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New York City Commercial Waste Zones Safety Task Force

Meeting 7 – February 4, 2025, 10:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

Task Force Members Present

Eric Beaton, Deputy Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation
David Biderman, President, Biderman Consulting LLC
Elena Conte, Pratt Center for Community Development
William Harris, Director, Audit & Compliance, Bureau of Commercial Waste, DSNY
Julia Kite, Senior Program Manager, Road to Zero Coalition
Frank Marshall, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Commercial Waste, DSNY
Daniel Wright, President, Teamsters Local 813

Additional Agency Staff Present

Armenous Aslanian-Persico, Deputy Director, Contracts & Compliance, DSNY
Anissa Badea, Agency Counsel, DSNY
Alison Bonfoey, Deputy Commissioner, Business Integrity Commission
Monica Hanley, Senior Advisor, Bureau of Commercial Waste, DSNY
Steven Hoffner, Deputy Chief, Safety & Training, DSNY
Rebecca Lipman, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Legal Affairs, DSNY
Nicole Mathias, Director of Policy, Business Integrity Commission
Lily Nuamah, Contracts & Compliance Manager, Bureau of Commercial Waste, DSNY
Mandy Shum, Audit Manager, Bureau of Commercial Waste, DSNY

Below are the minutes for the 7th meeting of the Commercial Waste Zones Safety Task Force. Created as part of Local Law 199, the Task Force meets to monitor industry conditions in order to make recommendations regarding improving worker safety training and other ways to protect the public from potential dangers posed by commercial waste hauling activities. The Safety Task Force is chaired by Assistant Commissioner Frank Marshall of the Department of Sanitation and includes representatives from the Business Integrity Commission as well as other appointed industry and policy experts. The minutes include items specific to the Safety Task Force's agenda and focus and are not comprehensive to the overall efforts of the Commercial Waste Zone Program.

I. Task Force Member Review

- Assistant Commissioner Frank Marshall took a roll call of the members of the Safety Task Force and led the meeting.

II. Key Topics & Agenda

- Queens Central Rollout: The Task Force received an update on the successful rollout of the City's first fully implemented Commercial Waste Zone in Queens

Central, which includes the following neighborhoods in Queens: *Corona, Elmhurst, East Elmhurst, Forest Hills, Glendale, Jackson Heights, Maspeth, Middle Village, Rego Park, and Ridgewood*. DSNY conducted a thorough outreach process with the businesses in Queens Central, including extensive canvassing, phone calls, and mailers. Through this outreach, DSNY identified thousands of additional businesses beyond BIC's customer register.

- i. Contracts: DSNY reported that 100% of Queens Central businesses DSNY identified have either signed a CWZ contract with an authorized carter or were assigned an authorized carter by DSNY.
 - ii. Compliance / Enforcement: DSNY reported that to date, it has not received any missed collection complaints for Queens Central from 311 or reports of unauthorized activity in the zone.
 - iii. Telematics: DSNY reported that all authorized carters in Queens Central are now equipped with operational telematics, which allows DSNY to track vehicle information, supporting CWZ enforcement, safety and reporting efforts.
- Executive Order 39 (EO39) Alignment on 360-Degree Cameras: The Task Force continued discussion around Truck Surround Cameras / 360 Cameras for commercial carter vehicles. The Task Force discussed that although EO39 does not necessarily apply to carters, with the help of the Task Force, DSNY is in the process of incorporating some EO39 safety requirements into the Commercial Waste Zone Program. The Task Force reviewed a potential timeline for camera implementation and will discuss further at the next Task Force meeting.
 - Worker Safety Training Recommendations: The Task Force discussed its ability to standardize required worker safety training. Members of the Task Force were encouraged to attend an upcoming safety seminar and discussed hosting a separate call focused on this topic.
 - Lithium-Ion Battery and E-Bike Safety: The Task Force discussed remaining vigilant on safety around lithium-ion batteries and e-bikes. The Task Force was asked about what commercial corridors this remains an issue for and whether to increase education and potential enforcement in those areas.

Next Steps and Action Items: Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM. The next quarterly meeting will be scheduled by