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### Verrazano-Narrows Bridge New Father Capodanno Ramp Opened

MTA Bridges and Tunnels announced the reconstructed Brooklyn-bound Father Capodanno Boulevard ramp at the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge was opened to traffic Friday morning. The new, wider two-lane ramp is part of the \$50 million project to improve traffic flow on the bridge's ramps and approach roadways.

This is the latest milestone reached in the project, which began in 2012. In addition to the Father Capodanno ramp to Brooklyn, two other ramps, the Narrows Road South and Lily Pond Avenue ramps to Brooklyn, have been completely reconstructed to include wider lanes and safety shoulders.

Contractor Restani Construction Corp., of Queens, is continuing work on the Father Capodanno ramp's 8-foot-wide safety shoulders on either side. Once this work is finished, the temporary ramp that was built to handle traffic while the old ramp was reconstructed will be removed.

The toll plaza project, which has had a minimal impact on traffic since all current lanes have been maintained throughout the work, is scheduled to be completed in 2015.

Remaining work the completion of a new lower level connector ramp from the Staten Island Expressway to the bridge's Brooklyn-bound lower level, and improvements to the Brooklyn-bound Staten Island Expressway (SIE) roadway leading to the upper level of the bridge. The original toll plaza roadway was designed for stop and go traffic that occurs at a toll plaza but with the elimination of the eastbound toll booths, the SIE eastbound approach to the upper level will be improved to meet current design standards and improve traffic flow.

The toll plaza and ramp improvement project was carefully planned, designed and coordinated with the New York State Department of Transportation's Staten Island Expressway improvement project. When finished, both projects will significantly improve traffic flow through the I-278 corridor.