

## Coming in Early 2017

# New Kosciuszko Bridge



Department of  
Transportation

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Construction of the new Queens-bound Kosciuszko Bridge is continuing at a fast and steady pace! By early 2017, all traffic in both directions will be driving on the brand new bridge!

The 275-foot-tall towers for the main span—the portion of the bridge that will cross Newtown Creek—are now complete and can be seen for miles around. The steel girders for the main span's new roadway deck and the cable stays that will attach the roadway to the towers are being installed. The portions of the bridge in Brooklyn and Queens that lead to the main span (the approaches) are nearing completion. And construction is ongoing on the sections of the bridge in Brooklyn and Queens that will connect the existing Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (BQE) to the new BQE, which will cross over the creek.

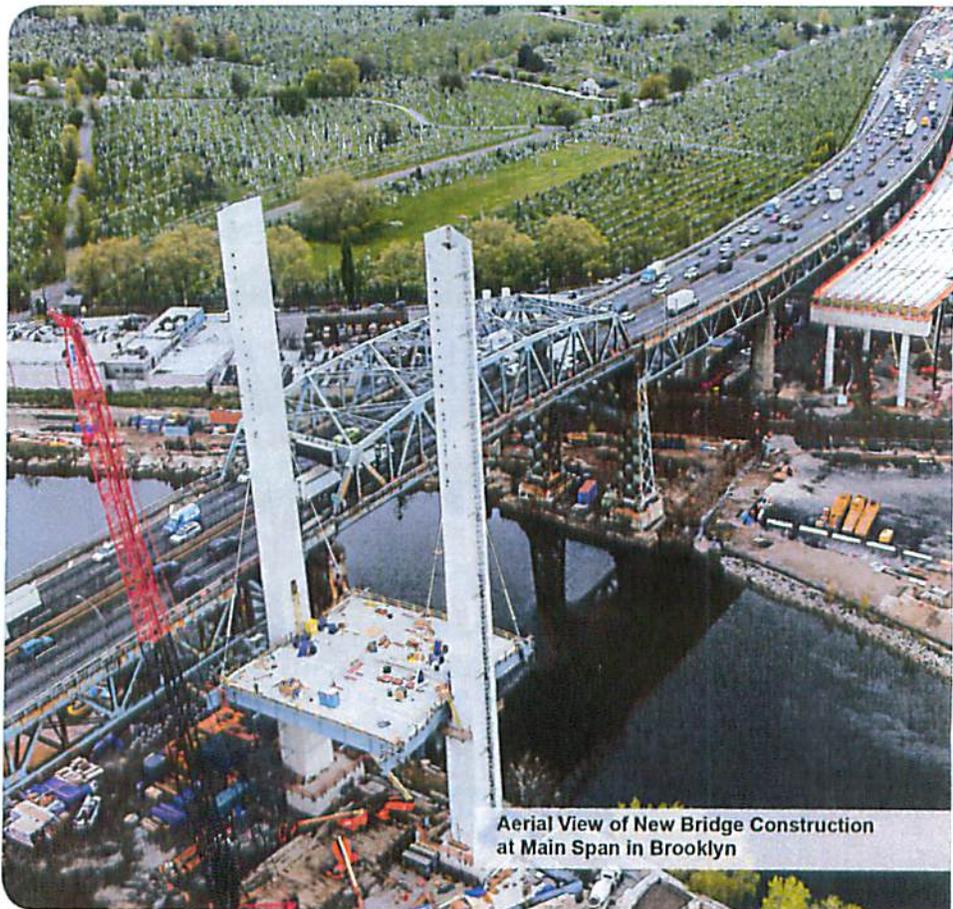
On the local streets in Brooklyn, the new two-lane entrance ramp, replacing the one-lane ramp, to the BQE at Vandervoort and Meeker Avenues has opened to traffic. Along westbound and eastbound Meeker Avenue, traffic has been shifted to allow for partial removal of the existing concrete ramp structure.

The Queens-bound bridge will be wide enough to accommodate traffic in both directions—until the Brooklyn-bound bridge is constructed in a separate Phase II contract. Once both projects are finished, there will be five travel lanes on the Queens-bound bridge and four on the Brooklyn-bound bridge, plus a new bikeway/walkway with spectacular views of Manhattan.

The majestic new cable-stayed Kosciuszko Bridge will transform the skyline between Brooklyn and Queens. It will also feature wider travel lanes, standard shoulders and a reduced roadway incline, enabling trucks to maintain a consistent speed on the bridge. New parks and open spaces in the local communities and improved waterfront access will also be part of the project.

In order to create jobs and spur economic development while rebuilding the state's infrastructure, the project is allocating \$77 million for small businesses as part of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. Currently, there are signed contracts with DBE firms totaling \$76 million. The contractor is also promoting local business expenditures for a variety of services, such as construction supplies, equipment rentals, cleaning services, office supplies and food services. More than \$27 million has already been spent on local businesses in Brooklyn and Queens.

Throughout this project, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has been working closely with the local community via the Kosciuszko Bridge Stakeholders Advisory Committee, starting more than 14 years ago during the initial planning phase. We look forward to your continued input and support as we make history together!



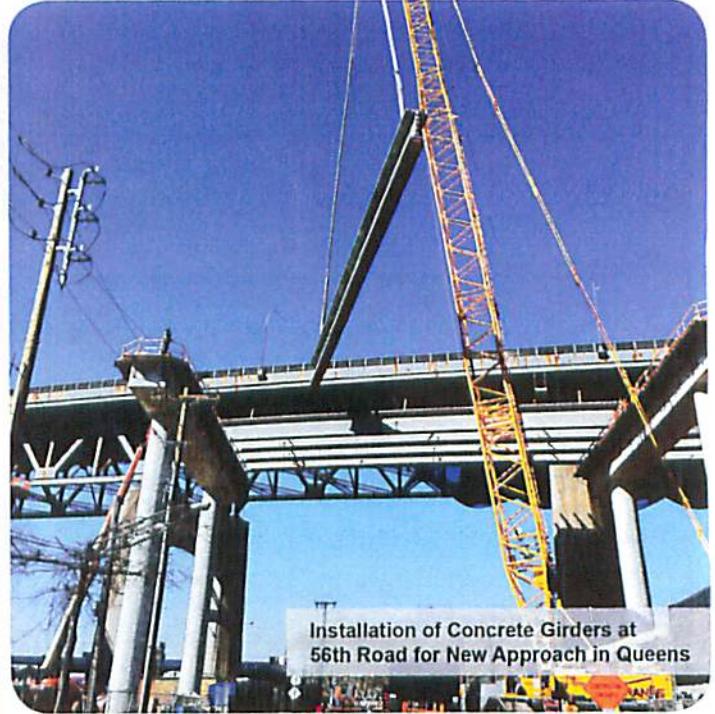
Aerial View of New Bridge Construction  
at Main Span in Brooklyn



## Brooklyn Approach and Queens Approach



New Brooklyn Approach  
Alignment Next to Existing BQE



Installation of Concrete Girders at  
56th Road for New Approach in Queens



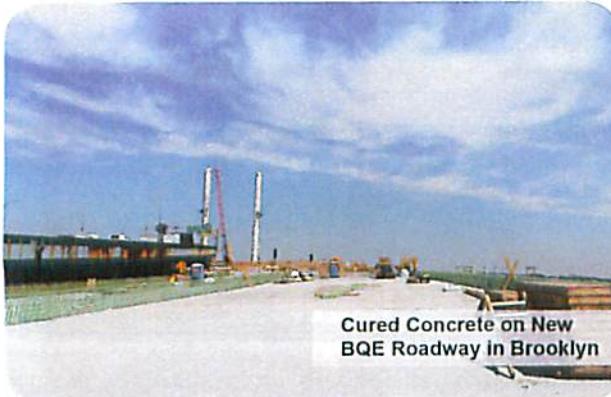
Construction of New Approach Structure Parallel  
to Existing Bridge at Gardner Avenue in Brooklyn



Installed Concrete Girders for  
New Approach in Queens



Placement of (First) Concrete for  
New BQE Roadway in Brooklyn



Cured Concrete on New  
BQE Roadway in Brooklyn

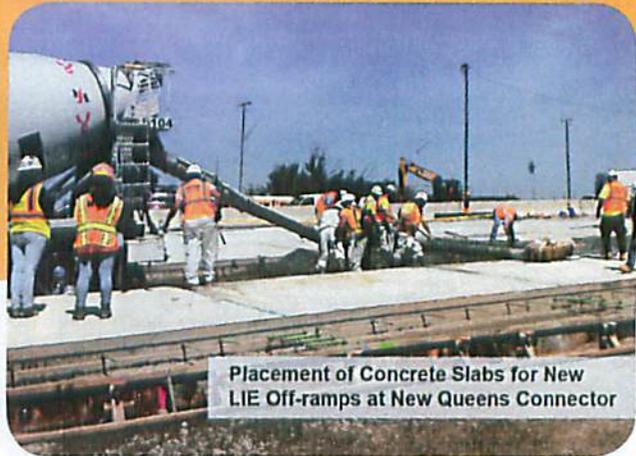
### Did You Know?

- The main span's stay cables are made up of roughly 995,595 linear feet (or 188.6 miles) of steel strands – enough strand to circle the perimeter of the borough of Manhattan six times!
- One hundred and fifty-four concrete girders have been installed for the new approaches in Brooklyn and Queens (each weighing between 106,000 lbs to 130,000 lbs) – at a total weight of 19,090,000 lbs (or 9,545 tons). This would account for the weight of about 224 subway cars!
- The Kosciuszko Bridge was constructed in 1939 with two pedestrian walkways, but they were eliminated in 1966 so the original roadway could be widened to accommodate additional travel lanes. The new bikeway/walkway on the Brooklyn-bound bridge will be 20 feet wide.
- At \$555 million, this is the largest single contract in the history of NYSDOT – and the first cable stayed bridge in New York City!

## Brooklyn Connector and Queens Connector



Partial Removal of Existing eastbound BQE Roadway in Brooklyn

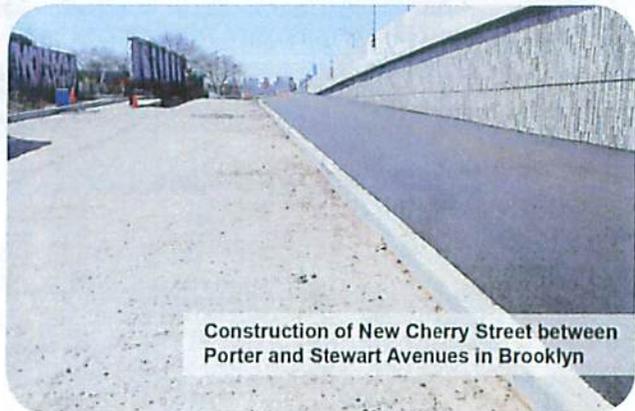


Placement of Concrete Slabs for New LIE Off-ramps at New Queens Connector



First Vehicle at Opening of New Two-lane On-ramp to BQE at Meeker Avenue in Brooklyn

## Local Street Reconstruction



Construction of New Cherry Street between Porter and Stewart Avenues in Brooklyn

## Upcoming Spring/Summer Construction Activities

### Brooklyn:

- Complete New Concrete Roadway Deck for Approach
- Continue Eastbound Roadway Replacement for Connector
- Continue Stay Cable and Steel Girder Installation for Main Span
- Begin Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Installation and Utility Relocations for New Bridge Approach and Connector
- Begin Pile Driving for New BQE Structure Foundation at Vandervoort and Varick Avenues
- Complete Local Street Reconstruction

### Queens:

- Complete New Concrete Roadway Deck for Approach
- Continue Long Island Expressway (LIE) Interchange Construction for New Queens Connector
- Begin ITS Installation and Utility Relocations for New Bridge Approach and Connector

## Your Community Liaison: Christine Holowacz

Christine Holowacz has been serving as the full-time community liaison for the Kosciuszko Bridge project since June 2014. Christine addresses the public's day-to-day concerns and inquiries.

## Brooklyn Community Office

310 Nassau Avenue, Suite 2012 (by appointment)  
Phone: (347) 988-4412  
Email: [Kosciuszko@dot.ny.gov](mailto:Kosciuszko@dot.ny.gov)



**NO PARKING**

Effective at 10:00 PM

**SUNDAY JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> 2016 THRU**

**MONDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> 11:00 PM**

**Complete Frozen Zone From**

44 Drive to 54 Avenue

From Vernon Blvd. to Center Blvd.

**This includes all side streets**

2<sup>nd</sup> Street / 5<sup>th</sup> Street / Borden Ave. / 51 Ave.  
50 Ave. / 49 Ave. / 48 Ave. / 47 Road / 47 Ave.  
46 Road / 46 Ave. / 45 Road / 45 Ave. / 44 Drive

**YOUR VEHICLE  
WILL BE TOWED**



ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE 108 PRECINCT AT 718-784-5411

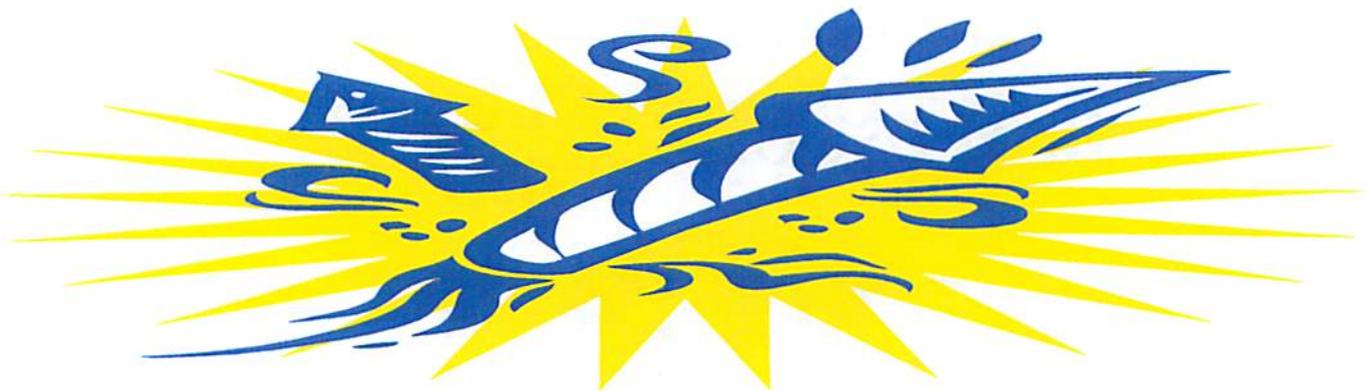


2016 Macy's  
Fireworks Display

*Effective July 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm*

*No Vehicles will be permitted to enter the frozen zone.  
From 44 drive to 54 Ave.*

All Streets West of Vernon Blvd.



THE NORTHERN WOODSIDE COALITION & GOLIARD  
CONCERTS PRESENTS:  
SUMMERTIME..... FUNTIME  
IN  
WOODSIDE QUEENS

SUMMER CONCERTS  
IN THE PARK

FILM/FLIXS  
IN THE PARK

THURSDAYS JULY 7<sup>TH</sup> TO  
AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> 7PM

FRIDAYS JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> TO  
AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup> 7PM

SGT COLLINS PARK  
BROADWAY @ 58<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
WOODSIDE QUEENS

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FOR INFO CALL THE NWC @ 718 205-1030

# QUEENS WORLD

FILM FESTIVAL

Northern Woodside Coalition (Sgt. Collins Park in Woodside Queens at Broadway & 58th St.)

6 consecutive Fridays

7/8/2016: QUEENS LOCAL (84 minutes)

Seven short films from Queens Filmmakers that explore our diverse corner of humanity

*Out from School* by Dobb Schreiber - Life in the microcosm of love and care at the end of each school day.

*So Far* by Adam Bradley, Amelia Mathews, Thayer Radic - Kate and Jackson head up to the cottage for a weekend.

*Can't Dance* by Richard Uhlig – There is no expiration date on love. **QWFF FOUNDERS CHOICE 2012**

*Confidante* by Lisa Melodia – She wants him to spy on her long lost brother, but he is not so sure.

*Comic Book* by Heaven E.J. Mcleavey-Fisher – Our local Comic Book store brought to life as it closes.

*Diwali Dream Garage* by Johnny Pik - Strange things in a strange garages. **QWFF BEST COMEDY SHORT 2015**

*We Had Plans* by Christina Raia - Sisters face a crises.

7/15/2016: International Animated Films (82 minutes)

Clever, quirky and edgy these animated short films take on the world around us.

*ENHEBRADO* Tatiana Pinzón Salavarieta, Sandra Marcela Obando Morales (Columbia) - Experimental & dreamy.

*Something Left, Something Taken* by Maz Porter & Ru Kuwahata (USA) - Scary stories in a scary cab.

*Written in Pencil* by Yaron Bar (Israel) - An everyday train voyage slowly turns into a nightmare.

*Dirty Laundry Day* by Jamil Lahham (USA) – Change is NOT free!!! **QWFF BEST ANIMATION 2015**

*Hanging by a Thread* by Catya Plate (USA) It's a needle point future and needs to be stitched together.

*Between Times* by Maz Porter & Ru Kuwahata (USA) - A cuckoo clock recounts the day.

*Day 6011* by Raf Wathion (Belgium) - After 6010 days, finally, a friend appears!!!!

7/22/2016: PRETTY BEAUTIFUL (95 minutes)

When Kat storms into David's life with the crazy idea that they become an instant couple, David impulsively agrees and moves her into his tiny apartment. How could anything possibly go wrong?

*Dirty Beautiful* by Tim Bartell (USA)

**QWFF BEST COMEDY 2016**

7/29/2016: Inclusive Love Stories (89 minutes)

Love is love is love is love is love.....yes?

*Get Down Glenda* by Nicole Rogers (Australia)

*Queen* by Adam Rose (USA) - Everyone deserves a family.

*Unconditional* by Kent Igleheart (USA)

*Easy Street* by Russell Greene (USA) - Sometimes love means you have to do the right thing.

*Wedlocked* by puppet (that's really her name!!!! all lower case!!!!) (USA) A farcical comedy about the old laws governing gay divorce.

*Better Man* by Adam Bradley (USA) - It's tough to question yourself. **QWFF BEST ACTOR IN A SHORT 2015**

8/5/2016: YOU'LL BE A MAN (88 minutes)

Leo is a dreamer. When carefree 20-year-old Theo enters his life, they help each other face up responsibilities.

*You'll Be a Man* by Benoit France/USA)

**QWFF BEST FEATURE 2014**

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8/19/2016: H.O.M.E. (75 minutes)

H.O.M.E. weaves together stories inspired by true events: A young boy is rescued from the subway while an Ecuadorian livery driver helps a Chinese woman desperate to get to her sick child. Shot entirely in Queens.

*H.O.M.E.* by Danielle Maldonado from Queens (English, some Spanish and Chinese with English Subtitles)

**QWFF BEST FEATURE 2016**

The HRA Office of Child Support Enforcement's

# Strong Families Studio

Presents

## A New Series of Free Workshops

Information from experts on topics that matter to you and your community

**Who:** Everyone! All workshops are free and open to the public.

**When:** 5:30–7:00 pm  
The first Tuesday of every month

**Where:** Office of Child Support Enforcement  
Customer Service Walk-In Center  
151 West Broadway, 5th floor  
(between Thomas and Worth Streets)  
Manhattan

Nearby subway stations include Chambers Street, for the 1, 2, 3, A, C, J, or Z trains and Brooklyn Bridge/ City Hall Station, for the 4, 5, or 6

Light refreshments will be served.  
RSVPs appreciated but not required.

**Email questions or RSVPs to:**  
[ocsevents@dfa.state.ny.us](mailto:ocsevents@dfa.state.ny.us)



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### Summer 2016 Schedule

- June 7, 2016** Child Support Debt: How to Get Rid of It and How to Avoid It in the First Place
- July 5, 2016** Child Support Basics for Moms and Dads
- Aug. 2, 2016** Financial Empowerment

### Upcoming Topics

- what to expect in court
- nutrition
- child development
- healthy relationships

**NYC** Human Resources Administration  
Department of Social Services

Office of Child Support Enforcement

# *Christ Child Care*

33-57 58th Street Woodside, NY 11377

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Christchildcare58@gmail.com

christchurchwoodside.com

## *Now Enrolling*

### **Hours of Operation**

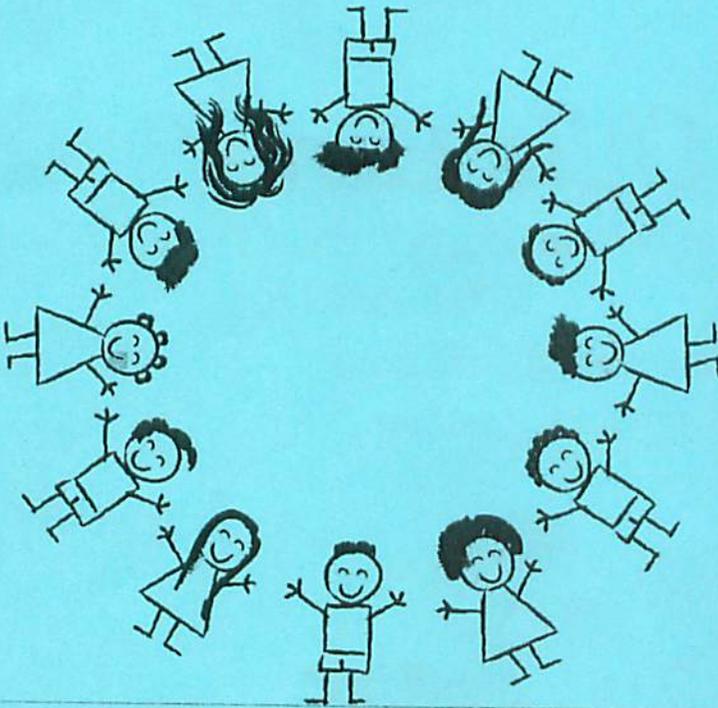
7:30AM - 6:30PM

Monday-Friday

### **Ages of Children Served**

2-5 years old

\*\*Offering Universal Pre-K



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