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U.S. Army Corps Of Engineering Marsh Restoration Project Will Continue Into April

Multiple Daily Bridge Lifts At Marine Parkway Bridge Required

Multiple daily bridge lifts at the Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial Bridge will continue through mid-April as a result of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers marsh islands restoration project in Jamaica Bay.

The lifts, which will take place around-the-clock, require full, periodic closure of the bridge to traffic. It takes approximately 15 minutes to raise and lower the bridge.

Motorists are advised to use the Cross Bay Veterans Memorial Bridge as an alternate.

Federal code requires MTA Bridges and Tunnels to comply with bridge lift requests to allow large marine vessels to cross. The bridge has a clearance of 150 feet above water in its raised position.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working on a restoration project in Jamaica Bay to restore approximately 40 acres of marsh island by placing 375,000 cubic yards of clean, dredged sand from Ambrose Channel in Lower New York Bay.