



February 21, 2020

Polly Trottenberg
Commissioner
New York City Department of Transportation
55 Water Street
New York, NY 10041

Re: BQE Triple-Cantilever Repairs

Dear Commissioner Trottenberg:

We write regarding the recent announcement regarding repair work to be conducted by the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) on the triple-cantilevered section of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (BQE).

While we understand the urgency of these repairs, we are concerned about the lack of readily available information about the scope of the current and upcoming work, which will impact the daily lives of those in the surrounding neighborhoods for the next several years.

Given the current and anticipated impacts of the repair work, we request more detailed information about the project, including (i) a detailed timeline of the work, and (ii) further detail concerning DOT's plans to monitor construction activities, including vibrations, traffic and noise mitigation, air quality control, planned detours, and other disruptions to quality of life.


In addition, we request the following:

1. Mayor de Blasio's January 31, 2020 announcement stated that the urgent structural repair work would include road resurfacing, repairs to the wall along Hicks Street, and work addressing the two 50-foot long sections of the cantilever. We request that DOT provide a comprehensive list of all planned construction, along with a timeline and target completion date, for these three projects.
2. To promote community engagement and ensure that local stakeholders have a voice in this process, we urge the City to immediately create a task force comprised of representatives of the area's community boards, neighborhood civic organizations and local institutions, elected officials, NYC DOT, and other relevant City agencies. This taskforce should meet regularly throughout the duration of BQE reconstruction work to inform stakeholders of construction plans and timelines, impacts and mitigation efforts,

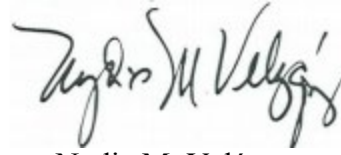
and to seek input from and hear concerns from impacted stakeholders. The need for such a working group was also referenced in the BQE Expert Panel's report.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact any of us directly, or Taeka Haraguchi at the New York City Comptroller's Office at 212-669-3568 or via email at tharagu@comptroller.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,



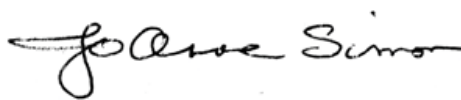
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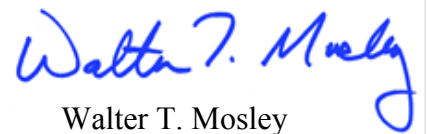
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