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### MTA Bridges and Tunnels Suspends Construction Work As Memorial Weekend Getaway Begins

Memorial Day weekend, which kicks off the summer travel season, is traditionally among the busiest travel days of the year at MTA Bridges and Tunnels, and to make travel easier for those who will hit the road all routine maintenance work will be suspended beginning Noon on Friday, May 28th until after the morning rush on Tuesday, June 1st.

"We want to do everything we can to make traveling this Memorial weekend as safe and smooth for our customers as possible, which is why we are suspending all temporary closures related to construction and maintenance work through the weekend," said Jim Fortunato, Vice President and Chief of Operations.

Last year the day before the official start of the holiday weekend (Friday, May 22nd) was the most heavily traveled day of the year at MTA Bridges and Tunnels' seven bridges and two tunnels, with 925,128 trips taken.

Here are a few tips to enhance your trip when using MTA's bridges and tunnels:

- Visit [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) before you leave, and click on the link to the right for Bridges and Tunnels. Once on the website, check out the Travel Time information to give you an idea of how traffic is moving at MTA Bridges and Tunnels.
- Sign up for e-mail and text alerts at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) to give you up to date information on traffic delays at MTA crossings that you regularly use.
- Keep moving and make your trip even faster by using E-ZPass. The electronic transponder is accepted at all MTA Bridges and Tunnels' toll plazas in designated E-ZPass lanes, as well as 14 states from Maine to Virginia and west to Illinois. Â Â
- Make sure your E-ZPass is mounted on your windshield. Electronic equipment can not always read the tag information if it is not secured properly.
- Cash customers can speed their trips by having exact toll amounts before they reach the toll plaza.

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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.