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MTA Bridges and Tunnels Suspends Routine Construction for Thanksgiving Holiday

To ease travel for its customers this Thanksgiving, routine maintenance and temporary construction work at all MTA Bridges and Tunnels crossings will be suspended beginning **Noon on Wed., Nov. 23rd until early Monday morning, Nov. 28th.**



In 2010, 3.8 million trips were taken at B & T's seven bridges and two tunnels over the long holiday weekend spanning Wednesday through Sunday. The Verrazano-Narrows recorded the most trips over the five-day period with nearly 954,000, followed by 585,000 at the Throgs Neck and 550,000 at the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge.

The day before Thanksgiving was the heaviest traveled of the five days last year with 883,000 trips. Peak driving times were 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"We urge drivers to give themselves enough time since the Thanksgiving holiday is one of the busiest travel times of the year," said MTA Bridges and Tunnels Vice President and Chief of Operations James Fortunato.

One way drivers can "know before they go" is to sign up to receive email or text alerts for MTA crossings at www.mta.info. They can also visit the website and check out the Travel Time information for any bridge or tunnel crossing on the Bridges and Tunnels homepage.

Customers who use E-ZPass will also save time by eliminating long waits in cash lines. Holiday travelers can pick up a pre-paid MTA E-ZPass On The Go tag at any one of 481 retail locations, throughout the five boroughs and Long Island. An On The Go tag can be purchased and used to pay up to \$30 worth of tolls if linked to a credit card or \$20 in tolls and a \$10 tag deposit if it is not. After using the tag for the first time, it must be registered within 48 hours. Tags that are not registered after being used are deactivated.