

Honorable Bill de Blasio  
Mayor, City of New York  
City Hall  
New York, NY 10007

Dear Mayor de Blasio,

As a resident of Queens, I am writing in strong support of The QueensWay project to turn a long-abandoned rail line into a thriving park and recreation space connecting multiple central Queens neighborhoods.

More specifically, **I urge your administration to allocate Capital funds to help build Phase One of the project** - the half-mile stretch named the Metropolitan Hub.

This first Phase of the project will provide immediate benefits to the surrounding communities:

- A much-needed north-south, off-street biking route along one of the most heavily congested (and contested) stretches of Woodhaven Boulevard – further supporting your Vision Zero plan and complementing the new Select Bus Service.
- Increased pedestrian and bike access into Forest Park for residents of Rego Park and Forest Hills.
- A safer way to connect with the major shopping hub at the intersection of Metropolitan and Woodhaven for residents of Richmond Hill and Woodhaven, without driving.
- Vital outdoor classroom space for the three adjacent schools in the Metropolitan Education Complex, representing over 2,000 students.

Given the **hundreds of millions of dollars** that have been recently committed for new parks in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, and the East River, Manhattan, we feel the sum of \$20 million for Phase One of the QueensWay is both modest and fair as a first step to seeing the potential benefits of this project to its surrounding communities.

Mr. Mayor, please include Central Queens in your lasting legacy for New York City. Help us transform a 50-year old blight on our communities into the park we residents deserve!

Thank you for listening,

NAME:

NEIGHBORHOOD [OR FULL ADDRESS]:

EMAIL:

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