

Senator Dilan Announces City to Hold Off on Monitor Street Improvements

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Senator Martin Malavé Dilan (D-Brooklyn) today announced that the controversial road work slated for Monitor Street in Greenpoint has been postponed "indefinitely" by city officials.

During a recent town hall meeting hosted by Senator Dilan, New York City Councilmember Stephen Levin (D-33) and Assemblyman Joseph Lentol (D-Brooklyn), Monitor Street residents raised concerns with regard to the potential loss or damage to property as part of the reconstruction project.

"I am thankful that the city has listened to the concerns of the people of Monitor Street," said Senator Dilan. "Moving forward, I will ensure that any plan to improve the conditions of Monitor Street first and foremost involve the input of the people that live there."

The proposed improvements were to be included in the larger Reconstruction of Nassau Avenue project. The city Department of Design and Construction announced that the Nassau Avenue project will continue on as planned, minus Monitor Street improvements.

Residents raised issue with the proposed Monitor Street work after receiving letters informing them that their property may be encroaching on city land. Some feared their own investment in improvements may be demolished as road and sidewalk improvements move forward.

The scheduled reconstruction of Nassau Avenue will be from Bedford Avenue and Lorimer Street to Apollo Street. The capital improvements are to address deteriorated pavement and utilities. The reconstruction also includes, updated traffic lights, street lighting, and new sidewalks and pedestrian ramps.

"Once improvements to Nassau Avenue are completed, I look forward to working with Monitor Street residents to update their street and infrastructure as they see fit," said Senator Dilan.