



## What is Local Law 195?

Local Law 195 (LL195) is a landmark transportation law passed by the New York City Council in 2019.

It requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to create a comprehensive master plan every five years to redesign city streets, improve transit, and expand pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.

## Why does it matter?

New York's streets are highly congested, car-dominated, and often unsafe for pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users. LL195 prioritizes people over cars by mandating investments in bus lanes, bike infrastructure, and public spaces to make streets safer, more accessible, and more sustainable.

## Key Initiatives

- Bus Improvements:** Within five years, 150 miles of protected bus lanes must be constructed to improve bus speed and reliability. Additionally, Transit Signal Priority (TSP) will be implemented at major intersections to minimize bus delays. Bus stop upgrades will include shelters, seating, and real-time arrival displays to enhance passenger comfort and convenience.
- Bicycle Network Expansion:** By 2026, the city aims to construct over 250 miles of protected bike lanes, creating a fully connected cycling network. The goal is to ensure that 100% of NYC residents live within one mile of a bike lane, making cycling a more accessible and viable transportation option.
- Pedestrian & Accessibility Upgrades:** To improve pedestrian safety and accessibility, over 2,500 intersections will be equipped with accessible pedestrian signals for visually impaired users. Additionally, more than one million square feet of new pedestrian spaces will be created by 2023, and at least 2,000 intersections will be redesigned to enhance pedestrian safety.
- Freight & Parking Reform:** The city will overhaul truck routes and commercial loading zones to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion. New parking policies will be developed to prioritize public transit, safety, and sustainability, ensuring a more efficient use of curb space.
- Transparency & Accountability:** The Department of Transportation (DOT) is required to publish a comprehensive master plan every five years, starting in 2021. Additionally, annual reports will track progress on key benchmarks to ensure transparency and accountability in meeting transportation improvement goals. A public education campaign will also be launched to inform residents about the benefits of street redesigns, fostering greater understanding and support for these initiatives.

## What's Next?

The first master plan (2021-2026) is already in motion, with protected bus-ways, bike lanes, and new pedestrian spaces being implemented across the city. The 2026-2031 plan will further expand these efforts.