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QC extends public services until 5 p.m.

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The **Quezon City government** has extended service hours to residents by one hour, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., as it implements a modified work schedule to help ease traffic congestion in Metro Manila.

Mayor Joy Belmonte said the city government is abiding by Metropolitan Manila Development Authority Resolution 24-08, mandating local government units to adopt a 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. work schedule to help ease road congestion. The scheme allows civil servants to be on the road ahead of private sector employees during morning and afternoon rush hours.

The mayor said that medical and allied positions, health center personnel, traffic enforcers and disaster risk reduction and management personnel are not covered by the extended working hours.

“Personnel involved in the delivery of social services, frontliners, teaching personnel, and personnel in offices that are already implementing work shifting arrangements are also not covered by the modified schedule,” she added.