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STATE OF NEW YORK

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**Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez  
New York City Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street New York, NY 10041**

**Brooklyn Borough Commissioner Keith Bray  
New York City Department of Transportation  
55 Water Street New York, NY 10041**

Dear Commissioner Rodriguez and Brooklyn Borough Commissioner Bray,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for making the current Bedford Slip Pedestrian Plaza in my district a permanent fixture after August 12th. This pilot project, initiated to create more public space in Greenpoint during the G train shutdown, has been a tremendous success. My office has received an overwhelming response from constituents, all of whom are eager for the plaza to remain.

Neighbors have been advocating for a permanent Bedford Slip Plaza since 2021. During this time, they have hosted nearly a dozen community events, collected over 3,100 signatures, and worked tirelessly to create more space for people at one of the busiest intersections in North Brooklyn. Since taking office in 2022, it has been a pleasure to support this effort.

The Department of Transportation's support for this initiative has allowed our community to experience firsthand how the Bedford Slip functions as a day-to-day pedestrian plaza. Over the past five weeks, with the backing of the North Brooklyn Parks Alliance and local volunteers, the plaza has become a cherished addition to the neighborhood. In just over a month, our office has received hundreds of emails in support of making the plaza permanent.

I urge you to continue this vital public space project in my district and make the Bedford Slip Plaza a permanent fixture. This space has proven to be invaluable to our community, providing a safe and welcoming area for residents to gather, relax, and enjoy.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

Sincerely,

State Senator Kristen Gonzalez  
Senate District 59