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New Kosciuszko Bridge

Construction Advisory: September 2015

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has awarded a $555 million contract to construct Phase I of the new Kosciuszko Bridge. Upon completion, the new bridge will improve traffic safety, reduce congestion and improve travel speeds.

Please find below some of the work activities scheduled for the month of September 2015 that could impact you:

Brooklyn Connector, Brooklyn Approach and Local Street Reconstruction

- Traffic lane shift from the west to east side of Vandervoort Avenue onto the newly-paved roadway.
- Reopening of Anthony Street, between Vandervoort and Porter Avenues.
- Installation of new precast girders (large concrete beams) for the new Brooklyn Approach.

Some of the previously-initiated work continuing in September includes:

Brooklyn Connector, Brooklyn Approach and Local Street Reconstruction

- Installation of textured concrete fascia walls (T-Walls), between Morgan and Vandervoort Avenues and between Vandervoort and Varick Avenues.
- Removal and reconstruction of the BQE structure, between the westbound BQE off-ramp (Exit 34-Meeker/Morgan Avenue) and Apollo Street. Two (2) 11-foot-wide lanes will remain open at all times.
- Implementation of one-way traffic patterns on Vandervoort and Morgan Avenues under the BQE viaduct. Continuing through the end of 2016, only northbound Morgan Avenue traffic and only southbound Vandervoort Avenue traffic will be permitted beneath the viaduct.
- Installation of concrete barriers with fencing along eastbound Meeker Avenue, between Morgan and Porter Avenues. Intermittent lane closures during daytime and evening hours will continue to be required.
- Closure of one lane of westbound Meeker Avenue, between Sutton and Apollo Streets, through the fall of 2015 to facilitate rebuilding of the BQE structure walls. No parking will be permitted on westbound Meeker Avenue within these limits until the work is complete.

- Closure of the sidewalk on eastbound Meeker Avenue, between the BP gas station and Vandervoort Avenue, and the sidewalk on Vandervoort Avenue between eastbound Meeker Avenue and Anthony Street.
- Realignment of eastbound Meeker Avenue, including installation of new sidewalks and curbs, between Morgan and Vandervoort Avenues.

Queens Connector

- Installation of textured concrete fascia walls (T-Walls) for BQE structure between 55th Avenue and 54th Road.
- Closure of 54th Avenue, between Laurel Hill Boulevard and 43rd Street, through early 2016 to facilitate removal of the 54th Avenue viaduct and underground utility work on 54th Avenue.

Advance notices for specific activities will be distributed to residents and businesses prior to the start of work (water interruptions, traffic lane closures, detours, etc.)

The construction schedule is subject to change due to weather and unforeseen field conditions.

For information on project-related lane closures on the BQE and Long Island Expressway Interchange, please check postings on 511ny.org; call 511; or visit the Kosciuszko Bridge Website at www.dot.ny.gov/kbridge/closures.

The project team will make every effort to minimize impacts during this large construction project. However, some disruption and inconvenience typically occur on any construction project, including changes to vehicle and pedestrian traffic patterns, loss of parking, noise, vibrations, and dust. To promptly and proactively address community concerns, NYSDOT has hired a full-time **community liaison, Christine Holowacz.** Christine is available to answer your questions, provide additional information and assist you in resolving construction-related issues. She can be reached at (347) 988-4412 or Kosciuszko@dot.ny.gov.

Please look for and observe all construction signs in the area. We appreciate your cooperation during construction of this historic bridge.