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New York City Commercial Waste Zones Safety Task Force

Meeting 10 – February 3, 2026, 2:00PM

Meeting Minutes

Task Force Members Present

Eric Beaton, Deputy Commissioner, Transportation Planning and Management, DOT
Steven Hoffner, Deputy Chief, Safety and Training, DSNY
Julia Kite-Laidlaw, 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

Anissa Badea, Agency Counsel, DSNY
Alison Bonfoey, Chief of Staff, Business Integrity Commission (BIC)
Monica Hanley, Director, Bureau of Commercial Waste, DSNY
Nicole Mathias, Director, Commercial & Environmental Enforcement, DSNY
Gentiana Maxim, Director, PMO and Business Engagement, DSNY
Mandy Shum, Deputy Director, DSNY

Below are the minutes for the 10th meeting of the Commercial Waste Zones Safety Task Force. Created as part of Local Law 199, the Task Force meets at least quarterly and regularly discusses recommendations for the effective implementation of safety measures relating to commercial waste collection. The minutes include items specific to the Safety Task Force's mission and are not comprehensive to the overall efforts of the Commercial Waste Zone Program.

I. Key Topics & Agenda

- Objectives of the Task Force: The Task Force was reminded of its key objectives, per Local Law 199, in 9 different safety aspects.
- BCW Leadership & Key Staff: Assistant Commissioner Marshall shared with the task force that Nicole Mathias, formerly at the Business Integrity Commission, has joined the Department of Sanitation as the Director of Commercial and Environmental Enforcement. A/C Marshall reviewed the full leadership team at the Bureau, most of whom were present at the meeting.
- Strategic Updates: A/C Marshall reviewed the CWZ program timeline and provided strategic updates on two phases:
 - i. Queens Northeast and Brooklyn South (Phase 3): These two zones, which began their implementation on January 1, 2026 and will complete their implementation on February 28, 2026, will add a second Queens zone into the program and first zone in Brooklyn. Businesses will receive 4 mailers



from DSNY by the end of implementation and DSNY's outreach team has conducted targeted info-sessions along with multi-channel and multi-lingual outreach through phone calls, emails and flyers. Awardees in this phase all received their *Notices to Proceed* on time.

- ii. Lower Manhattan: DSNY has begun preparations for Phase 4. The *Notice to Proceed* process is in flight and the outreach team is preparing for the language and other business needs of this zone. The task force reviewed potential needs of Lower Manhattan, including issues moving around the zone, given security around government properties. DSNY and DOT will work together to monitor progress and logistical needs for the zone.
- Legal Updates: Agency Counsel Badea reviewed DSNY submission of proposed rules setting the implementation schedule for Phase 5, which includes Midtown South and Staten Island and is scheduled for July 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026. The hearing is scheduled for March 5, 2026, 10:00AM.
 - Enforcement Strategy & Results: Director Mathias reviewed work around enforcement in both implemented and non-implemented zones and highlighted efforts ensuring all drivers possess valid Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs) and are complying with all vehicle and traffic laws. The Director reported that DSNY will resume data subcommittee work in March and also reported that DSNY is an official member of the Vision Zero Task Force, led by City Hall Mayor's Office of Operations and the NYC Department of Transportation.
 - Carter Safety Updates & Reminders: A/C Marshall highlighted several reminders that have been issued to carters around safety, including:
 - i. Back-up Cameras & Auxiliary Lighting Requirements: all commercial waste vehicles must be equipped with both a back-up camera system and auxiliary exterior lighting, as of January 1, 2026.
 - ii. Safety training cards must be carried by workers during the performance of their duties.
 - iii. Valid commercial driver's licenses: Private carting companies must ensure that all drivers hold valid, non-suspended commercial driver's licenses and must notify DSNY of any license suspensions and/or arrests tied to unsafe or illegal vehicle operation by any drivers who operate vehicles.
 - Safety & Workers: A/C Marshall reviewed DSNY's work in connecting with employees of the industry, including the creation of a quarterly flyer for employees with safety reminders. A/C Marshall also reviewed DSNY's work in



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analyzing telematics data to assess driver behavior. President Wright asked if there were repeated mistakes being made by drivers; some of these trends include spillage, speeding and running red light cameras. The task force will include information on these trends in the next quarterly bulletin for employees of the private carting industry.

- Meeting was adjourned at 2:33PM.