



**Testimony on 6/9/26
Department of Transportation Rules Hearing**

Open Plans writes today in regard to the proposed truck route redesign. Commercial trucking routes are essential pieces of our transportation network, but such routes cannot come at the expense of safety. Truck routes must have limited impact on residential streets, predictable conditions for all street users, and a focus on safety for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.

On all Local and Through Truck Routes, there needs to be sufficient loading zones. Without these zones, trucks illegally double park if there is nowhere to legally load and unload, and the safety dangers of these routes are amplified. Further, smart curb management strategies must be a part of the conversation. An expansion of automated enforcement and modernized meter payment methods would help ensure compliance.

An example that presents a need for a more clear, safe, and enforceable approach is on 3rd Avenue in Boerum Hill. We have heard from neighbors that illegal, 53-foot trailers (prohibited under DOT's rules) are regularly observed using the corridor. In fact, these trucks have repeatedly destroyed signage making the very turns the signs prohibit. Similarly, many residents, local groups, and elected officials have raised concern about the designation of 3rd Avenue in Bay Ridge and Sunset Park regarding safety and air pollution.

We continue raise the importance of listening to communities on how these new routes will impact their neighborhoods — particularly low-income communities and communities of color that truck traffic and pollution have disproportionately impacted.

Respectfully,
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