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## Robert Moses Parkway Removal Proposal

The issue of Parkway removal has become a battle of convenience of “a few” verses the economy of a city with a tourist attraction. “The few” in question have used power and word games to substantiate there argument while supporters of the tourist attraction itself have used facts.

In all actuality, the section of the Parkway from the Rainbow Bridge to Lewiston has cut off the economic lifeline to the City of Niagara Falls while it has been a convenient expressway for Lewiston residents working in the downtown tourism sector. Let's clear the air by first stating that fire companies, police and ambulance services do not, as a rule, use that section of the Parkway. It is a limited ingress and egress highway. It is a shortcut to very few services. If you get on it you can't get off in case of an emergency.

The importance of dismantling this expressway can be seen in many ways. First, removal will make ingress and egress easier for emergencies in any surrounding areas. Second, it will expose attractions that have been cut off from the surrounding areas. Third, it will be a catalyst for the City of Niagara Falls thus lowering our taxes. Forth, the amount of jobs this renaissance will bring will boost our economy substantially.

- 1) If you are anywhere north of the City of Niagara Falls this section of the Parkway is not the shortest or fastest route to any hospital.
- 2) Attractions that are not even recognized will be unveiled and appreciated with its removal.
- 3) Easier ingress and egress will get people out of their cars and closer to the attractions the Parkway wasn't there.
- 4) Hundreds of employment opportunities will surface.

This is an area that can attract more tourists and give them a better quality visit. It is the solution to easier ingress and egress for the handicapped. With the new train station being built across from the

Whirlpool Bridge it's a no brainer that we allow passengers the opportunity to access the views of the Lower Rapids at that immediate area. As it stands now the Lower Rapids is not even considered as an attraction. Many intriguing outlooks that have not been utilized in 50 years will be unveiled to tourists and locals alike, with the Parkways removal. Our areas' rich local history will flourish with the revealing of our history's origins. It will give our educational institutions the opportunity to create horticulture curriculums that in return will turn the gorge rim into an ecological paradise. With immediate access to the Gorge every home in the vicinity will increase in value. We can make this area a hub of activity. Mom and pop shops will spring up like grass seed thrown on fertile ground. Obstructions like the Parkway Whirlpool overpass will be replaced by attractive landscaping. It will eliminate drive-by tourism. It will make a tourist want to stay longer. Greenway monies could be used for this. With the whole stretch of Parkway paralleling Whirlpool St. and Lewiston Road being a duplication of highway how can we justify the Parkways use?

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