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A Local Law in relation to the installation of illuminated and solar-powered traffic devices at crosswalks

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

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

Crosswalk. The term "crosswalk" means a portion of a roadway, whether marked or unmarked, that is included within the extension of the sidewalk lines between opposite sides of the roadway at an intersection.

Department. The term "department" means the department of transportation.

Roadway. The term "roadway" has the same meaning as set forth in section 19-101 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

Sidewalk. The term "sidewalk" has the same meaning as set forth in section 19-101 of the administrative code of the city of New York.

Traffic control device. The term "traffic control device" means a sign, signal, marking, or device that the department places or erects for the purpose of regulating, warning, or guiding traffic on a roadway.

b. Installations. No later than December 31, 2031, the department shall install a traffic control device that is illuminated and solar-powered at no fewer than 200 crosswalks, provided that, no later than December 31, 2027, the department shall install such a device at no fewer than 40 crosswalks, and provided further that the department may install such devices at fewer crosswalks than required by this subdivision if the department determines, in its professional engineering judgment, that any such installation would: (i) be inconsistent with

the most recent version of the manual on uniform traffic control devices; or (ii) endanger the safety of a motorist, pedestrian, cyclist, or other person.

c. Study. No later than December 31, 2031, the department shall conduct a study regarding the efficacy of illuminated and solar-powered traffic control devices installed at crosswalks pursuant to subdivision b of this local law. Such study shall, at minimum:

1. Assess the utility of such devices, including the effectiveness of such devices in deterring violations of the vehicle and traffic law, the administrative code of the city of New York, or department rules, as compared to traffic control devices that are not illuminated or solar-powered;

2. Identify any logistical challenges regarding the siting or operation of traffic control devices that are illuminated and solar-powered at crosswalks; and

3. Make recommendations regarding the continued or potential expanded use of such devices, and recommendations regarding any potential sites for installing such devices.

d. Reports. No later than February 1, 2028, and no later than February 1 of each of the 4 years thereafter, the department shall submit to the mayor and the speaker of the council, and post on the department's website, a report that includes the date and location of any installation by the department during the preceding calendar year of a traffic control device that is illuminated and solar-powered pursuant to subdivision b of this local law, provided that the fifth such report, due no later than February 1, 2032, shall include the findings of the study conducted pursuant to subdivision c of this local law.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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