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Borough: Manhattan

November/December 2010

RECONSTRUCTION OF TRUNK WATER MAINS ALONG EAST 59TH STREET

Project ID#: MED600

THE DDC COMMENCES WORK ON THE EAST 59TH STREET TRUNK WATER MAIN PROJECT

The New York City Department of Design and Construction (NYCDDC) is managing a capital construction project to reconstruct existing water mains and utility infrastructure in the vicinity of the Queensboro Bridge. A significant element of the project is the construction of new trunk water mains that will connect to a shaft distribution chamber of City Water Tunnel No. 3. Curbs and sidewalks will be replaced where necessary. The anticipated project completion date is Summer 2013.

PROJECT STATUS

Con Edison gas, electric and steam relocation and installation work is currently being performed in preparation of the trunk water main installation work.

WORK SCHEDULED: NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2010

- Con Edison gas, electric and steam relocation and installation work will continue throughout the project limits.
- Test pit activities will occur on E. 59th St. between 2nd and 3rd Ave., in the intersection of 2nd Ave. and 59th St. and on 3rd Ave. between E. 58th St. and E. 60th St.

WEEKEND STREET CLOSURE

As of October 23, 2010 and continuing on weekends for the duration of the project, E. 59th St. between 2nd Ave. and 3rd Ave. will be closed. The closure will be in effect from 7:00AM Saturday through 5:00PM Sunday. Traffic Enforcement Agents will be stationed at critical intersections.

Access to the Queensboro Bridge Lower Roadway Entrance Ramp

- South of E. 59th Street: Motorists wishing to access the Lower Roadway entrance ramp from E. 58th St. can use the east curb lane of 2nd Ave. which will be designated as a northbound contraflow lane (see map on back). During this time, three lanes will be maintained on 2nd Ave. for southbound traffic.
- North of E. 59th Street: Motorists traveling to the Lower Roadway from the north may utilize eastbound E. 62nd St. to southbound 2nd Ave. to enter the Lower Roadway at E. 59th St.

COMMUNITY IMPACTS

- Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.
- Certain pedestrian crosswalks will be closed.
- Variable Message Signs will be placed along major roadways and local streets to alert motorists of the street closure and detour routes.
- The Q32 bus stop on E. 59th St. between 2nd Ave. and 3rd Ave. will be closed during weekend work. Bus riders should use the next nearest bus stop, located on E. 59th Street between 3rd Ave. and Lexington Ave.
- Access to the Queensboro Bridge Lower Roadway will be maintained at all times.

WATER SERVICE INTERRUPTIONS

Some water service interruptions will be necessary. You will receive written notice no later than the afternoon of the day before service interruption. Water service is always restored at the end of the workday.

COMMUNITY CONSTRUCTION LIAISON

The DDC has assigned a Community Construction Liaison (CCL), **Sarah Wilmoth,** to this project. Please contact **Ms. Wilmoth** for all project related inquiries/concerns or to be added to the e-mail distribution list.

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Project updates are also available through the NYCDDC website at www.nyc.gov/buildnyc.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

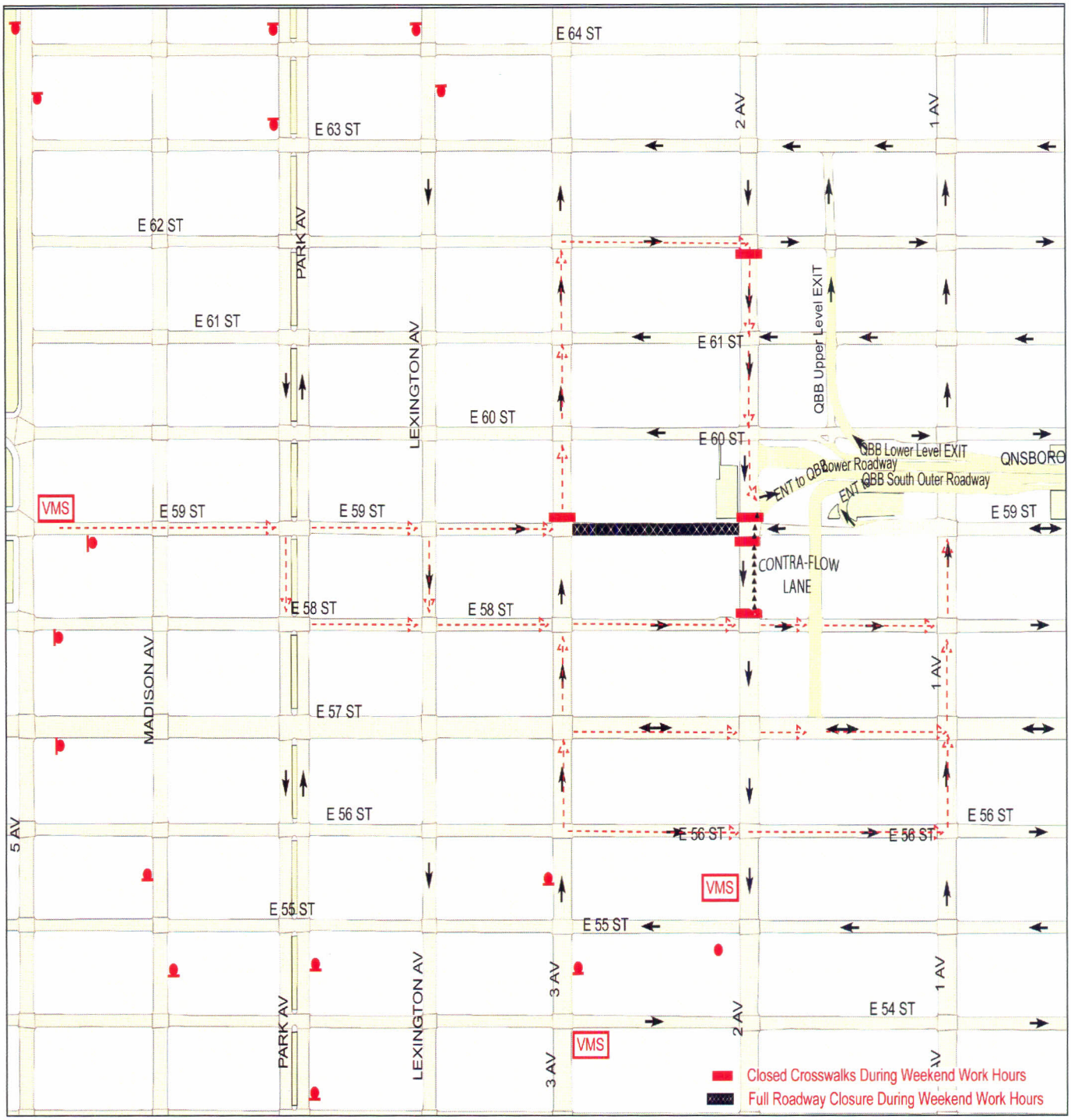
Construction Newsletters will be distributed in the area under construction and at key locations including:

- **Community Boards 6 & 8**
- **Strive Gym (334 E. 59th St.)**
- **Katagiri Japanese Supermarket (224 E. 59th St.)**

During non-business hours, problems can be reported by dialing 311.

DIAL 311 Government Services & Information for NYC

Be prepared to give the following information so your call can be directed properly:
- Your Name
- Borough
- Project Number
- Address in Question
- Return Phone Number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