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### Queens Midtown Tunnel Manhattan Exit Plaza Closure of “Downtown” Lane for Three Months: Starts Sept. 16, 2016

Starting on Friday night, September 16, 2016, and for approximately three months, one of the two left “Downtown” exit lanes at the Manhattan plaza of the Queens Midtown Tunnel will be closed for the third of several stages of exit plaza roadway rehabilitation.

Customers traveling Downtown can use the open and newly resurfaced “Uptown” or “Crosstown” exit lanes, or the right “Downtown” exit lane, which will remain open during this period. In addition, East 37th Street between Tunnel Exit and 2nd Avenue has been temporarily converted to receive two-way traffic, to accommodate motorists exiting the tunnel from the Uptown lanes and seeking a Downtown route via 2nd Avenue.

The work includes asphalt replacement, rehabilitation of pavement joints, and concrete and masonry repairs. Demolition work will take place behind barriers during daytime hours and will comply with the New York City noise code. Rehabilitation of the two Downtown plaza lanes will comprise the final stages of the work. There are six lanes in the Manhattan exit plaza of the tunnel.

Drivers should expect delays and plan accordingly. Motorists can sign up for MTA e-mail or text alerts at [www.mta.info](http://www.mta.info) and check the Bridges and Tunnels homepage or Facebook page for the latest information on this planned work.