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Circus Elephants' Annual Walk Through Queens Midtown Tunnel

**Manhattan-bound Tube Closed to Traffic;
Two-way Traffic in Queens-bound Tube;
Mon., 3/22 from 11:30 PM to 2 AM (3/23)**

It's that time of year again as New York City plays host to the circus, and the star attraction elephants will promenade into Manhattan via the Queens Midtown Tunnel just before midnight on Monday, March 22nd. While there will be two-way vehicular traffic (one lane in either direction) in the south tube (normally Queens-bound) during this period, to avoid delays motorists may wish to use alternate routes during this period. The north tube of the tunnel is expected to re-open at approximately 2 AM, Tues., March 23rd.

A total of six Asian elephants, eight ponies, three stilt walkers, and a watusi (breed of long-horned steer), along with animal trainers and escorts, are arriving via the QMT north tube in town to appear in the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. The circus entourage will exit the tunnel in Manhattan and make its way westward across East 34th Street to Madison Square Garden, where the show runs from Thursday, March 25th through Sunday, April 4th.

Those interested in viewing the procession should wait on the **Manhattan-side of the tunnel at East 37th Street between Second and Third Avenues** beginning around midnight to see the circus group emerge from the mile-long tunnel, at which point they will "pose" for photographs. **News media should contact Joyce Mulvaney at 646-252-7416 or Judie Glave at 646-252-7276 of MTA Bridges and Tunnels Public Affairs for more information.**

For more information on the circus schedule, visit: www.ringling.com.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels' facilities, which connect the five boroughs of New York City, are the Robert. F. Kennedy, Bronx-Whitestone, Henry Hudson, Verrazano-Narrows, Cross Bay Veterans Memorial and Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Bridges, and the Queens Midtown and Brooklyn-Battery Tunnels.



Photo caption: Elephants proceeded through Queens toll plaza in Long Island City en route through Queens Midtown Tunnel to Manhattan for last year's circus engagement at Madison Square Garden.