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Lower Level Staten Island-Bound Verrazano-Narrows Closed Sun., May 1st From 12:01 AM to 6 PM

On Sunday, May 1st the lower level of the Staten Island (west) bound Verrazano-Narrows Bridge from all approaches will be closed to all traffic beginning at 12:01 a.m. and ending at approximately 6 p.m. for the annual TD Bank Five Boro Bike Tour.

The upper level of the bridge heading into Staten Island will remain open from the BQE and Belt Parkway approaches only, as will both levels of the bridge traveling into Brooklyn (eastbound).

Motorists are advised to expect heavy delays and seek alternate routes if possible. For Verrazano-Narrows traffic info call: Verrazano-Narrows Five Boro Bike Tour Hotline at **212 360-3000**.

Here are specific closing times for Verrazano-Narrows Bridge:

12:01 AM: All lanes, both directions, lower level of bridge, closed.

7 AM – 6 PM: Bay Street exit in Staten Island closed.

10 AM: 92nd Street entrance ramp (Staten Island-bound) closed to vehicular traffic.

Expected Times to Reopen:

8 AM: Brooklyn-bound lower level – two out of three lanes re-opened.

5 PM: 92nd Street ramp to upper level ONLY (Staten Island-bound) re-opened.

6 PM: Staten Island-bound lower level and all other closed lanes re-opened.

In addition, drivers may also experience delays at the following MTA crossings:

Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel:

7 a.m. to 6 p.m.: Trinity Place exit closed to Manhattan-bound customers exiting the tunnel. Drivers will be detoured to West Street.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Westbound Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (I-278W) will be closed from Atlantic Avenue to the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. Brooklyn-bound traffic will be diverted to the Hamilton Avenue exit ramp after toll plaza.

RFK Bridge:

8 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Ramp to FDR Drive south will be closed. All Manhattan-bound traffic must exit at 125th Street.

Queens Midtown Tunnel:

Drivers may experience heavier than usual traffic delays as a result of traffic being diverted from the Pulaski and Ed Koch-Queensboro bridges, which will be closed.

For more information on the TD Bank Five Boro Bike Tour please visit Bike NY website at: <http://www.bikenewyork.org/rides/fbdt/index.html>