

NYC Council Bill calling for the designation of 500 miles of recreational bike routes aka “Grayways” - DRAFT 1/6/21

Current Introduction Number:

Int. No. XXXX.2020

Prime Sponsors:

By Council Members ...

Bill Title:

A Local Law in relation to designating 500 miles of recreational bike routes for the benefit of NYC’s 793,000 cyclists and to boost neighborhood tourism. Also to supplement mass transit capacity, bolster transportation resilience and reduce CO2 emissions.

Bill Summary:

This bill would require the Departments of Transportation (“DOT”) and Parks and Recreation (“DPR”) to facilitate and so designate no less than 500 centerline miles of recreational bike routes aka “grayways”.

Such routes would aggregate existing on-road bike lanes, separated bike paths, low-intensity residential streets and industrial areas that get little traffic on weekends. The routes shall incorporate city playgrounds at regular intervals to insure frequent rest stop opportunities.

The proposal would be implemented immediately by posting global positioning system data (“GPS”) on DOT and DPR and NYC.GO websites. Over time, as routes gain acceptance, they should be augmented with signage and safety improvements.

Effective Date:

Immediately

Legislative Impact:

- ☐ **Agency Rulemaking Required:** Is City agency rulemaking required?
- ☐ **Report Required:** Is a report due to Council required?
- ☐ **Sunset Date Included:** Does the legislation have a sunset date?
- ☐ **Council Appointment Required:** Is an appointment by the Council required?
- ☐ **Other Appointment Required:** Are other appointments not by the Council required?

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