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Ariel New York

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Seth New York

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The current proposal is lopsided and half hearted, and not only furthers the scar of development that initially cut up this legacy area, but also the deeply rooted inequities and racism our city suffers from. For the health of homeowners and residents, for the future of Buffalo, for the design of Olmsted but I add my voice to this cause and the below demands for the critical need for equity in our town. Right the wrongs of the past, just like has been seen in similar projects across the state - don't just band-aid them. Buffalo deserves full restoration and design that forwards a legacy of equity and opportunity for all.

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Amanda New York From:Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2024 1:42 PMTo:Subject: FW: [Ext] PIN 5512.52 Kensington Expressway Project Comment Form

From: Scott J. Archambault
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 5:44 PM
To:
Subject: [Ext] PIN 5512.52 Kensington Expressway Project Comment Form

Name: Archambault, Scott Address: Phone Email: Include on future project updates: NO Affiliation: Resident, Architect at Architectural Resources Comment: One of my public comments does not appear to have made it into the publicly released comments. One of the comments was included twice instead.

The comment was:

I am in favor of the project. Consider extending the cap further South to Best Street to better protect MLK Park and Magnet School from being exposed to the plumes indicated to worsen with the implementation of the tunnel. Exposing children and parkgoers to concentrated exhaust fumes is not a recipe for project longevity or public relations as the project continues. Extending the cap further south extends the protected zone past the park and pushes the exhaust plume to a less populated area with greater protection from pollutants.

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Subject:	I support the Route 33/Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Sunday, November 12, 2023 7:11:18 PM

I am proud member of the Buffalo-Niagara Building Trades and I am writing to support the proposed Route 33/Kensington Expressway Project. This nearly \$1 billion project would create hundreds of union construction jobs, reduce environmental pollution, and reconnect a neighborhood severed by the original Route 33 Project. The tunnel would create green space for the community while maintaining the current flow of traffic. The addition of Complete Street roadway design would mean improvements for pedestrians and cyclists. I am asking that this project be approved as soon as possible.

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Date:	Saturday, November 11, 2023 4:56:01 AM

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Timothy W New York

From:	Vincent Austin
То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	I support the Route 33/Kensington Expressway Project
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Name: Wheeler-Baco, Catherine Address: Phone: Email: Include on future project updates: YES Affiliation: Community member Comment: The DOT MUST complete an environmental impact study before taking any action steps with their Kensington Expressway plans. For years, the neighborhood has suffered higher incidences of health issues and early death due to the expressway and we MUST find out how this new project will affect the environment... and in turn the FAMILIES in the city neighborhood around that expressway. The children in the neighborhood deserve to live HEALTHY lives. That's an ethical responsibility the DOT has before taking any action whatsoever. (I do NOT approve the DOT's tunnel plan, and I certainly do not approve any plan without an environmental impact study... and no one else should accept this either.)

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Thanks, Catherine Wheeler-Baco

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Name: Baco, Clara Address: Phone: Email: Include on future project updates: NO Affiliation: Community member Comment: I am a kid who wants to ride my bike with friends, right by my house on a safe pathway. I want to meet new friends and play with other kids, not have loud cars, bad air, and a totally separated neighborhood. Why is my health not important to the DOT? Why are the lives of kids living in the city not important? Please do not build this

tunnel. Please make a healthier and prettier choice. We live here and we don't want this.

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Rob New York -----Original Message-----From: Cort Baker Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2023 10:23 AM To: Subject: [Ext] PIN 5512.52 Kensington Expressway Project Comment Form

Name: Baker, Cort Address: Phone: Email: Include on future project updates: NO Affiliation: Private citizen and taxpayer Comment: Anyone with half a brain can see this is the biggest waste of public money proposed in WNY in years. Any engineer - NYSDOT & FHWA - who doesn't admit this is not worth his salt. Any politician who endorses funding is fiscally irresponsible.

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Cort Baker, PE

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DOT Project Team Kensington Project_Team,

The Kensington Expressway is one of the most glaring metaphors for the city's active disdain for black residents and the East Side. To quite literally bury the issue is coward behavior.

I spend enough time thinking about the details and the facts of the project as proposed. And after reading more than 900 of the 1400 available public comments I know that people from across the city are likely to make every point worth making and then some.

Instead, I want to share how the proposed project makes me feel. I am a 24 year old woman. I went to a big name college on the East Coast. All my friends from school live in cities like New York or Boston. I think a lot of them would like Buffalo, honestly. But the fact is that I will never be able to convince any of my friends to move to Buffalo so long as our city lacks a functional mass transit system.

More importantly, I hate driving. I am not a good driver. Frankly, you don't want me on the streets. I would love nothing more than to be able to take a streetcar or subway between my home in Elmwood Village and my job downtown. Unfortunately, that's not an option. And more than that, there's the critical, planet-suffocating issue of climate change. Fewer single occupancy vehicles on the road necessarily means that people are using less energy efficient modes of transportation. For a billion dollars, the proposed project makes absolutely zero progress on either of these mission-critical points.

Also, people clearly hate this project.

Although - perhaps the project does reconnect communities, in a sense.

I have seen more residents of the East Side stand up and say that they deserve more for themselves than the scraps they have been offered than in any local political issue I've witnessed in my lifetime. I have experienced the thrill of community consensus that this project should not move forward as proposed. It is astounding to witness the near-universal outrage from Buffalo residents of all neighborhoods at the East Side being so clearly undermined, overlooked, and underestimated.

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nancy New York

DOT Project Team Kensington Project_Team,

The Humboldt parkway project deserves nothing less than a full consideration of all options. I know our goal is to support the people of NY, by creating healthy communities that allow access to transportation for employment and to parks green spaces for well-being. The people of the East side deserve better than what is being proposed. The goal needs to be more than upholding the current system of supporting suburban commuters to bypass areas, leaving them more polluted and contributing as little as possible to it's economic well being.

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Rachelle New York

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To:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	Constituent Demands for the Buffalo Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Friday, December 29, 2023 7:53:17 PM

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Lily

From:	Carla Botticelli
То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	Support Infrastructure - Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Friday, November 17, 2023 8:58:12 PM

Dear Kensington Expressway Project Team,

Kensington Expressway Project Team,

I am a union carpenter and I support the building of the Kensington Expressway Project.

The funding for this project is to be spent on infrastructure projects and cannot be utilized for anything else. This project is receiving money from the Federal and State government and it needs to be our community that benefits from this financial investment, puts construction workers to work, and revitalizes an often forgotten about part of Buffalo.

We cannot sit and watch a tremendous economic opportunity for Western New York pass us by. The job creation from this project will have a long term impact on construction careers and apprenticeships in our communities.

Sincerely, Carla Botticelli

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-----Original Message-----From: John Choczynski Sent: Thursday, January 4, 2024 5:37 PM To: Subject: [Ext] PIN 5512.52 Kensington Expressway Project Comment Form

Name: Choczynski, John
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Include on future project updates: YES
Affiliation: Community Activist
Comment: Buffalo has a subway to nowhere that destroyed Main St businesses. Now we're considering covering the Kensington expressway AND uncovering Scajaquada creek. I wonder what the negative unforeseen consequences will be ♂ long after Labor Unions jobs are gone and vote buying is exhausted.

One billion could easily be spent on the East Side towards homes that need new roofs.

HS students prefer violence and car jacking to education.

Once we're all driving electric cars... the environmental impacts of traffic will be eliminated. Except when an electric car burns toxic smoke in the tunnel. It won't be pretty.

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Hollyann New York

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То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	Constituent Demands for the Buffalo Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Thursday, December 21, 2023 10:46:27 PM

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Date:	Monday, January 8, 2024 5:16:39 PM

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From: SarahSent: Saturday, November 11, 2023 12:33:49 AMTo:Subject: [Ext] PIN 5512.52 Kensington Expressway Project Comment Form

Name: Cunningham, Sarah Address: Phone: Email: Include on future project updates: YES Affiliation: None Comment: For Buffalo to achieve more green space and better connectivity to neighborhoods, the city should be moving toward removing the 33 and using traffic calming measures, not encapsulating (and further promoting the permanence of the 33) which originally created the fractures of the local neighborhoods to begin with. The impact of construction on air quality and sound quality for the neighborhood is a detriment, and the lasting impacts of negative air quality around the tunnels are not yet known. I stand in opposition to the proposed tunnel project moving forward in Buffalo. Reestablish the Humboldt Parkway to truly recreate community connectivity and cohesion!

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From:	Juan Diaz
То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	I support the Route 33/Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Sunday, November 12, 2023 7:14:14 PM

I am proud member of the Buffalo-Niagara Building Trades and I am writing to support the proposed Route 33/Kensington Expressway Project. This nearly \$1 billion project would create hundreds of union construction jobs, reduce environmental pollution, and reconnect a neighborhood severed by the original Route 33 Project. The tunnel would create green space for the community while maintaining the current flow of traffic. The addition of Complete Street roadway design would mean improvements for pedestrians and cyclists. I am asking that this project be approved as soon as possible.

Juan Diaz

-----Original Message-----From: Robert DIBiase Sent: Sunday, November 12, 2023 1:11 AM To: Subject: [Ext] PIN 5512.52 Kensington Expressway Project Comment Form

Name: DiBiase, Robert Address: Phone: Email: Include on future project updates: NO Affiliation: Comment: This project needs to be redesigned to find a plan that allows for more than 1 mile of tunnel to be constructed for \$1 billion dollars

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Date:	Friday, December 22, 2023 6:28:59 PM

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To:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	Constituent Demands for the Buffalo Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Monday, December 25, 2023 10:36:07 AM

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Name: Frederick, Isaiah Address: Phone: Email: Include on future project updates: YES Affiliation: Comment: Plain and simple, the project needs to proceed!

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То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	Constituent Demands for the Buffalo Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Friday, December 22, 2023 8:57:13 PM

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From:	Alfonso Guncay
То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	I support the Route 33/Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Sunday, November 12, 2023 7:12:38 PM

I am proud member of the Buffalo-Niagara Building Trades and I am writing to support the proposed Route 33/Kensington Expressway Project. This nearly \$1 billion project would create hundreds of union construction jobs, reduce environmental pollution, and reconnect a neighborhood severed by the original Route 33 Project. The tunnel would create green space for the community while maintaining the current flow of traffic. The addition of Complete Street roadway design would mean improvements for pedestrians and cyclists. I am asking that this project be approved as soon as possible.

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Luke New York From: Arthur Hall
Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2023 7:36 PM
To:
Subject: [Ext] PIN 5512.52 Kensington Expressway Project Comment Form

Name: Hall, Art Address: Phone: Email: Include on future project updates: YES Affiliation: Hallmark Planning & Development Comment: I am a resident of Buffalo, a business owner and Pastor. I am in favor of the expressway project. I just want to make sure we consider the people's comments regarding design and wholistic neighborhood development.

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DOT Project Team Kensington Project_Team,

Olmsted's Humboldt Parkway system in Buffalo is a national and some can argue an international treasure. The reconnecting our communities plan being shoved down our throats by the DOT should is going to be expensive and will not cure what ails this city. It is unnecessary and a tunnel capping project will only reinforce past racist planning mistakes. Buffalo was once a city that boasted some of the most enviable vibrant and tree covered walkable city neighborhoods in the country and in F.L. Olmsted's own words one of the best planned city in the world. Walking the neighborhoods in the Masten district this past year it made me so sad going door to door and having to cross the 33 divide and see the untapped potential and the obvious damage this freeway has done to these neighborhoods. It also provided me with a boots on the ground experience of a part of the city most WNYers have never visited. It's the core of our city that was divided. Disinvestment and high vacancy rates abound and this project will not help these areas reach their full potential and will deprive future generations of a once in a lifetime opportunity to see our parkway system restored and our city and people thrive. Our younger residents will thank us for fighting this bad project and for pushing for what we deserve a transformational project which will include filling in Humboldt Parkway and not just recreating and spending a billion dollars to keep an expressway that never should've been built in the first place. I've been in the city of Buffalo since March of 2023 with my husband to see if moving to Buffalo is something we could make work. The lack of walkable and safe streets in our communities and the racial divides in this city that in my opinion is a crisis that deserves much more attention and is a major part of what is holding our region back is why this city is so unhealthy and divided. Due to the inability to walk and just enjoy strolls to the grocery or shops is why we have chosen to move back to NYC where we don't have to own a car and can rely on a dependable public transit system. A city like Buffalo was for the most part built out before the automobile and should have and can support a robust rapid transit system. Why do we not have a train to Niagara Falls or the Airport? We do not need politicians with no vision to push this irreversible project that will never see the return on investment like a fully restored parkway. This is low hanging fruit. Buffalo can easily be made more walkable by restoring what we once had and building more quality public spaces for all of our residents to use and show off to our of town family and friends. A city that is walkable is healthier desirable and promotes a more equitable city experience for all of the regions residents and again has the potential to be a major attraction for the tourism industry.

The people who have stuck it out and invested in and taken care of their homes for the last 50 years should be given grants and money to buy and build homes in these neighborhoods, and older and poorer owners will need money to maintain these old homes and money should be reallocated to mitigate the costs associated with rising real estate values such as taxes and other costs. The goal should not be to maintain the current 75,000 vehicle capacity along only one roadway, which brings concentrated levels of pollution for just those nearby communities.

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То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	Constituent Demands for the Buffalo Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Sunday, December 24, 2023 10:34:53 PM

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To:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	CGBT Calls for a Humboldt Parkway that Prioritizes People, Not Cars
Date:	Saturday, November 11, 2023 12:13:56 AM
Attachments:	CGBT Statement on the restoration of Humboldt Parkway 2023 FINAL.pdf
To: Subject: Date:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway CGBT Calls for a Humboldt Parkway that Prioritizes People, Not Cars Saturday, November 11, 2023 12:13:56 AM

Hello!

At CGBT, our call for a Humboldt Parkway that prioritizes people over cars is coupled with a resolute commitment to a design that eliminates pollution. The Parkway is not merely a conduit for traffic; it's an opportunity to redefine our community's landscape in an environmentally conscious manner.

Our vision extends beyond accommodating residents' needs; it encompasses a design that eradicates pollution. We advocate for an infrastructure that integrates green spaces, pedestrian-friendly zones, and eco-friendly transit options, effectively eliminating the harmful emissions that contribute to pollution.

An eco-conscious Humboldt Parkway serves as a testament to our dedication to sustainability. By promoting a design that eliminates pollution, we address immediate infrastructure requirements while setting a precedent for responsible urban planning, ensuring cleaner air and a healthier environment for all.

Join us in championing a Humboldt Parkway that not only connects our neighborhoods but also leads the way in eliminating pollution, forging a path toward a greener, healthier future for generations to come, all while prioritizing people over cars. For a comprehensive understanding of our stance, please find our full statement on the Humboldt Parkway attached.

Best,

Jalonda Hill Founder and President, Colored Girls Bike Too Schedule a meeting with me here: <u>https://calendly.com/coloredgirlsbiketoo/meetingwithjalonda</u> Learn more about CGBT here: <u>https://linktr.ee/coloredgirlsbiketoo</u> "There is no thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single issue lives."



<u>CGBT Statement on the Restoration of Humboldt Parkway 2023</u></u>

First and foremost, we wholeheartedly applaud the Restore Our Community Coalition for their unwavering commitment, tireless advocacy, and dedicated hard work towards restoring Humboldt Parkway. Their relentless efforts over nearly 20 years have paved the way for the opportunity to revitalize this vital community asset, serving as a powerful catalyst in drawing attention to the significance of rejuvenating this community treasure. The vision and dedication they bring have not only amplified calls for justice in the Black community but also stand as a model for other Black communities nationally harmed by expressways. Beyond Humboldt Parkway, their leadership resonates as an inspiring example of grassroots activism and community-driven change.

As today marks the deadline to submit feedback on the Kensington Expressway Project, we want to be intentional about raising the community's consciousness on this issue, especially as a Black women-led and mobility justice-centered organization based on the East side. After deep research into the Kensington Expressway project and its processes, we've concluded that the project perpetuates the legacy of systemic structural racism and white supremacy culture in how our communities are designed and developed.

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То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	I support the Route 33/Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Saturday, November 11, 2023 4:56:45 AM

I am proud member of the Buffalo-Niagara Building Trades and I am writing to support the proposed Route 33/Kensington Expressway Project. This nearly \$1 billion project would create hundreds of union construction jobs, reduce environmental pollution, and reconnect a neighborhood severed by the original Route 33 Project. The tunnel would create green space for the community while maintaining the current flow of traffic. The addition of Complete Street roadway design would mean improvements for pedestrians and cyclists. I am asking that this project be approved as soon as possible.

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From:	Charles King Sadler
To:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway; DOTExecSec@dot.gov; kennedy@nysenate.gov; peopleC@nyassembly.gov;
	Prockup, Jessica (DOT)
Subject:	Buffalo Olmsted Parkway
Date:	Sunday, November 19, 2023 9:15:50 AM

Mr. Sanjyot Vaidya Matthew Seymour Honorable Pete Buttigieg, U.S. Secretary of Transportation State Senator Tim Kennedy Crystal Peoples-Stokes U.S. Senator Schumer U.S. Senator Schumer U.S. Senator Gillibrand N.Y. Governor Kathy Hochul Jessica Prockup

To the Attention of Public Servants & Decision Makers RE: Buffalo Olmsted Parkway

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То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	Constituent Demands for the Buffalo Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Friday, December 22, 2023 2:27:28 PM

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Nancy Delaware From: Leigh, Noel
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2023 9:50 AM
To:
Subject: [Ext] PIN 5512.52 Kensington Expressway Project Comment Form

Name: Leigh, Noel Address: Phone: Email: Include on future project updates: NO Affiliation: Comment: Ideally this funding would be used to fully restore Humboldt parkway from Delaware park to MLK park, diverting NY33 traffic to already established commercial roads like Fillmore and Main (via Kensington Ave.). This would increase commute times for those not living in the city but would increase potential prosperity to disenfranchised neighborhoods in the city by decreasing opportunity cost for local businesses as well as reestablishing a large public greenspace.

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То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	Constituent Demands for the Buffalo Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Saturday, December 23, 2023 12:55:46 AM

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From: MichelleSent: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 6:30:38 PMTo:Subject: [Ext] PIN 5512.52 Kensington Expressway Project Comment Form

Name: D, M
Address:
Phone:
Email:
Include on future project updates: YES
Affiliation:
Comment: I saw a guy talking about this on the news tonight. About filling it in and rerouting traffic to other streets. I liked the original idea because it brought back olmsted's Vision back which never should have been destroyed to begin with. This idea should have been thought of 50 years ago. But my other question is as far as traffic and pollution and that stupid train we have downtown that goes you know basically 3 inches, which was a mistake to build, and the fact that everybody is so electric vehicle crazy?, why on Earth don't we bring back electric

trolley cars? Not only will you alleviate more traffic and get cars off the road for pollution, everybody could take trolleys from all different towns, put tracks back in the road. Electricity is available, and it could go downtown and to the suburbs and on all the main streets or wherever you'd want it to go. Like it was years ago when people were smart and had that and thought of it to begin with. Let me know. TY

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То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	I support the Route 33/Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Sunday, November 12, 2023 7:11:02 PM

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Evelyn New York

From:	Dupoux Marcellus
To:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	Construct the Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Saturday, January 6, 2024 6:25:14 PM

Dear Kensington Expressway Project Team,

Kensington Expressway Project Team,

The construction of the Kensington Expressway Project is vital to the work of Union Carpenters in Western New York. The economic benefits stemming from this work will be felt across the entire region, putting hundreds of local construction workers to work for three to four years.

Once the project is completed, the positive economic impact will compound well beyond the construction duration, giving a resurgence to the communities of East Buffalo. This project will reunite the Humboldt Parkway, bringing in new green space, and reconnecting a divided neighborhood.

Myself, and my brothers and sisters of the Carpenters Union are ready to be a piece of this transformational project.

Sincerely, Dupoux Marcellus -----Original Message-----From: Diane Martin Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2023 1:15 PM To: Subject: [Ext] PIN 5512.52 Kensington Expressway Project Comment Form

Name: Martin, Diane Address: Phone: Email: Include on future project updates: NO Affiliation: Comment: Please do an environmental impact study. The devastation wrought to our waterways, natural life and existing neighborhood environments from previous thruways and expressways could have been avoided or at least mitigated.

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From:	Jack McGowan
То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	Constituent Demands for the Buffalo Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Friday, December 22, 2023 1:50:04 PM

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То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	I support the Route 33/Kensington Expressway Project
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Shaun menamee

Daniel Ian McSkimming
dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Kensington Capping Project
Wednesday, December 20, 2023 7:22:30 AM

I am a Buffalo resident writing about the disgustingly stupid idea of spending over a billion dollars to put a meaningless cap over the 33. This is a pointless vanity project that despite the Governor's comments will do nothing to correct any past wrongs. Quite the opposite, it will create a pseudo-park above a tunnel of carbon monoxide and car exhaust that will almost certain increase the negative health consequences residents already face. Any DOT funds should go to removing the 198 and reconnecting Delaware Park, which will provide increased utility to all Buffalonians while improving safety of residents enjoying the park.

Capping the Kensington Expressway is the worst possible use of government funds in Buffalo. We have extreme income, wealth, and health disparities in this city; a billion dollars could go a long way towards correcting these long standing political driven issues. There is no political capital to gain from pushing this project through, it is simply another group of disconnected politicians damaging Buffalo and injuring its residents. Why are we creating new wrongs that will need to be corrected?

DOT Project Team Kensington Project_Team,

Our country has a shameful history of placing highways thru urban neighborhoods, heavily populated by black and brown citizens and causing further segregation and a host of health issues for said populations.

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Darius New York

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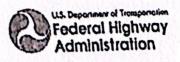
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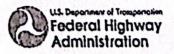
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То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
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То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	Terrible job with this project
Date:	Saturday, November 11, 2023 8:11:13 AM

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From:	Diane Ong
То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Cc:	
Subject:	Letter of Support; NASRCC
Date:	Tuesday, November 14, 2023 11:30:15 AM
Attachments:	doc01747520231114104438.pdf

Hello,

Please see the attached letter of support from the North Atlantic States Regional Carpenters Council for the Kensington Expressway Project.

Thank you, Diane Ong O'Donnell & Associates LLC (336) 416-9040 Albany | New York City | Buffalo | Washington D.C. Intelligence. Guided by Experience.

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Kensington Expressway Project Team NYSDOT Region 5 100 Seneca Street Buffalo, NY 14203 Email: Kensingtonexpressway@dot.ny.gov

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters in support of the Kensington Expressway Project. We represent over 11,000 New York members- including carpenters, pile drivers, shop and millmen, millwrights, and floor coverers- who strongly wish to see this project advance.

The Kensington Expressway Project presents a long-awaited opportunity to reconnect neighborhoods that were separated decades ago. First conceived in the late 1970s, this project has been nearly fifty years in the making. The project will undoubtedly revitalize East Buffalo, which has long suffered the consequences of the highway that created the East-West divide and will be transformative to the city of Buffalo for generations to come. Many of our brothers and sisters belong to the Buffalo community and look forward to the positive impact that reuniting neighborhoods will bring.

Not only will the completion of the project breathe new life into Buffalo, but so will the building process itself. With the assurance of a project labor agreement, comes the prospect of potentially three to four years of job opportunity and workforce development growth in the area. For our members, new projects with PLAs are synonymous with continued job security, and access to fair wages. Local hire provisions will also ensure that quality job and business opportunities come first to laborers who have endured the negative impacts of the East-West divide, thus guaranteeing that the building process will align with the spirit of the project overall.

Furthermore, we strive to encourage more youth to join the carpenter workforce through apprenticeships and see the Kensington Project Expressway as a chance to engage in a growing workforce across WNY that will have. We know as well as anyone that over the past three decades, construction employment locally has become stagnant, according to NY Department of Labor data. As more of our brothers and sisters reach retirement age, the need to introduce more young people to a career in trades has become more pressing. But more importantly, we want to see the young people of WNY getting into fair wage, union supported jobs that will build up their communities. The Kensington Expressway Project offers WNY the chance to redevelop our trades demographics and offer job security to those just entering into the workforce.

It is our utmost desire to see this effort completed in a timely fashion and in accordance with project labor agreements. We strongly support the Kensington Expressway Project and all the constructive changes it will bring to Buffalo's neighborhoods and workforce. The community has waited long enough to see it's community reunited, and our trades do not wish to see important infrastructure opportunities pass us by.

We look forward to working closely with the Department of Transportation and other state and local partners to ensure this project moves forward and thank you for the opportunity to provide our comments.

Sincerely

William Banfield Assistant Executive Secretary-Treasurer North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters

□ 750 Dorchester Ave., Boston, MA 02125-1132/617-268-3400, Fax 617-268-0442 □ 52 Stone Castle Road, Rock Tavern, NY 12575 / 845-440-1024, Fax 845-202-7397

From:	Rainaldo Ortiz
То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	I support the Route 33/Kensington Expressway Project
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From: Palmer, Antoinette
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 2:12 PM
To:
Subject: [Ext] PIN 5512.52 Kensington Expressway Project Comment Form

Name: Palmer, Antoinette Address: Phone: Email: Include on future project updates: YES Affiliation: Resident Comment: I would like to see the Humboldt Parkway restored as it was years ago for the people of Buffalo to enjoy. Please do not remove the \$ from this important project.

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Name: Reed, Cheryl Address: Phone: Email: Include on future project updates: NO Affiliation: Citizen Comment: Tunnels are terrifying to drive through for many individuals, the lights in tunnels are often close together and have a strobe effect on the eyes and brain, the echoes of loud vehicles can also overwhelm the senses of spectrum, older, and anxiety ridden drivers. There is a claustrophobic sensation for many drivers in tunnels. It is difficult for emergency services to reach an accident, and police lack a location to set up radar for speed control.

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Name: Irvine G. Reinig II Address: Phone: Email: Include on Future Project Updates No Affiliation

Comments: The Kensington Expressway Project wil be costly and a waste of taxpayer money. It is my opinion that the politicians proposing it have no basis for doing it other than to buy votes. The adverse effects of this project far outweigh the benefits to the neighborhood. Instead money should be spent to improve the infrastructure on the east side. The Kensington Expressway was built some 50 years ago long before the majority of the current residents lived there. People moved there knowing that the expressway existed. If one wants to better connect the neighborhood, build one or two pedestrian bridges at a fraction of the cost and invest money into roads, water, sewer, housing, and internet to promote development on the east side of Buffalo.

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Taylor New York

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То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	I support the Route 33/Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Sunday, November 12, 2023 7:13:55 PM

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Date:	Sunday, November 12, 2023 7:12:57 PM

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From:	Xavier Rojas
То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	I support the Route 33/Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Saturday, November 11, 2023 4:57:00 AM

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USDOT - FHWA - NY Division Richard Marquis,

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The disrespect to the community and the neighbors is also quite apparent (and appalling). People are only informed when the decision is virtually made. Disgraceful disregard for those who have already had their neighborhood torn apart once. The tunnel would tear it apart again; and yet again each time it needs restoration and/or repair.

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From:	Mollie Ross
To:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	Constituent Demands for the Buffalo Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Sunday, December 24, 2023 5:53:30 AM

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From:	Amanda Scigaj
То:	dot.sm.kensingtonexpressway
Subject:	Save Buffalo - Citizen Demands for the Buffalo Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Friday, December 22, 2023 9:55:29 AM

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James New York -----Original Message-----From: MICHAEL SKLENER Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2023 6:02 AM To: Subject: [Ext] PIN 5512.52 Kensington Expressway Project Comment Form

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The traffic Data shows that the radial streets are underutilized operating currently at 20% capacity. If traffic is diverted, in no place, on any segment be worse than it exists currently in other parts of the corridor not improved by this project.

Without public support, the maintenance of the park, public image and overarching project goal of connecting the community is doomed to fail. Do not let this be your political legacy.

People are suffering from sleep deprivation and air pollution that will only worsen at the tunnel portals.

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The project is not going all the way to Delaware park like the original parkway did.

Despite the \$1 billion price tag, no improvements for public transit is included in the project scope.

The scope of the project is to maintain the "vehiclular capacity through the corridor" which many see as doubling down on car-only infrastructure during a time of climate crisis. Many feel that this being the project scope is limiting.

There will be concentrated air and noise pollutants at the tunnel portals

With the project only extending to Sydney street, homes on Humboldt parkway will not see much improvement. In fact they feel their property value will decrease.

The tunnel would end just before the scajaquada drain. If the tunnel is built it pretty much prohibits the full restoration of the parkway ever coming to fruition.

If you live north of Sydney street nothing changes for you despite politicians proudly saying they invested \$1 billion to restore the parkway partially and right the wrongs of the original injustice.

From my perspective it keeps the status quo on being dependent on single occupancy vehicles, doesn't do much in terms of reducing vehicle emissions, and is a huge disappointment that at that price tag they aren't considering any other modes of transportation.

It is also a disinvestment that will likely require rehabilitation for the next generation.

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At \$1billion, this would be the most expensive highway project in the history of the United States. Therefore, it requires thoughtful consideration from the ACTUAL community members who live in the surrounding neighborhoods. Not just pre-filled positive comments in support of a project that the community did not have ample time to consider.

When other areas of New York State including Rochester (Inner Loop), Niagara Fallls (Robert R. Moses Pkwy) and Syracuse (I-81) have been progressive in removing highways and restoring communities that have been harmed by such injustice, why does Buffalo not deserve the same consideration?

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Sent: Monday, October 30, 2023 11:42:42 AM
To:
Cc: governor.hochul@exec.ny.gov <governor.hochul@exec.ny.gov>
Subject: [Ext] PIN 5512.52 Kensington Expressway Project Comment Form

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Comment: I have been surprised and discouraged to read that the removal/filling in of the 33 and full restoration of Humboldt Parkway has not been adequately studied or even considered by the NYS DOT. I am writing to add my voice to those who are calling for further study of the full restoration of Humboldt, because what has been proposed is inadequate. This is a lot of taxpayer dollars to be spent on a half-baked project. If the DOT is either unwilling or unable to perform this study, then perhaps it is time to turn this decision-making process over to the local community.

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I was very pleased when it seemed like Humboldt Parkway was finally going to be restored. However, I think that the current plan needs deeper consideration for several reasons:

1. The impact of the new design on the distribution of air pollution from cars has not been sufficiently studied.

2. The impact of the new design on the eventually restoration of the whole extent of Humboldt Parkway, and its reintegration with what is now the Scajaquada Expressway needs to be evaluated. At the moment, it looks like there will be no improvement in those parts of the system. Vague arguments about the difficulties of dealing with Scajaquada Creek are not very convincing, given that the creek was there before the city was founded.

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Why would we not choose the more inexpensive option that's healthier for our community?

Please do the right thing and support the Kensington expressway being filled in to restore the connection between the East and West sides of Buffalo.

Sincerely,

Your constituent at Stacy VanBlarcom

Stacy New York

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Subject:	I support the Route 33/Kensington Expressway Project
Date:	Sunday, November 12, 2023 7:11:57 PM

I am proud member of the Buffalo-Niagara Building Trades and I am writing to support the proposed Route 33/Kensington Expressway Project. This nearly \$1 billion project would create hundreds of union construction jobs, reduce environmental pollution, and reconnect a neighborhood severed by the original Route 33 Project. The tunnel would create green space for the community while maintaining the current flow of traffic. The addition of Complete Street roadway design would mean improvements for pedestrians and cyclists. I am asking that this project be approved as soon as possible.

Jeff Williams

DOT Project Team Kensington Project_Team,

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Rosemary New York -----Original Message-----From: Stephen Sent: Saturday, November 11, 2023 11:57 AM To: Subject: [Ext] PIN 5512.52 Kensington Expressway Project Comment Form

Name: Wilson, Stephen Address: Phone: Email: Include on future project updates: NO Affiliation: Citizen Comment: A study should be conducted of filling in and lower-grading the expressway. That is what many neighbors and Buffalonians want.

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