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Dear Mr. Almosera:

The Dry Run for our morning rush hour Zipper Lane on Katipunan Avenue-Northbound direction from the vicinity of Ateneo Gate 2 to the vicinity of Ateneo Gate 3, operating from 6:30 to 8:00 AM during weekdays except holidays, commenced on 21 September 2023. This has so far been very successful. Firstly, data shows that an average of 666 vehicles pass the said Zipper Lane during its operating hours each day. Secondly, and as visually observed, this has resulted in the Northbound queue no longer reaching the peak of the Katipunan-Aurora flyover whenever the Zipper Lane is open. While it is acknowledged that certain units of the Ateneo de Manila suspended face-to-face classes these past several days, the continued effectiveness of our Katipunan Northbound morning rush hour Zipper Lane is nonetheless anticipated when it is fully tested next week, with full face-to-face classes expected at both the Ateneo and Miriam.

With the Zipper Lane currently benefitting morning Northbound users of Katipunan Avenue, the Quezon City Local Government (QCLGU) and the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), with the cooperation of Miriam College and the Ateneo, shall now introduce a second morning rush hour Zipper Lane Dry Run, this time on Katipunan Avenue's Southbound direction, to benefit morning Southbound motorists and commuters.

The Katipunan Southbound morning rush hour Zipper Lane will occupy the innermost lane on the Katipunan Avenue Southbound direction starting from the U-turn slot in front of UP Town Center-Mercury Drug, and enter the innermost lane of the opposite Northbound direction after the junction of Katipunan Avenue and C.P. Garcia. The Southbound Zipper Lane shall then have two termination points, the first in the vicinity of the La Vista Subdivision Gate on Mangyan Street, which serves Miriam College Gates 5 and 6 along the same street, and the second termination point in the vicinity of Miriam College Gate 3 along Katipunan Avenue. (Please see attached illustration.)

¹ Vehicle count per day on the Zipper Lane: 564 (22 September), 569 (25 September), 728 (26 September), 590 (27 September), 595 (28 September), and 950 (29 September). Only light vehicles and small closed vans are permitted in the Zipper Lane. This excludes motorcycles and trucks. It is noted that the opening and closing of the Zipper Lane has varied slightly given the actual traffic conditions on the ground.

It is expected that with this Katipunan Southbound morning rush hour Zipper Lane, the queue of vehicles on the two innermost lanes on the Southbound direction heading for Miriam College through the Katipunan-B. Gonzales intersection will be significantly shortened.

Similar to the first Zipper Lane that was established, the new Zipper Lane will be open from 6:30 to 8:00 AM during weekdays, except holidays. The QCLGU will also assign Traffic Enforcers from the QC Traffic and Transport Management Department (QC-TTMD) to operate the Katipunan Southbound morning rush hour Zipper Lane. We shall also provide traffic cones, traffic directional signages, and traffic advisories to be posted on the Quezon City website and social media pages. For its part, MMDA will continue to maintain operational traffic management control over the Katipunan Avenue-C.P. Garcia junction, the sequence of movements of which will be followed by the Zipper Lane. It is noted that all movements at the said junction will remain as is.

Your kind dissemination of the foregoing to your respective communities is once again requested. We look forward to a fruitful implementation of the Katipunan Southbound morning rush hour Zipper Lane Dry Run, as we continue to collectively seek an improvement in traffic conditions along Katipunan Avenue.

Very truly yours,

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