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New Traffic Pattern In Place At Bronx-Whitestone Bridge As \$200 Million Rehabilitation Project Continues

A new traffic pattern was recently put in place at the Bronx–Whitestone Bridge in the northbound direction as part of the \$200 million, four year project to replace the original 1930s roadway deck and its supporting structural foundations at the Bronx approach.

During the second phase of the project, the entire original 1,785–feet of roadway near the Bronx end of the bridge is being replaced, roadway lanes made wider and emergency shoulders added.

In this new pattern, which will be in place for approximately six weeks, cash customers are urged to stay right for access to cash lanes while E–ZPass users should stay to the left of the work zone. Signs telling customers to stay right if they are paying with cash are posted, along with signs alerting them that they are approaching a roadway split.

The work is part of a project that began in December 2008. The contractor is Conti of New York, LLC. Since the project began most of the work has been done beneath the bridge on the Bronx side as contractors constructed 15 new double–arch concrete piers which will eventually help support wider, 12–foot lanes and add emergency roadway shoulders; a major improvement over the bridge's original 1930s narrow roadway lanes.

In June, a moveable concrete barrier was put in place and a permanent year–long lane closure began. The barrier allows MTA Bridges and Tunnels to maintain three lanes of northbound traffic into the Bronx in the morning and three lanes of southbound traffic to Queens and Long Island during the evening rush. Two lanes are available in the opposite direction during these times.

In 2009, the Bronx–Whitestone Bridge carried some 117,000 vehicles daily. The bridge connects the Bronx to Queens and Long Island.

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



New traffic pattern at Bronx-Whitestone Bridge heading north to the Bronx. Work is part of a 4-year, \$200 million project to rehabilitate the bridge, which was built in the 1930s