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Bronx-Whitestone Bridge's 14th Avenue Exit Ramp Closed Weekend Aug. 17-19

Motorists should use 20th Avenue Exit Instead

The 14th Avenue exit ramp off the Queens-bound Bronx-Whitestone Bridge will be closed the weekend of **Aug. 17-19** for necessary construction. Motorists should use the 20th Avenue exit instead.

The ramp will close **at 6 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 17 and reopen by 5 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 19.**

Contractors E.E. Cruz/Tully will be doing demolition, repaving and restriping work as part of the \$109 million Capital project to reconstruct and widen the bridge's Queens approach. Once finished, the 14th Street exit ramp will have a wider, smoother exit curve, new curbing and a new deceleration lane.

The Bronx-Whitestone Queens approach project, which will add wider, 12-foot lanes and safety shoulders to the roadway for the first time, was awarded to Cruz/Tully in July 2011 and is slated for completion in 2015.

To date, the support foundations below the bridge have been reconstructed and lane-by-lane demolition and reconstruction of the 1,010-foot long Queens approach roadway began in June.

A movable barrier is being used to maximize traffic flow during peak morning and afternoon drive times, maintaining the normal three lanes into the Bronx in the morning and three lanes heading into Queens in the afternoon.