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Introduced by M. of A. WALKER, BENEDETTO, REYES -- read once and referred to the Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions

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-
19 ident of the senate and the speaker of the assembly of the state of New
20 York. Such report shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
21 (a) the populations served and ridership expected to benefit from
22 public transit on the Triboro rail line;

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

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1 (b) the potential transit travel time reductions, greenhouse gas
2 reductions, and economic benefits expected from the public transit
3 service on the Triboro rail line;
4 (c) the locations of potential stations, frequency and span of service
5 expected to run daily along the Triboro rail line;
6 (d) the operational segments (in phases) to get service started; sche-
7 dules needed for co-mingling with freight; expected freight expansion
8 and impacts to service; and
9 (e) any actions that can be implemented by the Metropolitan Transpor-
10 tation Authority immediately, a plan of action for such implementation,
11 and the estimated cost of such implementation plan.
12 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.