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### Resolution for Dedicated Bus Lanes within CB 2 by the MTA

#### Queens Bus Network Redesign

A motion to support dedicated bus lanes on two priority corridors identified within CB2 by the MTA in the Queens Bus Network Redesign: Northern Boulevard West and Queens Boulevard; and in addition to study the implementation of dedicated bus infrastructure or bus lanes on the Long Island Expressway, in the Queens Midtown Tunnel, and on the Queensboro Bridge.

- Whereas: the success of public transit is dependent upon reliability and speed of service. Without dedicated bus lanes, MTA buses suffer from delays and slow travel speeds, which affects thousand of daily riders on these corridors and prevents the program from attracting new riders.
- Whereas: the imminent start of congestion pricing in lower Manhattan must be paired with nimbly-applied changes toward the prioritization of public transit so New Yorkers have better options for commuting between Queens and Manhattan.
- Whereas: Queens Blvd. offers several lanes to automobile traffic and none dedicated to MTA buses, which are prone to delay by traffic congestion and illegally parked vehicles. Queens Blvd. in CB2 is a vital corridor in the network due to its interborough connectivity with Manhattan and its connections to transit at Queens Plaza.
- Whereas: Northern Blvd West offers several lanes to automobile traffic and none dedicated to MTA buses, which are prone to delay by traffic congestion and illegally parked vehicles. A recent redesign of Northern Blvd., which created dedicated bus lanes, ends before intersecting with Broadway, leaving a gap in bus priority in an important and busy corridor.
- Whereas: an opportunity exists to create greater bus ridership and greater serve New Yorkers by prioritizing buses on the Long Island Expressway, in the Queens Midtown Tunnel, and on the Queensboro Bridge, thus easing pressure on an overburdened subway system and reducing automobile traffic between Queens and Manhattan.

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Honorable Nydia M. Velazquez, US Congress  
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Honorable Kristen Gonzalez, NY State Senate  
Honorable Jessica Ramos, NY State Senate  
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