

Belmonte vows massive repair of footbridges, more street lights

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QUEZON City Mayor Maria Josefina “Joy” Belmonte said the city government will undertake massive rehabilitation of footbridges, as well as secondary roads by installing more lamp posts.

“To provide safer and more walkable footbridges and roads, the city government has firmed up plans to add more lamp posts and repair and improve footbridges, including having more accessible and bikefriendly ramps,” she said.

The plan, according to Belmonte, came out after an assessment conducted by city engineers that showed some footbridges needing rehabilitation such as additional street lights and overall reconstruction to enhance public safety.

Moreover, the city parks department will be in charge of putting up plant boxes to beautify the walkways, Belmonte said.

The city government also plans to put up bike ramps on selected footbridges that traverse bike lanes to allow easy access for cyclists and handicapped pedestrians.

“To ensure safety on the roads and bike lanes, the city also plans to put up 2,500 to 3,000 lamp posts a year for the next 8 to 10 years, which will move QC from being more than 60 percent illuminated to 100 percent on all roads,” Belmonte said.

A smart lighting program with a central management system is also being considered by the local government to help in monitoring all 75,000 lights once completed, she added.

“We have seen how useful our GORA (Green Open Reclaimed Access) project lanes and bike lanes are to the people, not just the residents but to everyone who uses them,” Belmonte said.

“That is also the reason why the city proposes to enhance and rehabilitate more so we can provide better walkways and more green open spaces in our city, after all, Quezon City is home to most of the green spaces in Metro Manila,” she stressed.

The city government also has several parks development and rehabilitation projects underway which aim to provide safe, accessible and sustainable parks and pathways in Quezon City.