

Robert Moses



“Those who can, build...
those who can't, criticize.”

REALLY?



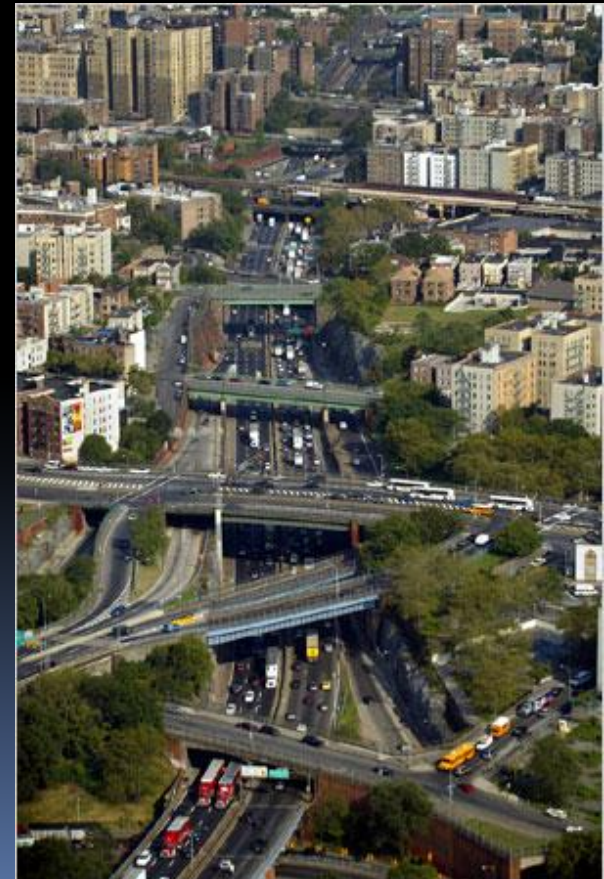
Who was Robert Moses?

- Visionary, egotist, power monger, master builder & controversial character.
- At one time, he held **12** separate agency/authority titles and controlled all federal appropriations for NYC!



How did he do it?

- No set environmental, community participation and historic preservation requirements.



Historic & Environmental Regulations

- NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission: 1965
- NEPA: 1969
- SEQRA: 1975
- ULURP: 1976
- CEQR: 1977
- NYS Historic Preservation Act: 1980



Successful Public Involvement: Alternatives

- BQE! Creation of Brooklyn Heights Promenade



- High Line Park
- Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel (my favorite- not his)

Do Major Projects Get Built Today?



Major Recent NYC Infrastructure Projects

- Third Water Tunnel
- Two new major league stadiums
- AirTrain to JFK Airport
- Restoration of Major NYC Parks:
 - Central Park
 - Prospect Park
 - Battery Park
 - Riverside Park



Major Recent NYC Infrastructure Projects

- Hudson River Park
- High Line Park
- No. 7 Line Subway Extension
- Second Avenue Subway
- Fulton Street Transit Center
- Redevelopment of WTC
- Perhaps a new rail tunnel under the Hudson River?? Who killed that? hmmm...



This IS the Best Possible world

- New infrastructure projects
- Environmental protections
- Community Involvement
- Quest for Common Good
- PlaNYC!