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New Kosciuszko Bridge

Construction Advisory: January 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 January 2016 that could impact you:

Brooklyn Connector, Brooklyn Approach and Local Street Reconstruction

- Opening of new Vandervoort Avenue on-ramp to BQE.
- Removal of existing Vandervoort Avenue on-ramp to BQE.
- Completion of installation of textured concrete fascia walls (T-walls), backfilling and concrete paving, between Vandervoort and Porter Avenues.
- Installation of new concrete deck panels at Morgan Avenue under the BQE viaduct, between westbound and eastbound Meeker Avenues.
- Placement of concrete slabs for new BQE roadway deck, between Morgan and Vandervoort Avenues.
- Closure of Gardner Avenue, between Cherry and Thomas Streets, for sewer installation.
- Placement of concrete for new BQE roadway deck at Vandervoort Avenue BQE overpass.

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- Pile driving for new abutment at 54th Avenue.
- Installation of temporary BQE traffic signs at 54th Avenue overpass prior to removal of existing BQE traffic sign structure at BQE/LIE Interchange.
- Closure of 56th Road, between Laurel Hill Boulevard and 43rd Street, for installation of concrete girders.

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

Brooklyn Connector, Brooklyn Approach and Local Street Reconstruction

- 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.
- Partial closure of Anthony Street, between Vandervoort and Morgan Avenues, for utility work and paving. Access and egress to local businesses will be from Morgan Avenue only.

Queens Connector

- Temporary widening of westbound BQE on-ramps to allow for the reconstruction of new ramps, from the westbound LIE to the westbound BQE and from Laurel Hill Boulevard to the westbound BQE.
- Installation of T-walls for BQE structure between 55th Avenue and 54th Road.
- Closure of 54th Avenue, between Laurel Hill Boulevard and 43rd Street, through February 2016 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, 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.