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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ADVISORY RFK Bridge Manhattan To Randall's Island Ramp Will Be Closed Beginning Wed., Oct. 26th While Repaving Work Continues At Manhattan Plaza

Beginning **Wed., Oct. 26th**, the ramp leading onto Randall's Island from the Manhattan plaza of the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge will become an *exit only* ramp while repaving work continues just south of the toll booths.

All motorists seeking access to Randall's Island from Manhattan will be detoured to the new RI/Ward's ramp, which is about a quarter-mile away. Vehicles heading to Randall's Island from the Harlem River Lift Span should stay right after the toll plaza and follow traffic signs to Queens. The ramp will put motorists on the Ward's side of the island.

Vehicles will be able to exit the island normally since the ramp will become one way only from Randall's Island to Manhattan during construction. The work is expected to take approximately five weeks.

The construction is part of the nearly \$1 billion in capital improvements planned over the next 15 years for the sprawling Robert F. Kennedy Bridge, which connects Manhattan, the Bronx and Queens.

The RFK Bridge, which includes the suspension span over the East River, the Harlem River Lift Span, the Bronx truss over Bronx Kills and 14 miles of roadways that merge at a junction structure on Randall's Island, is the oldest of the MTA's seven bridges and two tunnels.

Built during the Great Depression, the 75-year-old bridge opened to traffic on July 11, 1936.