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New York City Commercial Waste Zones Safety Task Force

Meeting 8 – May 6, 2025, 10:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

Task Force Members Present

Eric Beaton, Deputy Commissioner, NYC Department of Transportation

David Biderman, President, Biderman Consulting LLC

William Harris, Director, Audit & Compliance, Bureau of Commercial Waste, DSNY

Steven Hoffner, Deputy Chief, Safety and Training, DSNY

Frank Marshall, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Commercial Waste, DSNY

Daniel Wright, President, Teamsters Local 813

Additional Agency Staff Present

Anissa Badea, Agency Counsel, DSNY

Monica Hanley, Senior Advisor, Bureau of Commercial Waste, DSNY

Rebecca Lipman, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Legal Affairs, DSNY

Nicole Mathias, Director of Policy, Business Integrity Commission (BIC)

Below are the minutes for the 8th 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 Safety Task Force is chaired by 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. Key Topics & Agenda

- Objectives of the Task Force: The Task Force was reminded of its key objections per Local Law 199 in 9 different safety aspects. The meeting cadence was also reviewed: the Task Force is required by Local Law 199 to meet quarterly from 2022 – 2023, then annually until 2027. DSNY and the Task Force have gone beyond that mandate and will continue to have quarterly meetings, demonstrating the collective commitment to continuous oversight and safety reforms in the industry.
- Strategic Rollout: A/C Marshall reviewed the strategy behind the rollout of the next two zones – Bronx East and Bronx West – as well as the implementation timeline for the remaining zones. Carters will receive, at minimum, 6 months' notice prior to the launch of their respective zone. Each implementation phase

will begin on the 1st day of the respective month, will last for 2 months, and end on the last day of the 2nd month, which will help build predictable billing dates.

- i. Bronx East and Bronx West: These two zones, which will begin implementation on October 1, 2025, have one of the highest customer concentrations among all 20 zones. In addition, most awardees in the Bronx are already participating in the CWZ program in Queens Central. This lends to carter readiness and simplicity of messaging as DSNY launches the entire borough in this phase.
 - ii. Citywide Rollout Strategy: DSNY released a 10-phase rollout to be completed by the end of 2027. Each of the 10 phases will implement 2 zones per phase, except for the last phase, which will implement 3 zones. While building this strategy, DSNY took many factors into consideration, including carter capacity and an implementation schedule that supports carters with smaller operations.
- Worker Safety Training: Members were reminded of the current requirements for carters to train their employees, which includes an initial training and an annual refresher for all employees. The annual refresher is due on July 31, 2025 and all carters were notified. If carters do not comply with the initial or refresher trainings, each violation will result in a civil penalty of \$1,000, per employee.
 - i. Training Standards: The Task Force continued to discuss worker training standardization, including developing a best practices document, a “train the trainers” program, and a regular safety bulletin. A subcommittee met in April 2025 to organize the development of these standards and a second meeting will be scheduled. DSNY and the Task Force continues to discuss the development of tools that will improve safety conditions for industry employees.
- Truck Surround Cameras: The Task Force continued discussion around Truck Surround Cameras / 360 Cameras for commercial carter vehicles. The Task Force was reminded that although the EO39 does not necessarily apply to carters, with the help of the Task Force, DSNY already aligned many aspects of EO39 into the Commercial Waste Zone Program. DSNY, along with the Task Force, will continue to gather information around the costs, benefits, and data on 360 Camera usage.
- Compliance: A/C Marshall reviewed the violations issued in Queens Central. From 9/3/2024, the first day of implementation in Queens Central, through 4/25/2025, 203 violations were issued. DSNY Enforcement has observed improved compliance in Queens Central through and post full implementation of

the zone. All carters in implemented zones have telematics on their vehicles, which allows for better, more accurate tracking.

- Data Sharing: The Task Force has a continued interest in safety data from the carters as well as from other agencies. To that end, BIC, DOT and DSNY have created a subcommittee around data sharing. As the data continues to be collected and analyzed, the Task Force will review trends and make recommendations to DSNY.
- Next Steps and Action Items: Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM. The next quarterly meeting will be scheduled by the Department of Sanitation and members of the Task Force, including the two subcommittees, will follow-up with several relevant items in the interim.