

# Mayor to transport, traffic execs: Reopen two Edsa intersections

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THE Quezon City government appealed to transport and traffic authorities on Tuesday to reopen the Edsa-muñoz Interchange and the EdsaWest Avenue-north Avenue Interchange.

In a letter sent to the Department of Transportation (DOTR), Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), and the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB), Mayor Joy Belmonte requested to open the two intersections to lessen the worsening traffic in those areas.

“We made the request in response to the numerous complaints we received from motorists. While we fully support the national government’s transportation initiatives, particularly the Edsa Bus Carousel project, we have to do a balancing act so that we won’t compromise the welfare of those using Edsa,” the mayor explained.

The city government also suggested to reopen some of the U-turn slots closed by the national government to give way to the Edsa Bus Carousel project.

After monitoring the Balintawak area, the city government determined that the bottleneck caused by the reduction of lanes from three to two, per direction, at the Edsa Balintawak Cloverleaf to give way to the exclusive Edsa Bus Carousel lane has resulted to heavy traffic at times reaching Edsa corner North Avenue.