



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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Senator Montgomery and 6 Senate colleagues advocate for design-build authorization for the reconstruction of the 1.5-mile stretch from Atlantic Avenue to Sands Street of the BQE be included in the Senate One-House Budget

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Senator Velmanette Montgomery joins Senator Bria Kavanagh, Senator Martin Malave Dilan, Senator Jesse Hamilton, Senator Kevin Parker, Senator Roxanne Persaud and Senator Diana Savino to advocate that design-build authorization for the reconstruction of the 1.5-mile stretch from Atlantic Avenue to Sands Street of the Brooklyn Queens Expressway (BQE) be included in the Senate's One-House Budget for Fiscal Year 2019.

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*By authorizing New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) to use design-build for this project, the State would save taxpayers over \$100 million and shave two years from the projected construction timeline. The City's proposal would also make design-build contracts subject to federal, state, and **local requirements for minority and women-owned business enterprises, including the Mayor's new citywide goal of 30% participation.***

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Earlier this year, a bipartisan group of 19 Senators and Assemblymembers representing neighborhoods in Brooklyn and Staten Island sent a letter to Governor Cuomo describing the urgent need for design-build authorization for this project, and requesting that it be included in the Executive Budget. The Governor's office stated his support for design-build for the BQE in a letter released on March 5.

In addition to local residents, design-build for this project is supported by:

- New York Building Congress AAA Northeast
- Trucking Association of New York Partnership for New York City Community Board 2
- Community Board 6
- Brooklyn Heights Association
- Downtown Brooklyn Partnership
- Willowtown Association
- Cobble Hill Association
- Atlantic Avenue BID
- DUMBO BID
- DUMBO Neighborhood Alliance
- Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce
- Brooklyn Bridge Park Community Advisory Council Boerum Hill Association
- CHIPS (Christian Help in Park Slope) Food Pantry

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