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### RFK Bridge Harlem River Lift Span Traffic Shifts to Temporary E 125 Street Exit Ramp

Beginning tonight, Friday, November 13, Manhattan-bound traffic exiting from Robert F. Kennedy Bridge to E.125 Street, will be shifted onto a temporary ramp to allow for demolition and reconstruction of the original ramp originally built in the mid-1930s.

The shift and traffic diversion to the adjacent temporary ramp will take place starting tonight from 9:00 p.m. through Saturday, November 14, at 5:00 a.m. In addition, for a 15-minute period between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., the RFK Bridge Harlem span will be closed to all traffic to accommodate this operation. The temporary ramp will accommodate the same traffic capacity as the existing ramp.

The reconstruction of the Manhattan E.125th Street approach ramps at the RFK Bridge was awarded to Defoe Corp., of Mount Vernon, New York, for \$69 million. This traffic shift will be in place for the duration of the project through Fall 2016. Use of the temporary ramp will keep the same number of traffic lanes available for customers seeking the E.125th / 2nd Ave. exit. "This plan will minimize the impact on traffic during the reconstruction of this exit ramp," explained RFK Bridge Facility Engineer Irshad Huq.

"This work is part of the \$1 billion in capital projects MTA Bridges and Tunnels will commit through 2024 to help keep our flagship, 1930s-era Robert F. Kennedy Bridge a vital commercial and travel link in the region," said MTA Bridges and Tunnels Acting President Donald Spero.

Motorists will experience delays and are advised to allow extra travel time, or consider alternate routes during the overnight period as this vital work commences. Motorists are urged to sign up for MTA e-mail/text alerts or to check the Service Status box at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) for the latest information on closures and planned work at MTA's seven bridges and two tunnels.