



**SOUTHERN BRONX RIVER  
WATERSHED ALLIANCE**  
*and a New Vision for the South Bronx*

## **Southern Bronx River Watershed Alliance statement in response to Cross Bronx Expressway Finding**

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A report by INRIX, a traffic research group, has found the Cross Bronx Expressway to be the most congested roadway in the country. The report revealed that the Cross Bronx Expressway had four of the country's eleven worst bottlenecks; the third worst bottleneck being where the Sheridan Expressway meets the Cross Bronx. A plan, developed by the community and under consideration by the New York State Department of Transportation, to remove the Sheridan Expressway will help reduce traffic congestion in this corridor.

Removing the Sheridan would eliminate a major bottleneck and improve both safety and traffic flow. In addition, the removal opens 28 acres for state-of-the-art green mixed use development, affordable housing and open space. The finding by INRIX underscores the need for innovative action in terms of rethinking our transportation system. The New Community on the Sheridan Plan provides a plan for much-needed economic development in the South Bronx while improving traffic flow and providing transportation alternatives.

The New Community on the Sheridan Plan is one of two proposals for the Sheridan Corridor under consideration by the New York State Department of Transportation. The Southern Bronx River Watershed Alliance has been actively advocating for the NYSDOT to adapt the New Community on the Sheridan Plan since it not only improves traffic flow, but also takes advantage of a unique opportunity to better the quality of life for South Bronx residents. For more information about the Plan visit <http://southbronxvision.org>.

*The Southern Bronx River Watershed Alliance is:  
Mothers on the Move + Nos Quedamos + The Pratt Center for Community Development + The Point CDC +  
Sustainable South Bronx + Tri-State Transportation Campaign + Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice*