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Verrazano-Narrows Toll Plaza Improvement Project Moves Forward As New Narrows Road South Ramp Opens June 8

Two lanes closed on Narrows Road South Exit ramp, no parking for several months

A new entrance ramp from Narrows Road South, leading onto the Brooklyn-bound Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, will open June 8 as part of the \$50 million toll plaza improvement project.

With the new Narrows Road South entrance ramp completed, contractors for Restani Construction Corp. will begin demolishing the old entrance ramp and a portion of the Narrows Road South exit ramp to make way for the new lower level connector ramp. The Narrows Road South ramp will eventually fly over the new lower level connector ramp, which will lead motorists directly from the Staten Island Expressway onto the bridge's lower level.

As a result of the demolition work a portion of two lanes on the Narrows Road South exit ramp leading to Lily Pond Avenue must be closed for the next several months. Traffic exiting Narrows Road South in the vicinity of Lily Pond Avenue will be limited to using the extreme right lane, where cars normally park.

A total of about 450-feet from the last bus stop on Narrows Road South will be closed. The bus stop will not be impacted by the closure. The ban on parking will be strictly enforced since the lane will be used for traffic exiting the ramp. This is a temporary parking restriction, and parking will be restored as soon as it is feasible.

"The new Narrows Road South entrance ramp was built slightly north and west of the old ramp and will provide a smoother transition from the service road onto the upper level of the bridge," said Project Engineer Piv Lim.

In addition to this ramp and the lower level connector ramp, Restani will be rehabilitating and widening the Father Capodanno entrance ramp, as well as the westbound Lily Pond exit ramp and a new Brooklyn-bound Lily Pond entrance ramp that will also fly over the lower level connector ramp.

The work is being done in coordination with New York State Department of Transportation's Staten Island Expressway improvement project. The MTA project is scheduled to be completed in 2015.