

## Commute challenge? It's not new in QC

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Following the calls for government officials and public servants to engage in a “commute challenge” to experience the daily gridlock in Metro Manila, the Quezon City Task Force for Transport and Traffic Management on Tuesday said that it has already started the challenge way before the public’s call.

In a statement, Task Force head Atty. Ariel Inton said that even before the commute challenge of Presidential spokesman Salvador Panelo and Iligan City Rep. Frederick Siao’s filing of “Public Servants’ Commuting via Public Transport Act” at the House of Representatives, public officials in QC were already taking public transport.

Inton added that the city has already adopted and approved City Resolution 6311 — pushed by Councilor Ramon Medalla last 9 March 2015 — which mandates government officials to commute using public transportation at least once a month.

“For almost three months of our road clearing operations, many of those apprehended are private vehicles owner by public officials and employees,” said Inton. “Public officials and government employees taking public transportation at least once a week could somehow ease the traffic on our major thoroughfares during rush hours.”

The QC traffic czar added that public officials and employees should “set a good example to their constituents to live a modest life and help in the transportation crisis that our country is currently facing.”