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### MTA Bridges and Tunnels Cross Bay Veterans Memorial Bridge Ramp Closure and Detour Info

As part of a new stage in the major deck and ramp reconstruction of the Cross Bay Bridge, the north-bound ramp from Beach Channel Drive east to the bridge will be closed to traffic beginning **September 15th, 2008**, and remain so **through December**. The ramp will be fully closed for demolition work and structural concrete repairs, followed by new paving.

During this period, customers will continue on Beach Channel Drive east past the closed ramp to Beach 84th Street; turn right onto Beach 84th, then another right onto Rockaway Freeway, and a final right turn at Beach 94th Street to the bridge. Signs alerting motorists to the detour will be posted throughout the area.

The agency has been briefing local community groups and elected officials about this and other phases of the project, most recently at a Community Board 14 meeting in June.

"We are always attentive to the concerns of our neighbors," said Adrian Moshe, Facility Engineer for the agency's two Rockaways bridges. "We appreciate their patience and that of our customers as we do necessary reconstruction of the ramp."

The bridge, which opened to traffic in 1970, is a high-level fixed bridge with a concrete deck. The deck and ramps are being completely reconstructed under the authority's Capital Plan, in addition to new railings, concrete barriers, pedestrian path and fire stand pipe. Three decades of wear-and-tear in the salt-water environment of the Rockaways necessitated the work. This \$56.9 million project began in summer 2007 and will finish in May 2010. El Sol Contracting & Construction Corp. of Maspeth, Queens is the contractor for the job.

The Cross Bay Veterans Memorial Bridge, which ties the Rockaways, Broad Channel and the Jamaica Wildlife Refuge to the rest of Queens, has six lanes of traffic (three 12-foot wide lanes in each direction), crossing over Beach Channel.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels' facilities, which connect the five boroughs of New York City, are the Triborough, Throgs Neck, Bronx-Whitestone, Henry Hudson, Verrazano-Narrows, Cross Bay Veterans Memorial and Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Bridges, and the Queens Midtown and Brooklyn-Battery Tunnels.

**Photo caption: Cross Bay Veterans Memorial Bridge spans Broad Channel waterway.**



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