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Resolution calling on the New York City Transit Authority to track and investigate neglected maintenance work on elevators and escalators.

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Whereas, To enable passengers with physical mobility impairments to access the subway and to facilitate the movement of passengers through the system, the New York City Transit Authority (“NYCT”) has installed elevators and escalators at specific stations considered to benefit the most people; and

Whereas, NYCT operates 182 station elevators and 176 escalators throughout the subway system, to enable passengers with physical mobility impairments to access the subway; and

Whereas, The NYCT Division of Infrastructure’s Elevator and Escalator Department (EED) is responsible for inspecting and maintaining all elevators and escalators in NYCT facilities and ensuring they are clean, safe and reliable; and

Whereas, In July of 2010 the New York City Comptroller released a report “Audit Report on New York City Transit Efforts to Inspect, Repair and Maintain Elevators and Escalators” (“the Comptroller’s Audit”); and

Whereas, The Comptroller’s Audit found that there was a decrease in the rate of most scheduled inspections and tests performed by EED between 2008 and 2009; and

Whereas, The Comptroller’s audit found that NYCT’s Inspection Unit did not meet its annual inspection goals between 2008 and 2009; and

Whereas, The Comptroller’s audit discovered that currently the NYCT’s Inspection Unit’s level of personnel is inadequate to ensure the unit’s own inspection goals; and

Whereas, When scheduled inspections are not performed as prescribed, there is an increased risk that problems will go undetected and uncorrected, increasing the likelihood of equipment breakdowns; and

Whereas, The increased risk of equipment breakdown would result in an inconvenience to the riding public especially to those individuals with mobility impairments who rely on elevators and escalators to access subway stations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls on the New York City Transit Authority to track and investigate neglected maintenance work on elevators and escalators.

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