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### Temporary Father Capodanno Ramp In Place at Verrazano-Narrows Bridge

A temporary ramp from Father Capodanno Boulevard onto the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge's Brooklyn-bound lanes will be in place for the next several months while the original ramp is reconstructed as part of the MTA Bridges and Tunnels \$50 million project to improve traffic flow from the bridge's ramps and approach roadways.

The temporary ramp opened on Thursday evening, Feb. 20. "The only real change is that drivers will be shifted to the east as they enter the temporary ramp from Father Capodanno Boulevard," said Project Engineer Piv Lim. "The temporary ramp will have the same 2-lane configuration as the original ramp. Traffic capacity will not change," Lim said. This work on this stage of the project is expected to take about 10 weeks, and is dependent on good weather. Once the work is finished the reconstructed Brooklyn-bound ramp will have two lanes and for the first time two 8-foot safety shoulders. After the reconstructed ramp is completed, the temporary ramp will be removed. The project was awarded to Restani Construction Corporation.

Restani will also continue working on the lower level connector ramp, which will lead motorists directly from the Staten Island Expressway onto the bridge's lower level. Other work still to be completed as part of the project is the rehabilitation of the Staten Island-bound Lily Pond exit ramp 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 can now be improved to meet current design standards and improve traffic flow.

The project is being closely coordinated with the Staten Island Expressway improvement project, overseen by the New York State Department of Transportation, to improve traffic flow through the I-278 corridor and improve bridge operations. Work on the MTA project is scheduled to be finished in 2015.