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Lily Pond Avenue Overpass at Verrazano-Narrows Bridge Is Completed Early

The complete replacement of the roadway bridge over Lily Pond Avenue just west of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge toll plaza was finished today, several months ahead of schedule.

"As always, we appreciate the patience of our customers during this major, necessary rehabilitation, which will ensure the roadway's long-term safe and efficient use for our 190,000 daily customers," said David Moretti, Acting President of MTA Bridges and Tunnels.

The same number of lanes remained available during the reconstruction because it was possible to re-stripe the area while using space in the median. At times, however, shifting lane patterns as the work progressed did cause some congestion. The Lily Pond project began in November 2006.

The concrete deck on the 420-foot wide bridge was removed and replaced as part of the \$18 million project to rehabilitate the existing single span steel-supported concrete structure. In addition, the bridge's electrical components and bearings were replaced and the abutment walls were reinforced. The overpass carries Staten Island Expressway (SIE) traffic over Lily Pond Avenue. The original construction dated to the building of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, which opened to motorists in 1964. The contractor for the Lily Pond project was El Sol of Maspeth, Queens.

Along Lily Pond Avenue underneath the span, new sidewalks and permanent lighting will be installed over the coming months, among other finishing touches, but this work will not impact traffic on the roadway lanes above.

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. The agency is the largest toll authority in the nation, helping more than 850,000 vehicles and more than a million people reach their destination each day.