

# QC okays new MRT above-ground design

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QUEZON City Mayor Joy Belmonte on Friday lifted the cease-and-desist order against the above-ground construction of Metro Rail Transit 7 Quezon Memorial Circle station after ironing out issues with the project proponents and various stakeholders.

On Friday, Belmonte announced the decision after a meeting with representatives from the contractor EEI Corp. developer San Miguel Corp., Department of Transportation, the Avenceña-Quezon family, National Housing Authority, environmentalist groups, urban planners, heritage advocates and park goers as well.

During the meeting, EEI and SMC showed a revised design wherein the area of the above-ground construction was dramatically reduced to 426 square meters from almost 11,000 square meters and the height to just six meters from 12 meters, she said in a statement.

The above-ground structure is proposed to be only a utility room, the city government said.