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## New Kosciuszko Bridge Construction

### NOTICE

#### ▶ LONG TERM CLOSURE OF 54<sup>th</sup> AVENUE, between Laurel Hill Boulevard and 43<sup>rd</sup> Street

Beginning on or about **MONDAY, AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup>**  
and continuing until approximately  
**FEBRUARY 2016**  
**24-hours-a-day**  
(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 August 17<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting), and continuing until approximately February 2016, NYSDOT will:

- close 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue in both directions, between Laurel Hill Boulevard and 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, for the partial removal of the existing BQE viaduct structure at 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue, installation of underground utilities on 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and installation of new BQE girders and a new abutment wall.

#### Detours:

- 1) Motorists traveling eastbound on 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue should use the following detour:  
South on Laurel Hill Boulevard, east on 54<sup>th</sup> Road, north on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street to 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- 2) Motorists traveling westbound on 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue should use the following detour:  
South on 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, west on 54<sup>th</sup> Road to Laurel Hill Boulevard.

Note: The Local MTA Bus Q67 will follow the above-mentioned westbound traffic detour plan.  
The Q67 BUS STOP AND BUS SCHEDULE WILL NOT CHANGE.

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](mailto: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](http://www.dot.ny.gov/kbridge) and follow us on Twitter: @NYSDOT\_DOT.