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COUNCIL MEMBERS CHIN, RODRIGUEZ, AND VAN BRAMER PUSH TO STRENGTHEN REPORTING OF CRASHES, SUMMONSES ALONG BUSY TRUCK ROUTES

Legislation introduced today will require NYPD to aggregate data on violations and crashes

New York, NY – Council Member Margaret Chin joined Council Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer and Council Transportation Committee Chairman Ydanis Rodriguez to introduce legislation that would call on the NYPD to compile data on moving violations and crashes along city-designated truck routes into a publicly accessible database. Information about summonses issued and crashes occurring on these routes would be searchable by borough and police precinct on the NYPD’s website.

“This vital piece of legislation is an important part of our quest to achieve zero pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities because it will provide, for the first time, easily accessible data about when and where incidents occur along our city’s dangerous truck routes,” **said Council Member Margaret Chin.** “In my district, and across our city, too many people have died as a result of fatal collisions with trucks on our crowded roadways. I thank my fellow Council Members, as well as our city’s tireless safe street advocates for partnering with me to save the lives of pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.”

“Unruly truck routes along neighborhood streets continue to be a menace that puts the lives of children, seniors, and cyclists at risk,” **said Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer.** “This legislation would create an easily searchable database that would give parents, caregivers, and others an invaluable tool to keep their loved ones safe from excessive truck traffic.”

“With the information we will garner from this legislation we can ensure that we know and improve high risk truck routes. I commend Council Member Chin for working to make sure that truck routes throughout our city are that much safer,” **said NYC Council Transportation Chairman Ydanis Rodriguez.**

Intro 919 follows the signing into law by Mayor Bill de Blasio in June of legislation requiring the New York City Dept. of Transportation (DOT) to conduct a comprehensive study of pedestrian and cyclist safety along the city’s truck routes. Designated truck routes like Canal Street in Lower Manhattan, represented by Council Member Chin, and Queens Boulevard in Council Member Van Bramer’s district, have been plagued with pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities and injuries. The city is required to complete this study no later than June 30, 2016.

Both bills are part of an ongoing effort by elected officials and safe streets advocates to achieve the goal of zero pedestrian and bicyclist fatalities in New York City.

"We know that truck drivers disproportionately kill and injure New Yorkers who are walking or bicycling. This important legislation will help the NYPD focus its data-driven enforcement on the driving behaviors that cause

most traffic deaths and serious injuries," **said Paul Steely White, Executive Director of Transportation Alternatives.** "The data will also show officials and the public what is already clear: the need for safety improvements along the City's most dangerous streets, which also serve as truck routes."

"We commend Councilwoman Chin for her steadfast dedication to pedestrian and cyclist safety on our city streets. Access to accurate reporting of crashes and traffic violations on truck routes will enable residents to make informed decisions when mapping out their commutes to and from work, home, and school. This is another step toward reaching the Mayor's Vision Zero goals by 2030," **said Lisa Rainwater, Move NY Campaign Manager.**

"New Yorkers need information about traffic violations along those hazardous truck routes, and Council Member Chin is providing an important public service by introducing this bill to make sure the data is up-to-date and searchable," **said Amy Cohen of Families for Safe Streets.** "This legislation will help officials set priorities about traffic enforcement and street redesigns as part of the Vision Zero effort to make sure no more families have to experience the kind of loss we have to live with."

"Having solid public data on real world summons and crashes will help us move from anecdotal anxiety to real action targeted at the greatest threats," **said Catherine McVay Hughes, chair of Manhattan Community Board 1.** "I commend the work of Council Members Chin, Van Bramer, and Rodriguez on this important piece of legislation."

"Having personally witnessed at least two seniors laying in the middle of roadbeds of Chinatown after being hit by trucks in recent months, any mitigating measure is welcome news to our community by reducing chance of further tragedies," **said Wellington Chen, executive director of the Chinatown Partnership Local Development Corporation.** "I thank Council Member Chin for her work on this important issue."

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