

Frequently Asked Questions

What work is being done on the BQE?

New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) has been undertaking critical repairs at Span 4 (Grace Court) and Span 34 (Clark Street) beginning in 2023, resulting in partial closures of the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (BQE) from Atlantic Avenue to Sands Street. This work ensures the safety and continued lifespan of the triple cantilever structure as the City develops a long-term repair plan for the structure. The repairs involve:

- Removing deteriorated asphalt, concrete and rebar
- Installing new rebar and concrete
- Performing concrete repairs inside the Joralemon Street Garage and the MTA Fan Plant at Clark Street

What to expect?

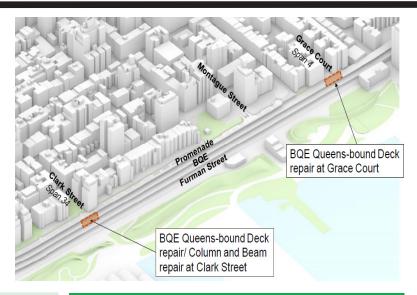
- Full closure of the BQE in the Queens-bound (QB) direction (I-278 East) from Atlantic Avenue to Sands Street for up to two non-consecutive weekends.
- Staten Island-bound lanes will remain open.
- Preparatory work in the weeks leading up to weekend closures involves removal of the old rebar and concrete and installation of temporary roadway plates.

What is the purpose of the full closure?

 The 50-hour closure will allow NYC DOT to remove the temporary roadway plates, pour new concrete and cure the concrete.

When is the weekend closure?

 Beginning at 2:00 AM, Saturday, June 1st, and ending on Monday June 3rd, on or before 4:00 AM.



What are the detour routes?

Queens-bound detours:

- Atlantic Ave Detour Atlantic Ave/Boerum Pl to Tillary St
- 6th Ave and 3rd Ave Entrance Ramp Detour - 3rd Ave/ Flatbush Ave to Tillary St
- Prospect Expy to the BQE HOV to HLC Tunnel open. Prospect Expy to BQE QB ramp closed Detour – Hamilton Ave/Hicks St to Atlantic Ave/Boerum Place/ Adams St to Tillary St

Truck detour:

 Linden Blvd Detour – Gowanus Expy to Prospect Expy/ McDonald Ave to Caton Ave to Linden Blvd

Please avoid trips using BQE Use transit or alternate routes

For more information and detours maps visit the website or scan the QR code: www.nyc.gov/bqealert





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How can I get around during the closure weekends?

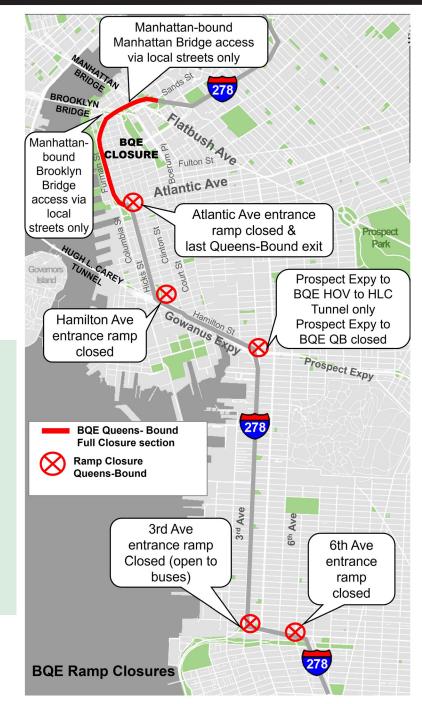
- NYC DOT encourages travelers to avoid trips using the BQE during the closure weekends.
- NYC DOT encourages drivers to follow the suggested detours, Variable Message Signs (VMS), Traffic Enforcement Agents and Pedestrian Managers.
- The inbound Gowanus HOV lane will remain open through the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel to provide an alternative to this section of the BQE.
- Please note the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel toll CANNOT be waived during weekend closures.

Which BQE entrances will be closed or rerouted during the weekend closure?

- QB BQE entrance ramps will close at Atlantic Ave, 6th Ave, 3rd Ave, Prospect Expressway, and Hamilton Ave; detour routes will be provided.
- Manhattan-bound Brooklyn Bridge will be accessible via Sands St, Tillary St, and Adams St only; Manhattan-bound Manhattan Bridge will be accessible via Nassau St, Flatbush Ave, and Tillary St only

How will this affect bus routes?

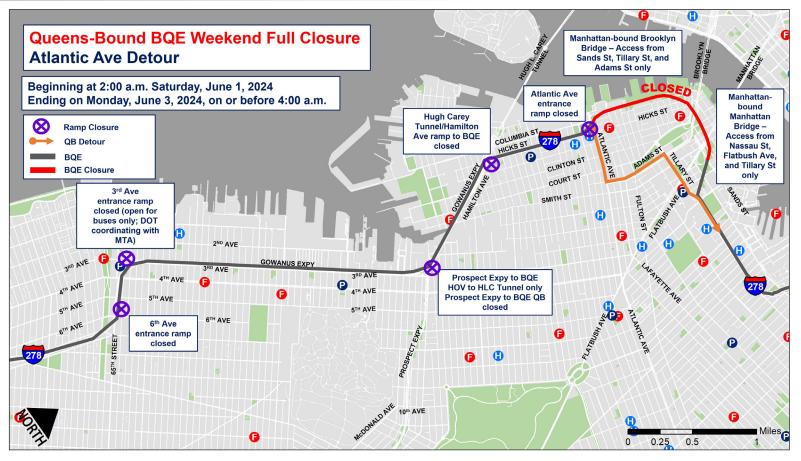
Bus stops will be unaffected by the closure.



Who can I reach out to with additional questions?

- To receive regular e-mail updates about this project, or if you have any questions, please contact our Community Liaison, Anita Navalurkar, at (347) 647-0876 or anavalurkar.consultant@dot.nyc.gov. Calls placed to this number will be returned expeditiously.
- For all NYC non-emergency services, including inquiries regarding NYC DOT construction projects, dial 311.
- For emergencies, please contact 911.

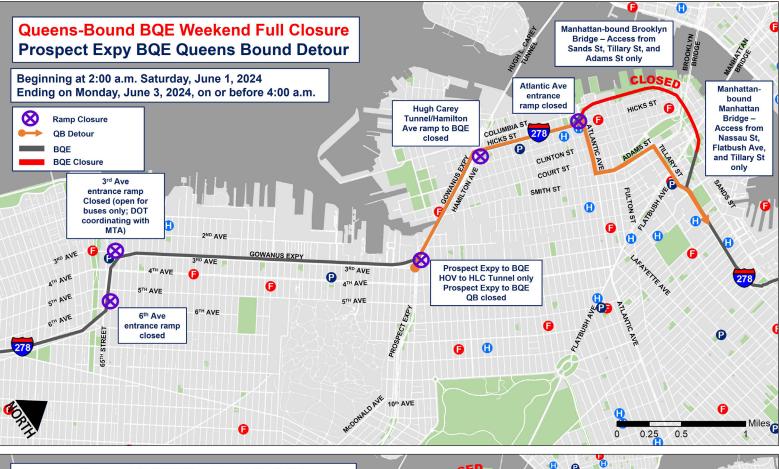
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