

New Kosciuszko Bridge Construction

NOTICE

- ▶ TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF 54th ROAD,
between Laurel Hill Boulevard and 43rd Street
- ▶ NO NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON LAUREL
HILL BOULEVARD, between 56th and 54th Roads

Beginning on or about Monday, May 16th
through approximately Friday, May 20th

7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

(weather permitting)

Please look for and observe all construction signs and barriers so that work can proceed in a timely manner.

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has awarded a \$555 million contract to construct Phase 1 of the new Kosciuszko Bridge. On or about May 16th and continuing through approximately May 20th, from 7:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. (weather permitting), NYSDOT will:

- close 54th Road in both directions, between Laurel Hill Boulevard and 43rd Street, for placement of concrete on the new Queens connector. Variable message signs, traffic enforcement agents (TEAs) and flaggers will be used to manage vehicular and pedestrian traffic during this operation. While this work is in progress, there will be **NO PARKING** on 43rd Street, between 54th and 56th Roads. In addition, the Q67 bus will be temporarily rerouted (see accompanying map for route).

Detours:

- 1) Motorists traveling westbound on 54th Road should turn left onto 43rd Street, right onto 56th Road and left onto Laurel Hill Boulevard. Right turns onto Laurel Hill Boulevard will not be permitted.
- 2) Motorists traveling eastbound on 56th Road should turn left onto 43rd Street to 54th Road. There will be no northbound traffic allowed on Laurel Hill Boulevard, between 56th and 54th Roads.
- 3) Pedestrians traveling on 54th Road will be guided through the work zone by members of the construction crew. Alternatively, they can use 56th Road to access 43rd Street.

The new Kosciuszko Bridge will improve traffic safety, reduce congestion and improve travel speeds. Enhancements to the roadway will include extra lanes, wider lanes and a reduced incline creating longer sight lines and increased visibility. The project will also include a new bikeway/walkway on the bridge; new parks and open spaces; improved access to the waterfront; and enhancements to local streets. The project is part of the New York Works Program, created to generate jobs and increase economic development.

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.

Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation during construction of this historic bridge. For more information, visit www.dot.ny.gov/kbridge and follow us on Twitter: @NYSDOT_DOT.