

New Kosciuszko Bridge

Construction Advisory: February 2016

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 February 2016 that could impact you:

Brooklyn Connector, Brooklyn Approach and Local Street Reconstruction

- Opening of new Vandervoort/Meeker Avenue two-lane on-ramp to BQE.
- Removal of existing Vandervoort/Meeker Avenue one-lane on-ramp to BQE.
- Opening of Anthony Street, between Vandervoort and Morgan Avenues, to through traffic.
- Opening of Varick Avenue, between Anthony and Cherry Streets.
- Completion of installation of textured concrete fascia walls (T-walls) and backfilling, between Vandervoort and Porter Avenues.
- Installation of new concrete deck panels for new BQE roadway deck at Morgan Avenue, between westbound and eastbound Meeker Avenues.
- Closure of Gardner Avenue, between Cherry and Thomas Streets, for sewer installation.

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- Pile driving for new abutment at 54th Avenue.
- Temporary closure of 56th Road, between Laurel Hill Boulevard and 43rd Street, for installation of concrete girders.
- Construction of new BQE on-ramps, from the westbound LIE to the westbound BQE and from Laurel Hill Boulevard to the westbound BQE.

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

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- Placement of concrete slabs for new BQE roadway deck, between Morgan and Vandervoort Avenues.
- Installation of reinforcing steel and formwork for new Brooklyn approach concrete decks.

- Placement of concrete for new diaphragms between the newly-installed concrete girders on the Brooklyn approach. (Diaphragms lock girders in place at the point of placement.)
- Construction of new abutments at Morgan Avenue under the BQE viaduct.
- Removal and reconstruction of the BQE structure, between the westbound BQE off-ramp (Exit 34-Meeker/Morgan Avenues) 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.
- Closure of one lane of westbound Meeker Avenue, between Sutton and Apollo Streets, until further notice, 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.

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- Closure of 54th Avenue, between Laurel Hill Boulevard and 43rd Street, until further notice, to facilitate removal of portion of the 54th Avenue viaduct and underground utility work on 54th Avenue.
- Reconstruction of a portion of the 54th Avenue BQE overpass in preparation for construction of new 54th Avenue abutments.

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,₂

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.**

DATES START/END	TIMES START/END	ROUTE START/END POINTS	DIRECTION	LANES CLOSED	COUNTY	COMMENT
Until Further Notice	24-hours-a-day	Cherry Street Porter to Stewart Avenues	Eastbound	Full Closure	Kings	Reconstruction of Brooklyn-Queens Expressway Structure; Installation of Utilities and Paving
Until Further Notice	24-hours-a-day	Meeker Avenue Apollo to Sutton Streets	Westbound	Single Left Lane Closure	Kings	Removal and Reconstruction of Brooklyn-Queens Expressway Structure
Until Further Notice	24-hours-a-day	Meeker Avenue Westbound Brooklyn-Queens Expressway Off-Ramp (Exit 34 - Meeker/Morgan Avenue) to Apollo Street	Westbound	Traffic Shift	Kings	Removal and Reconstruction of Brooklyn-Queens Expressway Structure

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Until Further Notice	24-hours-a-day	56th Road Laurel Hill Boulevard to 43rd Street	Eastbound and Westbound	Traffic Shift (2-way traffic will be maintained) No Parking Sidewalk Closed (north side of 56th Road)	Queens	Preparation for Installation of Concrete Girders
Until Further Notice	24-hours-a-day	54th Avenue Laurel Hill Boulevard to 43rd Street <u>Follow Detour Signs</u>	Eastbound and Westbound	Full Closure	Queens	Partial Removal of Existing Brooklyn-Queens Expressway Structure; Installation of Utilities, New Girders and Textured Fascia Walls (T-walls)

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Until Further Notice	24-hours-a-day	Laurel Hill Boulevard Eastbound Long Island Expressway Interchange Service Road (Laurel Hill Exit) to 54th Avenue	Westbound	Single Left Lane Closure	Queens	Realignment of Laurel Hill Boulevard

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