

A Disabled Tractor Trailer on the BQE

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Every day, year-in and year-out
In the daily traffic report morning and night and during the day
There's a disabled tractor trailer on the BQE and
All mass transit is operating on or close to schedule.

Traffic is backed up on the LIE
There's a 20-30 minute wait at the Midtown tunnel
A stalled vehicle in the Holland Tunnel
And an overturned tractor trailer on the BQE.

The shortest distance between two points is the LIE
Except when there's a stalled vehicle in the inbound lane
And rubbernecking in the outbound lane, and every morning when
There's a four-car pileup with a tractor trailer on the BQE.

In the AM rush
There's a disabled tractor trailer on the BQE
In the PM rush
There's a disabled tractor trailer on the BQE
Between the AM rush and the PM rush
There's a disabled tractor trailer on the BQE.

All mass transit is running on or close to schedule.

If I get elected, he said, the way to solve the traffic mess
Is to clear the way for tow vehicles to go get
Those disabled tractor trailers on the BQE
And then to add more lanes on the LIE.

I'll get the mayor on the phone, and the governor
I'll get the tow trucks, the police and the ambulance
I'll get it off the road and notify the family

I'll clear the wrecks away from the Clearview to the Belt.
I'll give you the biggest LIE in history
Get me a fleet of traffic engineers, build me more highways

I need to do something, anything, even if means that next year
There'll be more room for disabled tractor trailers on the BQE.