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OFFICE OF RAIL FREIGHT DEVELOPMENT

By the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Office Established. The Office of Rail Freight Development (the "Office") is hereby established in the Office of the Mayor. The Office shall be headed by a Director who shall report to the Deputy Mayor for Economic Policy and Development.

§2. Purposes of the Office.

(a) Policy Development and Coordination.

The Office shall have overall responsibility for the development and coordination of rail freight policy for the City of New York. Agencies engaged in activities affecting rail freight transportation shall consult with the Office for the purpose of improving rail freight service within the City.

(b) Capital Improvement. After consultation with the Department of Transportation, the Office shall develop a capital improvement program for the following purposes:

(i) to rehabilitate obsolete, abandoned or deteriorated terminals, yard facilities, tracks and related equipment;

(ii) to remove clearance restrictions which block access to the City by rail freight rolling stock;

(iii) to achieve rapid, convenient and cost-effective rail freight service to businesses within the City; and

(iv) to make such other improvements as may further the objectives of the City rail freight policy.

(c) Port Development. After consultation with the Department of Ports and Terminals, the Office shall develop a program to increase the economic competitiveness of the combined rail and freight transportation facilities of the Port of New York.

(d) Government and Industry Liaison. The Office shall monitor federal, state and local policy developments concerning rail freight transportation and shall make appropriate recommendations to the Deputy Mayor for Economic Policy and Development with respect thereto. The Office shall maintain liaison with federal, state and local officials and with regional rail freight carriers, shippers, receivers and consumers.

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