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PROPOSED FULTON STREET PEDESTRIAN MALL IMPORTANT TO DOWNTOWN BROOKLYN REVITALIZATION

Regional Plan Association today recommended Board of Estimate approval of the capital budget amendment to finance design work for the proposed Fulton Arcade in Downtown Brooklyn.

"Regional Plan strongly supports the development of Downtown Brooklyn as a metropolitan center for the City and for the New York Region. This proposed pedestrian mall and transitway is an essential ingredient in building Brooklyn Center, one of a long line of successes for Downtown Brooklyn in recent years.

"We applaud the Downtown Brooklyn Development Association and Mayor's Office of Downtown Brooklyn Development for creation of this Fulton Street concept and for their devoted pursuit of its realization. Our studies of pedestrian needs clearly indicate that Fulton Street is the most heavily congested shopping area in Brooklyn. The proposed mall will increase pedestrian space and enhance the amenity of Downtown Brooklyn; it will attract people to a revitalized downtown center and complement the many new facilities in the area; and, through careful planning, it will not disrupt automobile circulation and parking.

"Regional Plan Association recommends passage of the capital budget amendment."