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Hot Dusty Roads

Michael Goodwin's [column](#) today (excerpt below) makes a great point about City Hall's priorities when it comes to transportation and commerce.

It recalls this [gem](#) that [Buffalo Springfield](#) unearthed for the 2011 leg of its reunion and starts off:

*I don't tell no tales about no hot dusty roads
I'm a city boy and I live at home
I make no excuses
I just don't want to roam*

NY POST: [Dead-end dreams build roads to ruin](#)

Michael Goodwin

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How do they get away with it? The question rattled around my head during a rough ride to La Guardia Airport -- a trip that confounded my GPS as I tried to evade the parking lots otherwise known as the Cross Bronx and Major Deegan expressways.

Throw in bone-jarring potholes, raised asphalt seams and miles of closed lanes on the Grand Central Parkway, even though no workers were working during weekday hours, and the question gnaws: How do they get away with it?

Mayor Bloomberg and his pet rock, Transportation Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan, have created haves and have-nots in navigating New York. They have spent tens, perhaps hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars building bike lanes and pedestrian plazas while ignoring Third World road conditions on major arteries.

They have chosen broad transportation decline in favor of boutique favoritism. They shaft the major mode of commerce and a key ingredient in the quality of life to fund their "edgy" innovations. Their choice defies common sense about traffic congestion and infrastructure maintenance.

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