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Throgs Neck Bridge Work Will Result in Weekend Road Closures Bronx-Bound For Six Weekends Beginning June 1st

One Throgs Neck Bridge approach roadway lane to the Bronx and the Cross Island Parkway ramp to the Bronx will be closed for six weekends beginning Friday, June 1st. in order to replace roadway asphalt.

The work involves removing two-inches of asphalt on the three north-bound roadways at the Queens approach to the bridge, sand blasting the steel deck, and then applying new roadway binder and asphalt.

Roadway closures include the following:

- One Bronx-bound approach roadway lane closed all weekend from 10 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday.
- One lane closed on the Clearview Expressway approach from 10 p.m. Friday to 5 a.m. Monday.
- Bronx-bound Cross Island Parkway ramp closed to *all traffic* 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. Friday and Saturday nights, and 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. on Sunday night.

The bridge's orthotropic deck was installed in 1986 and a large part of the asphalt overlay on the roadway is now 26-years-old and has reached or exceeded its useful life, which is normally about 15 to 20 years.

"Since 1998 we have maintained the roadway by doing localized repairs but it is now necessary to replace the roadway overlay to relieve the type of asphalt shoving that is occurring," said Throgs Neck Facility Engineer Ed Knightly. "Once completed, motorists will notice a smoother, more-even riding surface."

The work is being done on weekends to minimize traffic disruptions. Motorists should expect delays and use the Bronx-Whitestone or Robert F. Kennedy Bridge as an alternate.