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MTA Bridges and Tunnels Ready for Last Blast of Summer Travel and Labor Day Weekend Traffic

As the summer travel season draws to its annual big finish with the Labor Day three-day weekend, MTA Bridges and Tunnels' nine crossings are prepped and ready to smooth the way for customers who will be hitting the road for a final seasonal road trip.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels will suspend most routine maintenance work at its major crossings (with the exception of mandatory ongoing construction at the Triborough Bridge) beginning at 12 noon on Friday, Aug. 29th until Tuesday morning, Sept. 2nd.

Labor Day weekend is typically among the busiest summer travel times. Last year, on the Friday before Labor Day Monday — the most traveled day of the long weekend — a total of 921, 619 vehicles made trips on the agency's seven bridges and two tunnels. The bridge with the highest traffic volume for the entire Labor Day weekend was the Verrazano-Narrows, with 763,732 crossings.

If planning to use the MTA's bridges and tunnels this holiday, here are a few tips for smart travel:

- Beat the rush: Leave as early as possible for your destination and check weather forecasts that may affect travel and roadway conditions. Specific information on bridges and tunnels, as well as public mass transit, is available at: www.mta.info
- Motorists can save time, money and gas by using E-ZPass at all MTA Bridges and Tunnels' toll plazas. E-ZPass is also accepted at other toll facilities throughout the region.
- Customers should look for signs directing them to **E-ZPass** or **Cash Only** lanes as needed.
- Avoid delays in the toll lanes by mounting your E-ZPass on the windshield after you buckle up and before you drive away from the curb.
- Motorists who pay the toll in cash can speed their trip by having the exact amount ready before they get to the toll plaza.

The cash toll is \$5.00 for the Triborough, Throgs Neck and Bronx-Whitestone Bridges and the Brooklyn-Battery and Queens Midtown Tunnels; \$10.00 roundtrip on the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge (collected in the Staten Island-bound direction); \$2.75 on the Henry Hudson; and \$2.50 at the Cross Bay and Marine Parkway Bridges.

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: The Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial Bridge, view from the beach.

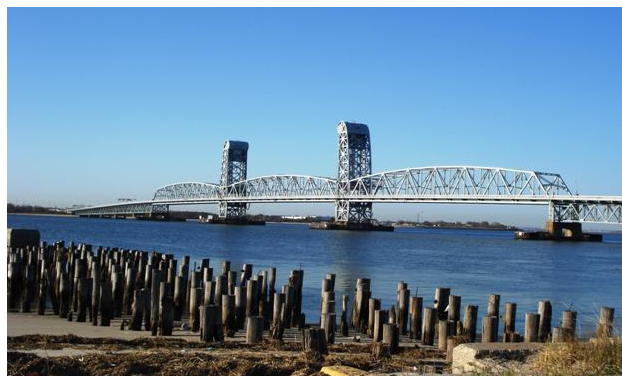


Photo caption: The Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial Bridge, view from the beach.

