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Necessary Repair Work Will Close One Of Three Lanes On The RFK Bridge's Queen To Manhattan Ramp Round-the-Clock Beginning Mon., April 11th

Beginning **Monday, April 11th**, one of three lanes on the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge's Queens to Manhattan ramp will be closed round-the-clock until late fall while old concrete is drilled and removed, repairs made to steel rebar and a new roadway deck installed.

The work, which is being done by Navillus Contractors of Manhattan, requires a seven-day-a-week, full-time closure of a portion of the left hand lane on the ramp, which leads from the Queens viaduct into the Manhattan toll plaza.

The impact to traffic is expected to be minimal since two lanes will remain open, and the third lane will be reopened on the ramp after the work zone, which involves about 1,200 feet of roadway. Signs will be in place to alert motorists to the closure.

"We appreciate our customers' patience while this necessary work is done to keep this important piece of the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge's network of roadways in good repair," said MTA Bridges and Tunnels' Rocco D'Angelo, Engineering Director of the RFK Bridge.

In addition to the concrete work, contractors will be cleaning and replacing existing steel rebar as needed and repairing roadway joints.

Over the length of the \$2.5 million contract as many as two dozen full, part-time and specialty jobs are expected to be created.

Rehabilitation work was completed on the right lane of the Queens to Manhattan ramp in 2008. The remaining middle lane is slated for rehabilitation work in 2012.

The Robert F. Kennedy Bridge, formerly the Triborough Bridge, is celebrating its 75th anniversary this July. It consists of three bridges, a viaduct and 14 miles of approach roads connecting Manhattan, Queens and the Bronx. The RFK, MTA Bridges and Tunnels' flagship bridge, was renamed in honor of New York Senator Robert F. Kennedy in 2008.

In 2010, approximately 60 million vehicles traveled through the RFK Bronx and Manhattan toll plazas.