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### Routine Construction Suspended At MTA Crossings for Thanksgiving Holiday

To ease travel for its customers this Thanksgiving, routine maintenance and temporary construction work at all MTA Bridges and Tunnels crossings will be suspended beginning **Noon on Wed., Nov. 21st until early Monday morning, Nov. 26th.**

2011, 3.8 million trips were taken at MTA Bridges and Tunnels' seven bridges and two tunnels over the long holiday weekend spanning Wednesday through Sunday. The Verrazano-Narrows Bridge recorded the most trips over the five-day period with nearly 931,000, followed by 580,000 at the Throgs Neck Bridge and nearly 541,000 at the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge.

The day before Thanksgiving was the heaviest traveled of the five days last year with 842,300 trips.

"We urge drivers to give themselves enough time since the Thanksgiving holiday is one of the busiest travel times of the year," said MTA Bridges and Tunnels Vice President and Chief of Operations James Fortunato.

Drivers can find out road conditions by downloading the free MTA EZTravel app, available for both iPhones and Android smartphones, and iPads at the Apple store or Google Play. The app gives real-time travel information for all nine MTA crossings. This is a tool to be used by drivers before they get behind the wheel, or by passengers. It should never be used while driving.

Customers who use E-ZPass will also save time by eliminating long waits in cash lines. Motorists can pick up an E-ZPass On-the-Go tag in cash lanes at any MTA crossing for \$30, plus the cash toll for that trip. It can be used to pay for up to \$30 worth of tolls if linked to a credit or debit card or \$20 in tolls and a \$10 tag deposit if it is not. The tag must be registered within 48 hours after it is first used or it is deactivated.