

QC mayor, DOTr officials meet on projects

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Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade meets with Quezon City Mayor **Joy Belmonte** and Vice Mayor **Gian Sotto** at city hall to discuss collaboration and coordination on various rail and road projects in the city. The projects include the Metro Manila Subway, common stations, MRT-7 and MRT-3 rehabilitation and the LRT-2 East Extension.



Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte expressed “full support” for projects of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) as she met with top transport officials yesterday.

Belmonte and other local government officials discussed various transportation projects and programs in the city.

“The meeting is just the start of our continuous coordination and collaboration with Quezon City,” DOTr Assistant Secretary Goddes Libiran said.

During the meeting, Transportation Secretary Arthur Tugade presented big-ticket projects, including rail and road programs, in Quezon City.

Tugade was accompanied by heads of the DOTr’s various agencies, including Land Transportation Office chief Edgar Galvante and Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board chairman Martin Delgra, whose main offices are in Quezon City.

Some of the projects that will traverse points in the city include the Metro Manila Subway, Common Station, MRT-7, MRT-3 rehabilitation and the LRT-2 East Extension project.

Quezon City is also home to road projects that include the point-to-point premium bus service and the motor vehicle inspection system of the LTO.

Stepping up projects

The DOTr and the Quezon City local government are stepping up their collaboration to speed up construction of major railway and road projects.

The construction of the Metro Manila subway started on Feb. 27. The 35-kilometer line subway will run from Mindanao Avenue in Quezon City to NAIA in Pasay City. Works are also ongoing for the Unified Grand Central Station, also known as the common station, located between SM North Edsa and Trinoma in Quezon City. It is designed to inter-link the four-railway lines: LRT-1, MRT-3, MRT-7 and the Metro Manila Subway.