The task force shall identify potential locations for the construction of a bus depot in Flushing, Queens, and to estimate the projected costs associated with the construction of such bus depot. The task force shall conduct a study, which shall include an assessment of the anticipated total costs of constructing a new bus depot, including the cost of purchasing the necessary lots, the cost of hiring contractors, workers, inspectors, and other staff, and the cost of all construction-related materials. In conducting the study, the task force shall review the factors that may be considered for the acquisition of necessary lots for the construction of a new bus depot.

§ 4. Membership. a. The task force shall be composed of the following members:

1. The commissioner of transportation or such commissioner’s designee, who shall serve as chair;

2. The director of city planning or such director's designee; and

3. Five other members to be appointed by the mayor.

b. The mayor shall invite the metropolitan transportation authority and the New York city transit authority to participate in the work of the task force. The mayor may invite officers and representatives of relevant federal, state, and local agencies and authorities to participate in the work of the task force.

c. All appointments required by this section shall be made no later than 90 days after the effective date of this local law.

d. Each member of the task force shall serve at the pleasure of the officer who appointed the member. In the event of a vacancy on the task force, a successor shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term. All members of the task force shall serve without compensation.

§ 5. Meetings. a. The chair shall convene the first meeting of the task force no later than 30 days after the last member has been appointed, except that where not all members of the task force have been appointed within the time specified in section four, the chair shall convene the first meeting of the task force within 10 days of the appointment of a quorum.

b. The task force may invite experts and stakeholders to attend its meetings and to provide testimony and information relevant to its duties.

c. The task force shall meet no less than once each quarter to carry out the duties described in section three.

d. The meeting requirement of subdivision c shall be suspended when the task force submits its report as required by section six.

§ 6. Report. a. No later than 270 days after the effective date of this local law, the task force shall submit a report to the mayor and the speaker of the council setting forth its recommendations relating to the potential construction of a bus depot in Flushing, Queens. The report shall include the locations of existing bus depots

and other zoning considerations obtained from the Queens borough president and the department of city planning pursuant to such study.

b. The director of city planning shall publish the task force's report electronically on the website of the department of city planning no later than 10 days after its submission to the mayor and the speaker of the council.

§ 7. Agency support. Each agency affected by this local law shall provide appropriate staff and resources to support the work of such agency related to the task force. The Queens borough president and the department of city planning shall provide the task force with information on the locations of existing bus depots in Queens, to the extent such information is available.

§ 8. Termination. The task force shall terminate 180 days after the date on which it submits its report, as required by section six.

§ 9. Effective date. This local law takes effect immediately.

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