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Attacks by individuals using vehicles as weapons are on the rise. Individuals have used vehicles to cause mayhem in places all around the world, from a recent attack in New York City's Times Square by a driver who ran through pedestrians on a sidewalk that left one person dead and a number injured, to London, where a lone terrorist ran down pedestrians on London Bridge and went on a stabbing spree, killing seven people and wounding over forty before being shot by the police. As evidenced by the terror attack in Nice, France in 2016, one person in a vehicle can injure or kill a significant number of people by driving through crowds. As the threat of these kinds of attacks grow, it is important that the City ensure that it is doing all it can to protect residents and visitors from those that would do them harm.

The City Departments most responsible for the safety of visitors and residents, and those responsible for the roads and traffic should study vehicle ramming attacks and explore ways to mitigate the problem. These Department should study best practices in mitigating vehicle ramming attacks, and ensure that the City is doing all it can to prevent another attack on pedestrians by a deranged driver.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department, with the assistance of the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Street Services, Fire Department and Emergency Management Department, be directed to provide a comprehensive report on current practices for protecting large public gatherings, special events and marches against vehicle ramming attacks, and on best practices for mitigating these attacks.

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