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Throgs Neck Weekend Update

Repair and Traffic Management Plan Due Tuesday, Mitigation Plans in Place to Ease Traffic

In the wake of last week's fire on the Throgs Neck Bridge, MTA Bridges and Tunnels engineers and outside experts are expediting repair plans. Officials will outline repair and traffic management plans at a media briefing Tuesday, July 21 at 11 am in Fort Totten Park, adjacent to the bridge in Queens.

The fire has caused a number of traffic impacts northbound, including a ban on trucks on the bridge, removal of one lane and closure of the Cross Island Parkway on-ramp, as well as shifts to both the Bronx-Whitestone and the RFK Bridges. In the past week, the agency has taken the following action to ease traffic flow and add capacity where possible:

- All planned construction on the Bronx-Whitestone and RFK Bridges has been temporarily suspended. Potholes are being filled at night to the extent possible.
- Extra tow trucks have been assigned to key locations at all three bridges in order to remove disabled vehicles
- Additional Bridge and Tunnel Officers have been assigned to process toll traffic. Toll collection sites are being reversed where possible to add capacity where needed for toll processing.
- B&T continues to coordinate with State and City transportation agencies. More than 12 additional signs were installed this week on approaches to the bridge.

Weekend Traffic Advisory for Motorists

Motorists may find the following information useful and are also encouraged to listen to radio traffic reports.

Bronx-bound Cars:

- Take Clearview Expressway North to Throgs Neck Bridge, where traffic has been lighter due to restrictions on trucks in this direction.

Trucks:

- Currently prohibited from using Throgs Neck Bridge Bronx-bound, trucks should take RFK (Triborough) or Bronx-Whitestone Bridges as alternates. For Bronx-Whitestone access take Van Wyck or Whitestone Expressways via Long Island Expressway.
- Trucks are advised to avoid the Clearview Expressway North (Bronx-bound).
- Trucks are still allowed Queens-bound at Throgs Neck Bridge.

Public Transit:

Paul McCartney concert-goers and New York Mets baseball fans are strongly encouraged to take mass transit to CitiField.

- **Long Island Rail Road:** Train service to [Mets/Willets Point Station](#) from Penn Station and Long Island stations. For fare and schedule information, call (718) 217-5477 (New York City) or (516) 822-5477 (Long Island).
- **New York City Transit/Subway:** Service to [Mets/Willets Point Station](#) via "7" train. The "7" line service to Grand Central Station (connect to Metro North trains, as well as service from Port Authority Bus Terminal in midtown Manhattan. For fare and additional information, please call MTA New York City Transit at (718) 330-1234.

Visit [mta.info](#) for updates on traffic conditions and further info on mass transit.