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Bronx-Whitestone Bronx Approach Project Entering Final Phase With Overnight Concrete Pours Beginning Wed., April 11th

Two Queen-bound Lanes Will Be Closed To Traffic While Work Is Completed



BW Approach Roadway: Crew works on the final stage of roadway construction in the four-year project to rebuild six approach lanes on the Bronx side of the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge

The four-year, nearly \$200 million project to reconstruct the Bronx approach roadway at the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge, providing drivers with wider 12-foot lanes and brand new safety shoulders, is entering the final phase of construction.

Overnight concrete pours will take place over two weeks starting **Wednesday night April 11th**, which requires the closure of two southbound lanes heading into Queens. Motorists should expect delays and use the Throgs Neck Bridge as an alternate. The work is dependent on good weather. (**Please see planned work schedule below.**)

The project included the reconstruction of 1,785-feet of elevated roadway at the Bronx end of the bridge as well as the construction of 15 new double-arch concrete piers beneath the bridge that helped support the wider 12-foot lanes and the new safety shoulders.

All of this was accomplished while an average 104,000 vehicles continued using the bridge each day. During the year-long permanent lane closure a reversible lane was used to maintain three traffic lanes during peak drive times to the Bronx in the morning and to Queens in the evening.

Roadway level work will be completed by the summer and the entire project, including final work below the roadway, will be finished on schedule by the end of the year. The contractor on the project, which began in December 2008, is Conti of New York, LLC.

A similar \$109 million reconstruction of the Queens approach to the bridge, awarded jointly to E.E. Cruz, of Manhattan, and Tully Construction Co., of Queens, is just getting underway. This project will result in a wider approach roadway with new safety shoulders and a brand new playground, which is being moved from its spot beneath the bridge in Francis Lewis Park to a brighter and more open spot in the park. The playground, which will have many new features for children including a sensory play center, was planned and designed with the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation. It is expected to open in several weeks.



BW Approach Lightpole: New lightpole being installed as part of the nearly \$200 million Bronx-Whitestone Bronx approach project

Planned Concrete Pour Schedule & Lane Closures

Two lanes heading into

Queens closed

10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Wed., April 11-Thurs., April 12th

9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Thurs., April 12-Fri., April 13th

11 p.m. to 8 a.m. Fri., April 13th to Sat., April 14th

No Saturday night, Sunday work

10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Mon., April 16th-Tues., April 17th

10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tues., April 17th-Wed., April 18th

No scheduled work Wed. night or Thursday night

10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Fri., April 20th- Sat., April 21st

All work is weather dependent and subject to change.