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Queens Midtown Tunnel's 37th Street Entrance Reopened To Cars Weekdays Between 11 AM and 11 PM To Help Ease Traffic

In an effort to help ease traffic congestion along Second Avenue, MTA Bridges and Tunnels is reopening the 37th Street entrance to the Queens Midtown Tunnel to cars weekdays between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m.

"Second Avenue is one of the city's most heavily-traveled thoroughfares and traffic frequently backs up for blocks with cars trying to access the Queens-bound tunnel," said QMT General Manager Renee Shepherd. "We believe this change will ultimately save motorists time while alleviating congestion along the avenue."

This means that during the week between the hours of 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. cars driving south along Second Avenue can make a left turn on East 40th Street or East 38th Street, another quick right onto Tunnel Approach Street and continue straight, through the traffic light and into the tunnel.

From First Avenue, drivers who turn left onto East 37th Street will be able to use the 37th Street entrance instead of having to drive further to Second Avenue and merge into traffic there. Motorists can also choose to make a left turn onto East 39th Street, another quick left onto Tunnel Approach Street, through the traffic light and into the tunnel.

New signs will be in place to direct motorists. Use of the 37th Street entrance is limited to *cars only*. Trucks and buses must continue to use the East 36th Street entrance to the tunnel from Second Avenue.



View of Second Avenue traffic leading into Queens Midtown Tunnel during midday hours.

