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MTA Bridges and Tunnels Suspends Routine Construction for Wed. & Thurs. (Thanksgiving Day)

On Wednesday motorists will take to the road in great number to reach their destinations for Thanksgiving, the most travel-heavy holiday of the year. In recognition of these two anticipated high volume traffic days, **MTA Bridges and Tunnels will suspend all routine maintenance work beginning at 12 noon on Wednesday, November 26th through Thursday, November 27th.** The agency's nine crossings will also have extra staff on hand to assist with increased holiday traffic.

"It's our Thanksgiving tradition to ease travel for our customers bound for holiday gatherings," said David Moretti, Acting President of MTA Bridges and Tunnels. "We wish our customers a safe trip and a happy Thanksgiving!"

Moretti also noted that this year, based on the latest traffic data, some time over the holiday period it is likely that the agency will serve its 14 billionth customer, the first having crossed in 1936 when the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge, formerly the Triborough Bridge, opened. Over last year's four-day Thanksgiving period almost 4 million trips were taken over the crossings, 900,000 of them on Wednesday. The facility with the highest volume was the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, followed by the Bronx-Whitestone, with Throgs Neck a close third.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels' facilities, which connect the five boroughs of New York City, are the Robert F. Kennedy, 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.