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New Traffic Pattern At Bronx-Whitestone Bridge Begins Saturday, May 7th As Bronx Approach Roadway Deck Replacement Work Continues

Beginning **Saturday, May 7th**, a new traffic pattern will be in effect at the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge as rehabilitation work to replace the three southbound lanes at the bridge's Bronx approach continues.

Replacement of the first southbound lanes was recently completed and the project contractor, Conti of New York, LLC, is now ready to begin work on a second southbound lane. This work is similar to rehab work that was completed on the three approach lanes heading into the Bronx in 2010, and includes lane-by-lane rehabilitation of the original 72-year-old approach roadway decking.

One Queens-bound lane will be closed round-the-clock through the end of the fall when rehabilitation of all three lanes is expected to be completed but contractors are able to maintain three traffic lanes in peak morning and afternoon directions by using the center lane as a reversible traffic lane.

In the morning from **6 a.m. to 10 a.m.** there will be three lanes to the Bronx and two lanes into Queens, and from approximately **3 p.m. to 7 p.m.**, there will be three lanes to Queens and two lanes to the Bronx. Signs will be in place advising motorists to stay in lane. This pattern is expected to remain in place through mid-summer.

The work is part of a four-year, nearly \$200 million project to replace all 1,785 feet of original roadway on the bridge's Bronx approach. Construction began in December 2008, and to date new foundations and concrete piers have been constructed beneath the bridge and two lanes of the approach roadway heading to the Bronx have been replaced. With the new foundations in place, the approach roadway will now have 12-foot-wide lanes and safety shoulders on the bridge for the first time.

In 2010, some 41 million vehicles used the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge, which connects the Bronx to Queens and Long Island. The bridge opened to traffic the day before the New York World's Fair in Flushing, Queens on April 30, 1939.



Newly rehabilitated approach roadway lane at the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge. This lane will be opened beginning Saturday, May 7th as work on a second lane at the bridge's Bronx approach heading to Queens begins.

