Hon. Polly Trottenberg

Commissioner

Hon. Bill de Blasio

New York City Mayor

New York City Department of Transportation

55 Water Street, 9th Floor

New York, NY 10041

Date:

Dear Commissioner Polly Trottenberg and Mayor Bill de Blasio,

The BQE is a vital artery, and thus its ongoing deterioration requires urgent repair. Yet in the face of global warming, ongoing traffic congestion, and an inadequate public transit system, and given the promise of new transportation technologies on the horizon, we must find a forward-thinking solution for the BQE, not recycle a 1950’s-era design.

DOT’s plan for a Promenade Highway for at least six years would be an environmental disaster. The serious health effects induced by highway air pollution are well documented. Turning the Promenade into a six lane highway for many years would be devastating to our neighborhoods and disastrous for nearby businesses, and would deprive all New Yorkers of a beloved public amenity.

We deserve a better plan, one that values people’s lives more than traffic and that considers how to reduce traffic, not provide for more. We need you to support a better alternative and to say “NO” to the proposed Promenade Highway.

Sincerely,

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