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Throgs Neck Bridge Work Will Result in Weekend Lane Closures Queens-Bound For Six Weekends Beginning July 12

Several Queens-bound lanes at the Throgs Neck Bridge will be closed over a total of six weekends in order to replace 67,000-square-feet of binder and asphalt overlay that has become uneven and must be replaced.

"After reviewing all of the options, the least impact to the customer is to do the work on weekends and overnight when traffic is lighter," said Throgs Neck Facility Engineer Edmond Knightly, "and when the work is finished motorists will be rewarded with a smoother, more-even riding surface."

Beginning the weekend of July 12-15, one Queens-bound lane will be closed from the Bronx toll plaza south to the Queens side of the bridge beginning 10 p.m. on Friday through 5 a.m. on Monday. Two lanes to Queens will be open *during the day* and one lane will be open overnight while the weekend work is done.

Similar roadway binder and asphalt work was completed last summer on the Bronx approach to the bridge over six non-consecutive weekends with minimal impact to traffic.

Scheduling the work on the weekend also helps minimize conflicts with the permanent lane closure at the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge, where a reversible lane is being used to during peak weekday drive times to keep three lanes open.

"There will be a lot of work going on at both bridges this summer and we appreciate motorists' patience while we get it done," said Director of Bridges East Raymond Webb, who oversees operations at the Throgs Neck and Bronx-Whitestone Bridges.

The Throgs Neck Bridge work is heavily weather-dependent. The contractor cannot apply new asphalt in rainy weather or in extreme humidity. Motorists can sign up for MTA e-mail or text alerts at www.mta.info and check the Bridges and Tunnels homepage for the latest information on this planned work.

During the weekend work at the Throgs Neck, motorists can use the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge, which will have three lanes open southbound to Queens, or the Robert F. Kennedy Bridges as an alternate route.