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Weekend Detours For Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn As Next Phase Of LIRR Viaduct Rehab Gets Going

Work at Nostrand Ave. Requires Eastbound & Westbound Lane Closures Beginning This Saturday & Sunday

With work now underway on the third phase of the \$237 million Atlantic Avenue Viaduct rehabilitation project, MTA Long Island Rail Road has asked the New York City Department of Transportation to reroute vehicular traffic around the LIRR's Nostrand Ave. Station in Brooklyn on six weekends beginning Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5.

Each weekend, the closures will impact either the eastbound or westbound lanes of Atlantic Ave., along with a single-lane closure on the opposite side. Beginning with the closure and rerouting of traffic this weekend between New York Ave. and Nostrand Ave., the weekend work schedule is as follows:

June 4 & 5: Westbound: Closed
Eastbound: One Lane

June 18 & 19: Eastbound: Closed
Westbound: One Lane

July 9 & 10: Westbound: Closed
Eastbound: One Lane

July 16 & 17: Eastbound: Closed
Westbound: One Lane

July 30 & 31: Westbound: Closed
Eastbound: One Lane

August 6 & 7: Eastbound: Closed
Westbound: One Lane

The westbound detour will redirect traffic from New York Ave. north to Fulton St. to Nostrand Ave. and back to Atlantic Ave. The eastbound detour will take traffic from Atlantic Ave. south Nostrand Ave. to Dean St. to New York Ave. back to Atlantic Ave.

With the assistance of the local Bedford Gateway Business Improvement Organization, the LIRR has been working to get the word out about the planned work and detours to local businesses and residents.

The Atlantic Avenue Viaduct, which has carried LIRR trains and customers between Jamaica and downtown Brooklyn since 1901, has undergone a complete structural rehabilitation over the past three years. Upon completion of this final structural phase (from New York Ave. to the abutment just west of Nostrand Ave.), this vital stretch of railroad infrastructure will be restored to a state of good repair, ensuring safe and reliable service to our customers and local residents for years to come.

Phase One overhauled the Viaduct between Troy Ave. and Ralph Ave. The work began in October 2008 and was completed at a cost \$93.4 million. Phase Two of the rehabilitation involved the area between Troy Ave. and New York Ave. and was paid for with \$77.3 million in federal stimulus funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The third phase involves the replacement of the viaduct structure located under the Nostrand Ave. Station at a cost of \$26.2. Phase Three got underway in April, but most of the work is scheduled to be completed over the six weekends in June, July and August. The scheduled work is subject to change due to bad weather or other unforeseen circumstance.

The rehabilitation includes the strengthening and repair of existing column bases; complete replacement of the existing steel superstructure from mid-column upward, utilizing the existing column bases; installation of a new, improved track structure, complete painting of the structure and the installation of new and improved lighting under the viaduct. The work requires the use of cranes and other construction equipment.

The final phase of the project will be the rehabilitation of the Nostrand Ave. Station at an estimated cost of \$40 million.

To ensure the safety of pedestrians and motorists, the New York City Police Department has agreed to provide Traffic Enforcement Agents at key locations while weekend work is underway.

The LIRR is making every effort to minimize the impact of the construction work on the community, including the movement and parking of construction vehicles, and related noise and lighting disturbances.

Community members with questions or specific concerns regarding the project should contact the LIRR's Public Affairs Department at 718-558-7301.