

# Belmonte wants inventory of all city projects

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Quezon City Mayor **Joy Belmonte** wants an inventory of all projects in the city, including summaries of these and upon whose authority these were being undertaken.

The mayor issued this directive as she pushed for enhanced coordination with the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) in terms of ongoing and future projects.

“This is to ensure that we are aware of what’s going on in our city and to avoid duplication of projects,” Belmonte said after meeting with DPWH officials on Tuesday.

She said this is also to guarantee that even national projects abide by local ordinances, particularly the local building code, institutionalized schemes and mandatories, like all-gender restrooms.

Belmonte discovered during the ongoing 60-day clearing operations that many sidewalk encroachments, such as barangay halls, were actually DPWH projects.

“A concerned QC citizen informed me through my Facebook account that their street was excavated even if it looked well-made,” she said.

“Dahlia Street is a local road, an alternate road because of the construction of LRT 7. It was heavily damaged due to the passage of trucks,” she explained.

According to Belmonte, the DPWH is repairing the road’s thickness from nine to 12 inches to make it passable for trucks, as per the request of 5th District Rep. Alfred Vargas.

“The road looks okay from the top view, but is heavily damaged from beneath. It has to be repaired because it’s an alternate road for the LRT 7 construction,” she said.

The mayor also told the DPWH to ensure that a tarpaulin bearing the details of any project is always on-site to keep the public informed in the spirit of transparency.