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Late Night Lily Pond Avenue Detours Planned for Removal of Original Roadway Deck

Motorists should expect detours in both directions at Lily Pond Avenue late night and overnight beginning March 19th for three weeks (assuming good weather), while the original, concrete roadway deck on the bridge over Lily Pond Avenue is removed. The work is part of the \$18 million Lily Pond Avenue rehabilitation project to replace the existing 43-year-old deck, steel structure, electrical, and reinforce abutment walls.

The work is necessary in order to safely remove of the old deck, and is being done only between 10:30 pm and 5:30 am to minimize the inconvenience to the public. This is part of the first of five stages of the Lily Pond project, which began in November. The total project is expected to be completed by 2009. The MTA Bridges and Tunnels project is being done by El Sol of Maspeth, Queens.

Electronic and other signs will be posted telling motorists when the closures will take place and alerting drivers that the road is closed ahead. Flagmen will direct drivers from both directions to the detour, which will loop around the bridge.

The westbound Lily Pond Avenue exit ramp just past the Verrazano Narrows Bridge toll plaza will also be closed during the construction. Motorists will be directed, via detour signs, to use the Hylan Boulevard exit. Temporary lane closures adjacent to the existing concrete barriers may also take place so heavy machinery can be moved into place. These temporary closures will not take place until after 10:30 p.m.