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Introduced by M. of A. WALKER, BENEDETTO, REYES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions -- recommitted to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT directing the metropolitan transportation authority to study the feasibility of co-mingling public transit and freight service on the proposed Triboro line along the rail right-of-way running from Co-op City in the Bronx, through Queens, and terminating in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

- 1 Section 1. 1. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority shall, in
- 2 consultation with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the
- 3 state Department of Transportation, conduct a study to explore the use
- 4 of the Triboro rail line as a co-mingled public transit and freight
- 5 line, exploring the reduction of travel time for residents and an
- 6 increase in quality of life for outer borough residents.
- 7 2. The study shall cover the full extent of the corridor which
- 8 includes Amtrak's ownership in the Bronx south over the Hell Gate
- 9 bridge, CSX's Fremont Secondary line south to Fresh Pond Junction, and
- 10 the Long Island Rail Road's Bay Ridge branch operated by New York and
- 11 Atlantic Railway.
- 12 3. Such study shall examine the challenges, opportunities, and feasi-
- 13 bility of co-mingling public transit and freight service along the
- 14 Triboro rail line.
- 15 4. Within one year of the effective date of this act, the Metropolitan
- 16 Transportation Authority shall issue a report of its findings on the
- 17 feasibility and benefits of co-mingling public transit and freight
- 18 service along the Triboro rail line to the governor, the temporary pres-

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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ident of the senate and the speaker of the assembly of the state of New York. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

(a) the populations served and ridership expected to benefit from public transit on the Triboro rail line;

(b) the potential transit travel time reductions, greenhouse gas reductions, and economic benefits expected from the public transit service on the Triboro rail line;

(c) the locations of potential stations, frequency and span of service expected to run daily along the Triboro rail line;

(d) the operational segments (in phases) to get service started; schedules needed for co-mingling with freight; expected freight expansion and impacts to service; and

(e) any actions that can be implemented by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority immediately, a plan of action for such implementation, and the estimated cost of such implementation plan.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.