



New Kosciuszko Bridge

Construction Advisory: March 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 March 2016 that could impact you:

Brooklyn Connector, Brooklyn Approach and Local Street Reconstruction

- Partial closure of northbound Vandervoort Avenue, between eastbound Meeker Avenue and Anthony Street, and of eastbound Meeker Avenue, between Morgan and Vandervoort Avenues, for roadway paving.
- Reopening of left lane on westbound Meeker Avenue, between Sutton and Apollo Streets. Parking restrictions will remain in place.
- Pouring of concrete for bridge deck of new Brooklyn approach structure.
- Installation of water main on Anthony Street, between Stewart and Gardner Avenues.

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- Temporary closure of 56th Road, between Laurel Hill Boulevard and 43rd Street, for welding and installation of deck support brackets for new Queens approach structure.
- Pile driving for placement of pedestrian bridge between Laurel Hill Boulevard and westbound BQE on-ramp.
- Placement of concrete for new diaphragms between the newly-installed concrete girders on the Queens approach. (Diaphragms lock girders in place at the point of placement.)
- Installation of textured concrete fascia walls (T-walls) and backfilling, between 54th Road and 54th Avenue.

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

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- Removal of existing Vandervoort/Meeker Avenue one-lane on-ramp to BQE.

- Installation of textured concrete fascia walls (T-walls) and backfilling, between Vandervoort and Porter Avenues.
- Storm sewer installation on Gardner Avenue, between Cherry and Thomas Streets, followed by resurfacing of the Gardner Avenue/Thomas Street intersection.
- 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.
- 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 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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- Continuation of construction of new BQE on-ramps, from the westbound LIE to the westbound BQE and from Laurel Hill Boulevard to the westbound BQE.
- 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.

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 LIE 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.**