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### Marine Parkway Pedestrian Walkway Closed During Daytime Hours Beginning Monday, April 14

#### *Shuttle Buses Will Be In Place For Pedestrians and Bicyclists*

The Marine Parkway-Gil Hodges Memorial Bridge pedestrian walkway will be closed to pedestrians and bicyclists daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Monday, April 14 while the mile-long, six-foot-wide walkway is resurfaced.

Free shuttle buses, which can hold eight passengers and four bicycles, will ferry pedestrians and bikers across the bridge at approximately 15-minute intervals throughout the day while the path is closed. The walkway will be reopened each day after 5 p.m.

El Sol Construction Corp., of Queens, has already started removing the old overlay, which was installed in 2000. Once that work is completed, the walkway's steel plating will be sandblasted, cleaned and a new layer of overlay will be applied.

The work is heavily dependent on dry, non-humid weather to ensure that the overlay adheres to the exposed steel. The project is expected to be completed by the end of May.

MTA Bridges and Tunnels Project Engineer Jaroslaw Myszczyński said because the path is so popular everything possible will be done to avoid any weekend work. "It really is up to Mother Nature," he said. "If it's not cold and the air is dry, the contractor will be able to get the work done without the need for weekend closures."

Pedestrians can pick up the shuttle buses at Rockaway Point Boulevard and Beach 169<sup>th</sup> Street in Queens and on the west side of Flatbush Avenue, about 300-feet south of the intersection for Aviation Road in Brooklyn. Bright orange signs will be in place.

The shuttle buses will operate Monday through Friday between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.