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### New Traffic Pattern At Bronx-Whitestone Bridge Queens Approach

A new traffic pattern went into effect at the Queens approach roadway to the Bronx-Whitestone Bridge on Thursday, Feb. 20 as part of the \$109 million reconstruction and rehabilitation project.

In this next phase of construction, traffic will be shifted around the work zone on the far left-hand lane southbound. A movable barrier will continue to be used to maximize lane capacity during peak drive times with three lanes into the Bronx from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and three lanes into Queens from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and on weekends.

The Queens approach work includes lane-by-lane demolition and reconstruction of the 1,010-foot-long approach roadway leading up to the bridge, 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.