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Re: Short-Term Measures on Former Expressway (Route 198)

Dear Sir or Madam:

I request the courtesy of a response to the attached, which I sent last month.

Also, we request information concerning the proposed "pedestrian crossings" proposed for Delaware Park. Please provide.

Perhaps a meeting would be the best way to provide this information. Please advise when we can meet to discuss these measures.

Thank you.

Scajaquada Corridor Coalition



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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Scajaquada Corridor Coalition (SCC) is a group of community organizations that have banded together to work for the community interest in the area along the Scajaquada Corridor. We request a meeting to discuss our concerns over short term and long range plans.

The community's interest in the Scajaquada Corridor include either a long term downgrade of the former expressway, or its removal. The community interest was recently heard at the July 15 meeting at the History Museum attended by more than one hundred fifty interested individuals.

We are interested in short term measures for safety and right sizing while long term plans are studied. **In that regard, the SCC adamantly opposes any change in the 30 MPH that now governs the route of the former expressway from Main Street to the I-190.** In addition, we believe that other traffic calming measures should be undertaken and maintained until the long range plan is complete.

The SCC requests the opportunity to meet with the NYSDOT and to confer concerning these short term measures. We request a meeting to address the following:

1. Application of proven traffic calming techniques to the project area to establish a 30 mph design speed, and create a safe and more accessible urban boulevard.

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2. Identification of opportunities for public access crossing the Scajaquada via bicycle and pedestrian.
3. Installation of adequate crosswalks with appropriate safe-crossing treatments.
4. Improvement of the Parkside and Scajaquada intersections to provide a safe pedestrian crossing for the neighborhood and students from Medaille College; current alternatives do not adequately address this issue.
5. Employment of roadway design and landscape restoration to minimize the intrusion of vehicle travel through the historic landscape of Delaware Park to the greatest extent possible.
6. Improvement of the Main Street intersection at the Scajaquada for pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles. Improved access to and exit from the Route 198 corridor at Main Street is a critical part of improvements within the entire corridor. All pedestrian crossings do not meet the state standard for safety.
7. Creation of a complete street that accommodates all roadway users, including vehicles, commuting bicyclists, recreational bicyclists, recreational joggers, and walkers.
8. Creation of on-street bike lanes and pedestrian walkways connecting to the citywide network.
9. Establishment of gateways within each end of the corridor honoring the historical significance of this area by creating a welcoming and inspiring user experience.
10. Treatment of storm-water runoff naturally throughout the entire Scajaquada corridor.



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11. Improvement of ingress/egress from Delaware Park and other facilities.
12. Establishment of a long-term maintenance plan with all stakeholders and agencies.
13. Coordination with NFTA to leverage additional investment as a way to encourage alternative modes of transportation and integrate the corridor into the existing metro system.
14. Identification of opportunities for additional street connections.

The former expressway can be converted in the short-term into a transportation facility that operates in a safe manner and in greater harmony with the surrounding community character.

Please advise when we can meet to discuss these measures. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Scajaquada Corridor Coalition

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