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SPECIAL TRAFFIC ADVISORY RFK Bridge Manhattan To Randall's Island Entrance Ramp

Detours will continue to be in place through **Friday, Dec. 16th** while the ramp leading onto Randall's Island from the Manhattan toll plaza at the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge is repaired. The work was scheduled to be completed this week but more repairs are necessary.

All motorists seeking access to Randall's Island from Manhattan will continue to 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 Randall's Island normally using the ramp.

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.