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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to notification and community input regarding designation of, removal of and changes to open streets

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Subdivisions a, j and l of section 19-107.1 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 55 for the year 2021, are amended to read as follows:

a. Definitions. For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Affected representatives. The term “affected representatives” means any council member or community board representing the geographic area in which the relevant open street is located, and any community organization involved in the management or operations of the relevant open street.

Community organization. The term “community organization” means any formal or informal group of people or businesses with ties to the community who collaborate to manage or participate in the operations of an open street.

Open street. The term “open street” means a street or segment of a street designated by the department as such, on which motor vehicle access is controlled by barriers and signage or other traffic calming measures, and on which priority is given to pedestrians, individuals using bicycles, and other non-vehicular street users.

j. Prior to the designation or permanent removal of an open street or any permanent changes to the geographic bounds, design or streetscape elements of an open street, the department shall: [provide notice to affected council members, community boards and community organizations]

1. Provide notice to affected representatives of the proposed action at least 60 days prior to implementation;

2. Following the provision of such notice, provide a period of at least four weeks during which the department shall accept and consider comments from the affected representative and the community regarding the proposed action;

3. Following such comment period, provide a period of at least two weeks in which the department shall consider and prepare responses to such comments; and

4. At least one week before implementation of such designation, removal or change, provide a response summarizing the comments received and whether it will make any changes to the proposed action.

1. Reporting. On an annual basis, the department shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council and post on the department's website a report evaluating the open streets program, including any recommendations for modifications or expansion. In addition, the department shall regularly post on the department's website an updated list of open streets, hours of operation and any temporary suspension of open streets or temporary changes to the geographic scope, design or streetscape elements of open streets. The department shall also provide notice to affected representatives of any temporary suspension of open streets or changes to the geographic scope, design or streetscape elements of open streets. Such notice shall be provided at least 72 hours in advance of any planned temporary changes or suspensions and no later than 72 hours following any unplanned temporary changes or suspensions.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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