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Bronx-Whitestone Bridge Queens Approach Project Shifts Lanes

A modified traffic pattern on the Queens side of the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge will be in place beginning **Saturday, Oct. 5** as work continues on the \$109 million Queens approach reconstruction and rehabilitation project.

The change will move the work zone over one lane to allow contractors to begin working on another section of the Queens approach roadway. A moveable barrier will continue to be used to maximize lane capacity during peak driving times with three lanes heading into the Bronx in the morning and three lanes into Queens in the afternoon and on weekends.

Signs will be in place to direct motorists, and drivers are urged to stay in their lane. This stage is expected to be in place through late November.

The Queens approach work includes lane-by-lane demolition and reconstruction of the 1,010-foot-long approach roadway, the addition of new safety shoulders, and the rehabilitation of the southbound 14th Avenue exit ramp.

The project was awarded jointly to E.E. Cruz, of Manhattan, and Tully Construction Co., in July 2011 and is expected to be completed in early 2015. The contractor has finished reconstructing the bridge's support foundations; adding six double arch piers and a new abutment to support the roadway's wider, 12-foot lanes and safety shoulders.

The playground in Francis Lewis Park that was beneath the bridge was also moved and upgraded to include all new playground equipment.