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### New Traffic Pattern at Brooklyn-bound Verrazano Toll Plaza Begins Wed., June 2nd – Removal of Last Two Unused Toll Booths Will Complete This Phase of Construction Work

A new traffic pattern will go into effect at the Verrazano–Narrows eastbound roadway (to Brooklyn) toll plaza effective **Wed., June 2nd** to allow for the removal of the last two toll booths, which will conclude the first phase of the larger Verrazano–Narrows Toll Plaza Improvement project.

"We're extremely pleased with the progress and quality of the work to date," said Verrazano–Narrows Facility Engineer David Riggs. "The construction plan that is in place is working and traffic has continued to move well since work began in April."

In this stage of the work, the bus/HOV lane and left lane coming from the Staten Island Expressway will continue to travel to the left of the work zone while the center and right lanes of the SIE will be shifted to the right of the construction. All SIE lanes will have access to the upper level roadway as usual.

Motorists who need to access the lower level from the expressway should stay in the right lane and follow signs that are in place prior to the construction zone.

Vehicles entering the plaza from Father Capodanno Boulevard, Narrows Road South and the Lily Pond Brooklyn–bound ramp will remain to the right of the work zone. Narrows Road South and the Lily Pond Avenue entrances will still have access to both levels of the bridge.

The first eight unused booths are being removed as part of a \$2.5 million project, which was awarded to Paul J. Scariano Inc., of Brooklyn. Work began in April, and along with the booth removals, includes the removal of concrete islands, canopy structures, utilities, and electric signs, as well as roadway restoration work.

The project is part of a larger Verrazano–Narrows Bridge Toll Plaza Improvement program, which has been designed and coordinated to go along with the New York State Department of Transportation's Staten Island Expressway Access Improvement work.

The next phase, slated to begin in 2011, will include removal of the remaining three unused eastbound toll booths, realignment of the plaza roadway from the SIE, redesigned Lily Pond and Narrows Road South ramps heading to Brooklyn, and the rehabilitation of both the Brooklyn–bound Father Capodanno on ramp and Staten Island–bound Lily Pond exit ramp.

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**Photo Caption: Workers remove a section of the unused Verrazano–Narrows toll booth at the Brooklyn-bound plaza. The last two booths in this phase of work are slated to be removed soon.**