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The Park Avenue Bridge in Mount Vernon to Close for Reconstruction

The century-old Park Avenue Bridge in Mount Vernon, which carries vehicular traffic over the Metro-North Railroad's New Haven Line, will close for reconstruction on Monday December 7.

Funding for the \$10 million project was provided by Governor David A. Paterson to the New York State Department of Transportation from money allocated as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

During the work, traffic will use two nearby adjacent bridges, the North Fulton Avenue Bridge, east of the Park Avenue Bridge, and North Third Avenue Bridge to the west. The new bridge is scheduled to open next December.

The new three-span bridge will be able to carry trucks, school buses and emergency vehicles, which currently are banned from the bridge because it cannot bear the weight. The work will improve traffic flow and reduce emergency response time in the city.

The project calls for rehabilitation of the substructure and installation of a new superstructure. Prior to demolition, Metro-North will be abating asbestos-containing pipe insulation and waterproofing material below the roadway asphalt. This work will be done in accordance with strict New York State Department of Labor standards.

The bridge carries a water main and telephone conduits, which will be replaced, and new electrical conduits will be installed. The telephone and electrical conduits work will be paid for by the private utilities while the water main will be replaced as part of the project.

A contract was awarded in August to DaFoe Corporation of Mount Vernon. Construction supervision will be provided by WSP Sells of Briarcliff Manor.