

Belmonte seeks coordination with DPWH

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Quezon City Mayor **Joy Belmonte** on Tuesday met with representatives of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to discuss better coordination on projects being implemented in the city.

Belmonte arranged the meeting after a concerned citizen questioned the ongoing road repair along Dahlia street in Fairview, which appears to be in good condition. The DPWH explained that the repair was conducted to adjust the road's thickness from nine to 12 inches to enable trucks to pass through the area.

The road was designated as an alternate route for vehicles affected by the ongoing construction of the Metro Rail Transit-7, Belmonte said.

“The road looks OK from the top view, but it is already damaged. It has to be repaired because it's an alternative road for the MRT-7 construction,” she said.

To avoid confusion, the mayor urged the DPWH to display details about projects at the construction site.

Belmonte also requested the DPWH for an inventory of projects, including a summary of why these are being undertaken and on whose authority.

“We should be aware of what's going on in our city and to avoid duplication of projects,” she said. “This is to ensure that even national projects abide by the city ordinances such as the local building code.”

Belmonte noted that encroachments on sidewalks like barangay halls were projects implemented by the DPWH.