

# Freeways Without Futures (CNU)



Freeways without futures focuses on removing highways and replacing them with surface streets.

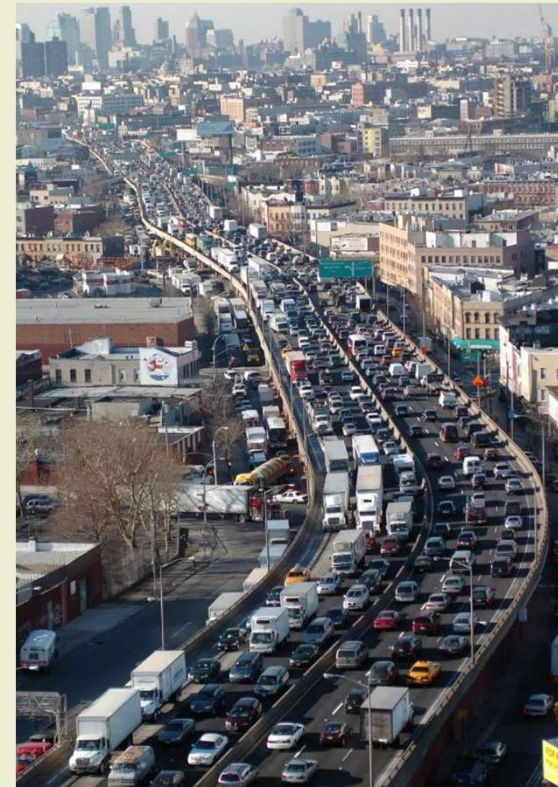
- Improving cities economically and environmentally.
- Causes damage by cutting through neighborhoods.
- Real estates near highways are not good.
- Limited access.
- Problematic for people living near it.

- Freeways without futures started when **in-city highways** started reaching the end of their designated lifespan.
- They started getting replaced with street grids and boulevards.
- Highways that connect state to state, city to city has been successful unlike in-city highways.
- Just walking or travelling underneath or near a highway can show how anti-urban and uncomfortable it is.
- Harms development and investment in the surrounding neighborhood.
- Those who live and work near the highways are exposed to excessive noise and harmful pollutants.

- Nowadays, repairing highways are being avoided and instead replacing them with boulevards are on the rise.
- It has been shown that a lot of the highways cost more to rebuild than to replace them with surface streets.
- Investing in boulevards are much more than in highways.
- Reclaiming lands beneath highways can make more space for the rising population and can also be dedicated to housing and workplaces.

# Brooklyn-Queens Expressway

- Displacement of thousands of families.
- Destruction of neighborhoods.
- At the edge of the Brooklyn Heights forming an effective wall between Brooklyn and its waterfront.
- The Brooklyn Heights section of the highway is in immediate need of repair.



The Brooklyn-Queens Expressway through Brooklyn Heights. Credit / Florin C.



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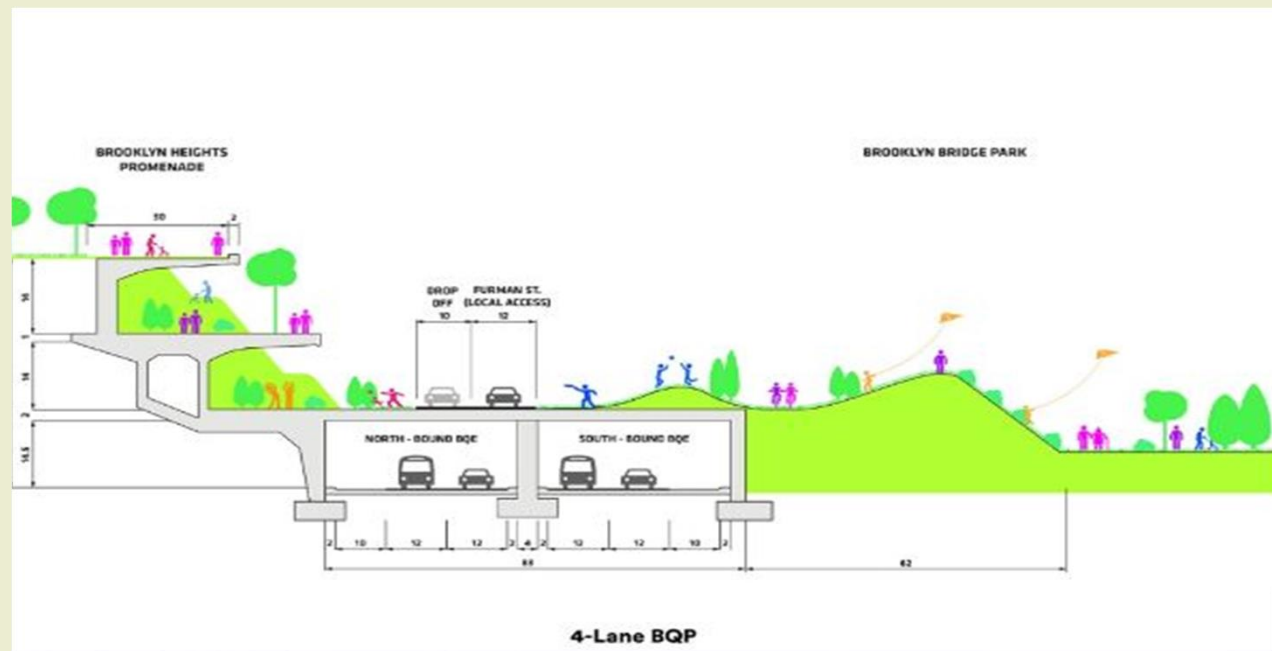


## Brooklyn-Queens proposals

- A low cost idea has been proposed that is a series of public terraces that would extend the walkway over a reduced-width highway.
- Another suggestion by New York's Institute for Public Architecture focused its Fall 2022 residency on what should be build instead of the whole road.
- All the ideas are looking for ways to improve the quality of life surrounding the highway.



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**Thank you**