

Review of: "#CapTheCrossBronx: Grassroots Advocacy & Public Health Research to Secure Federal Funding for Reimagining the Cross Bronx Expressway (Policy & Practice Commentary)"

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This commentary highlights a number of health disparities associated with neighborhood built environments, an important public health social determinant of health. Based on the background information provided in the article many of the issues currently experienced in the Bronx may be associated with historical unfair housing and highway policies. Cities with similar health disparities associated with highway location across neighborhoods have proposed to tear down the highways and restore historical street grid systems. Why did the Bronx choose deck parks instead of an alternative solution? Currently there's nothing in the commentary addressing successful deck park projects in other cities/countries. Is there some existing evidence (not a simulation study) that shows an association between deck parks on highways/expressways and health outcomes that could be added to the commentary?

The Environment and Health Data Portal images are very helpful, but please highlight where the Bronx is located geographically for people unfamiliar with NYC.

Under Intervention, Implementation, Place, and Time section the authors summarize the cost-effectiveness study.

However, the authors do not provide specific cost savings. This is important information to include in the commentary.

Finally, if this feasibility study is about translating evidence into practice, is there a specific research translation framework/model/theory that is driving the work that should be mentioned in the commentary?

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