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Memorandum in Support **Intro 417**

The New York League of Conservation Voters (NYLCV) supports the passage of Intro 417 of 2022, sponsored by Council Member Restler. The bill would repeal section 19-187 of the administrative code in order to streamline the Community Board and Council Member notification process for street safety and traffic improvement measures by creating a single, uniform notice process for the NYC Department of Transportation.

The most effective way to reduce transportation emissions is to expand access to and improve infrastructure for alternative modes of transportation such as bicycles, e-bikes, and e-scooters. Unfortunately, the current process for approving major transportation projects and any change to bike lanes is unnecessarily long and arduous, requiring unnecessary waiting periods and multiple confusing timelines.

NYLCV supports Intro 417 because safe and widespread access to micro-mobility options such as biking are crucial to reduce air pollution, meet our State's carbon emission goals, and for the City to implement the NYC Streets Plan. For these goals to be achievable, we must streamline processes such as this so that street projects can happen in a timely manner.

Transportation and micro-mobility infrastructure upgrades are top priorities for NYLCV. **We urge you to cosponsor Intro 417 and vote yes when the bill comes up for a vote. This bill was included on our 2022 City Council Environmental Scorecard and is a strong candidate for our 2023 Scorecard.**

