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New Traffic Pattern At Robert F. Kennedy Bridge's Manhattan/Queens Ramp Begins This Weekend

The \$50 million design/build project to reconstruct the Manhattan/Queens ramp at the Robert F. Kennedy Bridge moves to the next phase of construction with a new traffic pattern in place beginning Saturday, Jan. 18.

Crews will work overnight beginning 9 p.m. tonight until 10 a.m. Wed., Jan. 15 milling and paving on the ramp. One lane will remain open at all times. Motorists may experience some delays in the morning.

All work is dependent on good weather. The new traffic pattern, which shifts drivers to the right, is scheduled to begin this Saturday. Crews will then begin reconstructing the remaining portion of the ramp, which is used by drivers traveling from Manhattan to Queens.

The 26-month project to reconstruct the 54,000-square-foot ramp includes removing the old concrete deck, replacing the steel support stringers, and constructing a new concrete deck. Work is expected to be completed by fall 2014.

The contract was awarded to Halmar International, of Pearl River, N.Y., and its design partner, Hardesty & Hanover.

The ramp reconstruction is part of the nearly \$1 billion in capital improvements planned through 2016 for the sprawling Robert F. Kennedy Bridge, which connects Manhattan, the Bronx and Queens and carries an average 170,000 vehicles daily.