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The elephants, horses and assorted circus folk are coming to town—and they'll make their appearance via the Queens Midtown Tunnel shortly after midnight (Tuesday night into Wednesday morning) on Wednesday, March 18th, if all goes according to schedule.

A total of seven elephants, 15 horses, animal trainers, featured clowns and the circus Ring Master are coming to New York City to appear in the 138th annual Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. The annual "elephant parade" route is through the north tube of the QMT. The circus entourage will exit the tunnel in Manhattan and make its way west across 34th Street to Madison Square Garden, where the show runs from March 20th through April 6th (www.ringling.com for information).

Reporters and photographers should gather on the Manhattan-side of the tunnel around midnight for the best view of the parade as the group emerges from the mile-long tunnel. Use 37th Street to access the Queens Midtown Tunnel garage, where reporters and photographers will be met.

Motorists should use alternate routes during this period; the tunnel is expected to re-open at approximately 2 AM.