



...any cash to pay the demands of the...
even showed the guy his wallet and emptied out his...
Parits pocket to prove his point.
You would think that would be enough to draw pity
or the pointlessness of soliciting a bribe. NO, it was not
as the "MMDA enforcer" instructed the driver to call his
boss and tell him to do a "SMART Padala" to cellphone
091***** . Corruption at the level of mobility?
Now the MMDA wants to implement the no-contact
form of "arrest" for traffic violators. Is it convenience
or lack of conviction to make the arrests and make
them stick? Do we wait and let a traffic violator carry
on with their wrong driving habits for months if not a
year before we let them know they've been tagged? I
say arrest them on the spot, spoil their day and make
them learn as soon as possible.

Round and Round the Rotunda...? What Rotunda?
In case you don't know or have not heard about it the
Shaw Boulevard Rotunda that used to be a major land-
mark between the old provincial capitol, Pasig's motel
row and Barrio Kapitolyo has been sneakily removed
piece by piece in order to avoid a firestorm from pos-
sible oppositionists. They did it so well and so slowly
that many motorists and pedestrians are now asking
how much longer is this hide and seek going to take.
For starters, locals and motorists are wondering
what the national or local authorities have decided on
in terms of traffic management. Will there be a traffic
light/intersection between Shaw Boulevard, Capitol
Commons and Barrio Kapitolyo? Or will it be one of
those organic intersections maintained by humans or
organic personnel of the Pasig TPMP?

People are also asking about the huge diggings and
unfinished concrete posts at various points "around"
the intersection. Vendors in the area claim they are
for an elevated platform for pedestrians. But how
come they've stopped working on the project for the
last three months, blocked walkways and shrunk the
entry into the village? With people, motorcycles and
cats fighting for space, this "construction site is no
an "accident waiting to happen."

It would help if the people or government of
both local and national came out to explain or elu-
cidate exactly what they intend to do and why on earth
it's taking so long and why were the contractor
and wall the pedestrian wal

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