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### Robert F. Kennedy Bridge Harlem River Lift Span Closed Overnight Friday, Aug. 9 for Biennial Inspection

The RFK Bridge Harlem River Lift Span will be closed to all traffic **Fri. Aug. 9 between 12:01 a.m. and 5 a.m.** while a biennial inspection is conducted. Motorists must use an alternate route.

The inspection will be looking at one of the bearing assemblies, which are key components in lifting the 310-foot section of the span. This requires a full five-hour closure since the span must remain in the lifted position during the inspection.

Regular inspections by independent consulting engineers are conducted at MTA crossings every two years. Bridges and Tunnels reports the results to the New York State Department of Transportation. These independent tests, along with regular inspections by Bridges and Tunnels' Engineers, are used to plan future Capital Budget improvement and rehabilitation projects.

The Harlem River Lift Span, which is part of the sprawling Robert F. Kennedy Bridge complex, is lifted an average 25 times a year for monthly maintenance testing and marine traffic. The waterway is regulated by the U.S. Coast Guard and lifts, when requested, are mandatory.