



# *Justice for All Coalition*

*(United we Stand for LIC and Astoria)*



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## **Why I'm Against the BQX:**

"I fully support 'improved public transportation for Astoria and LIC. But I believe it should be driven by community needs and interests and not dependent on drastically increased rents that will inevitably push out residents and businesses."

"It doesn't add up that this is for longtime residents of the areas "served". It seems like its for rich people almost exclusively. Astoria is thriving and it needs to thrive in a way that helps the longtime residents who have made this neighborhood a joyful community."

"Undetermined cost both financial and in disrupting to lives and businesses; and to current transportation"

## *>>How's it Going?>>*

A Survey to Better Understand the Transit Needs  
in Southwestern Queens

At our March 2018 Community Meeting, we distributed a survey assessing the transit needs of residents of southwestern Queens. 72 attendees completed the survey. We are continuing to collect responses online, but included herein are our results to date.

In short,

The BQX doesn't seem to meet the transportation needs of the majority of our respondents. **Ninety percent of respondents noted Manhattan as the borough they travel most frequently too.** One third indicated Brooklyn.

When asked directly, **83% of respondents were against the BQX.**

Instead, respondents wanted to see the time, effort, and money directed toward **improving the current transportation system through targeted improvements and expansions.**

**\*\*Even for the 20 residents who want transportation along the Brooklyn-Queens Waterfront, only 3 were in favor of the BQX as the solution.\*\***



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### Why I'm Against the BQX:

"I want the money that would be spent on the BQX to be invested in better mass transit extensions/expansions/improvements instead."

"Trolley's combine the worst parts of buses: subways without many of the benefits. They are inflexible and slow. Additional select bus service, followed by great subway maintenance."

"Fix what you have now. we don't need a new!"



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## Resident Suggestions for Targeted Transit Improvements and Expansions:

### Expansions to Subway and Bus Lines:

- More reasonably priced transportation / cheaper fare
- More bus lanes; More bus maps to better understand routes
- More express bus routes that are accessible in Astoria, Ravenswood, Woodside and Queensbridge Houses / Express buses through Queens
- More frequent buses connecting subway to green parks (Ravenswood, Socrates Park)
- Extra bus lines or subways; Buses linking neighborhood with grocery stores, general shopping areas
- Transit in northern Astoria
- Train links to airports
- Supplementary service for the 7- it's never working
- Extension of G train to Queensboro Plaza

### Interboro Expansions:

- More transportation in areas that don't have it, like Eastern Queens and BK; Another Brooklyn-Queens train like the G, but farther out
- A subway line from Northern Queens to Manhattan
- Diagonal subway lines - Queens to eastern Brooklyn

### General Public Transportation Improvements:

- ADA Accessibility, elevator access at every station, escalators at Queensborough Plaza
- Accurate countdown clocks / Busses with timer display and announcements
- Cleaner stations / upkeep of Queensbridge stations (f) roofs leak/rat problem/clean tracks-trains

### Other Transit Improvements:

- Safe bike lanes; More CITI bike
- Repair roads
- More parking

Thank you for your time. We hope you will take this into consideration when advocating for the transit needs of our community.

*Sincerely yours,*



Image of some members of JFA Steering Committee, taken by Pat Dorfman, published in the Woodside Herald.