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Southern Bronx River Watershed Alliance Applauds Bronx BP Ruben Diaz Jr. for Pushing Sheridan Expressway Redevelopment

“The Southern Bronx River Watershed Alliance applauds Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.’s call for New York State to advance the redevelopment of the Sheridan Expressway. In 2013, New York City released a comprehensive study based upon years of community advocacy and visioning showing how reconfiguring this badly-designed highway could transform the South Bronx communities around it. The study’s recommendations have yet to be taken up by the New York State Department of Transportation.

The conversion of the Sheridan Expressway from a underutilized roadway into a boulevard is more than a transportation project. It is an economic development project that will reinvigorate the community with new housing, safer streets, less pollution, and improved access to nearby Starlight and Concrete Plant Parks and the Bronx River. The City's recommendations will also support the economic engine that is the Hunts Point Terminal Market; direct access ramps to the Hunts Point Peninsula from the Bruckner Expressway will make the Market more resilient and more competitive.

While highway to boulevard conversion concepts and projects advance in upstate New York and the economic benefits of those projects are embraced by the New York State Department of Transportation, there is no better time than now for Governor Cuomo to acknowledge the value of this project as an economic development model for New York State.”

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The mission of the Alliance is to advance a socially and environmentally just transportation and land use plan in the South Bronx. Our focus is on transforming the transportation network in the Sheridan Expressway corridor and Hunts Point area, with redevelopment opportunities for affordable housing, economic development, and open spaces. The Alliance is: Mothers on the Move, Nos Quedamos, Pratt Center for Community Development, The POINT CDC, Tri-State Transportation Campaign and Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice.