

MMDA to open EDSA U-turn slot

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The Metropolitan Manila Development Authority will open an other U-turn slot along EDSA to ease traffic jams during the holiday rush, MMDA general manager Jaojo Garcia announced yesterday.



Garcia said complaints reached Quezon City Mayor Joy Belmonte that the closure of U-turn slots on EDSA worsened traffic for private vehicles. Garcia said he met with Belmonte yesterday to discuss the route with local traffic officials. Belmonte had proposed to the MMDA to consider reopening the EDSA-Muñoz and EDSA-West Avenue-North Avenue interchanges.

Without disclosing the exact location, Garcia said the opening of one more U-turn slot on EDSA would benefit motorists using the Balintawak to Quezon Avenue route.

A stop- and- go scheme will be implemented in this U- turn slot, Garcia said.

The MMDA is conducting a traffic simulation and volume count for the reopening of the U-turn slot.

Garcia thanked Belmonte for offering to donate for the construction of an elevated steel ramp to accommodate the EDSA carousel.