



MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution
FROM: Jay Jaber, P.E.
Assistant Commissioner
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SUBJECT: 2023 HOLIDAY CONSTRUCTION EMBARGO – Amendment #1

A special Holiday Construction Embargo shall be in effect from 6AM to 11:59PM starting **Wednesday, November 15, 2023** through **Tuesday, January 2, 2024**.

As a result, all routine work shall be suspended during the embargo period unless approval for the work is granted by the New York City Department of Transportation's (NYCDOT) Office of Construction Mitigation and Coordination (OCMC). Such suspension shall not apply to emergency work for which an emergency number is obtained by the permittee pursuant to the provisions of section 2-11 of NYCDOT's Highway Rules.

It shall be a violation of NYCDOT's Highway Rules to perform any work on the street during this embargo period without the prior approval of OCMC or the receipt of an emergency number. NYCDOT will strictly enforce this embargo and violators are subject to penalties.

A list of the affected locations and the conditions for this embargo is attached. A map of the affected locations is available on NYCDOT's website at:

<https://nycdot.info/>

This policy supersedes any and all previously issued policies regarding NYCDOT's Holiday Construction Embargo.

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2023 HOLIDAY CONSTRUCTION EMBARGO

A special Holiday Construction Embargo (HE) shall be in effect from 6AM to 11:59PM starting **Wednesday, November 15, 2023** through **Tuesday, January 2, 2024**. Roadway and sidewalk construction activities will be restricted during the embargo period on the streets listed below. Permit requests for construction activities during the Holiday Embargo period should only be submitted for critical reasons for a specific project.

Any permits issued prior to the date of this notice, for work during this embargo period on the streets listed below which do not already have the HE permit stipulation “410” are hereby suspended for the period noted above. All permittees must comply with this embargo unless special permission is granted by OCMC.

The opening of utility access covers is prohibited on the streets noted below between the hours of 6:00 AM and midnight, except in cases of emergency where the utility or contractor must first obtain an Emergency Authorization Number as required by section 2-07 of NYCDOT’s Highway Rules. The planned opening of utility access covers may occur during the hours of 12:01AM and 5:59AM where no authorization number is required.

Prior to this embargo period, all necessary measures must be taken so that all roadways and sidewalks are in proper condition to allow for the expeditious and safe movement of vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

Since August 31, 2017, a new Holiday Construction Embargo (HE) review process has replaced the previous HE waiver request process used by NYCSTREETS. During the application process, the NYCSTREETS system will automatically identify cases which require additional HE review and processes them accordingly.

If a permit application includes permit requests to work on embargoed streets within 90 days prior to the start of the HE (**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**), the permittee will be presented with a warning, during the application process, stating that such permit request(s) will be subject to the upcoming HE. If work is planned through the HE period, the critical reasons for the work must be included in the “Work Description” field of the application.

For all permit applications including permit requests to work on embargoed streets throughout the HE period, the permittee will be automatically charged an additional \$135 HE application review fee. The HE application review fee must be paid in advance before any permit requests within a given application can be reviewed. None of the permit requests included in the application will be available for review by OCMC staff until the HE application review fee is paid. If the HE application review fee is not paid within five (5) calendar days, the entire application will be denied automatically by the NYCSTREETS system. The HE application review fee payment does not guarantee permit request(s) approval.

Permit requests for ongoing construction (permit renewals, reissues, and extensions) through the HE period, which already include HE stipulation “410” will not require payment of the HE application review fee and will be processed as usual.

Emergency permits can be submitted as usual. All emergency permit conversion applications for work during HE period will require advanced HE application review fee payment. No Emergency conversion permit request(s) will be reviewed until the HE application review fee payment is received.

All permit requests which are not subject to HE, may be submitted online, and will be processed as usual.

Please note, as of the date of this amendment, there is no longer a deadline by which you must submit your HE waiver requests. Permittees will be able to submit their permit requests for work on embargoed streets, online via the NYCStreets permit system, throughout the embargo period. The HE application review fee of \$135 will still be applied, and must be paid in advance of the application review.

* This embargo only applies to NYC DOT construction activity permits and utility access cover openings.

** A map of the affected locations is available on the NYCDOT’s website at:

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Streets subject to the conditions of the Holiday Construction Embargo are as follows:

MANHATTAN

- The area bounded by 66th to 30th Streets: river to river
- The area bounded by 29th to 24th Streets: 3rd Avenue to 8th Avenue, all inclusive
- The area bounded by Canal and Houston Streets: Centre/Lafayette Street to Essex Street
- The area bounded by East/West 8th Street to Canal Street: Lafayette Street to 6th Avenue, all inclusive
- The area bounded by Worth/Catherine/Harrison Street to Battery Park: river to river, all inclusive
- 1st Avenue: East Houston Street to East 66th Street
- 2nd Avenue: East Houston Street to East 66th Street
- 3rd Avenue: East 6th Street to East 66th Street
- 4th Avenue: Entire length
- 5th Avenue: Washington Square North to 66th Street
- 6th Avenue/Avenue of the Americas: entire length
- 7th Avenue South/7th Avenue: West Houston Street to Central Park South
- 8th Avenue: Hudson Street to West 59th Street/Columbus Circle
- 8th Street: Entire length
- 9th Avenue: Little West 12th Street to West 59th Street
- 10th Avenue: Little West 12th Street to West 59th Street
- 10th Avenue: West 204th Street to West 212th Street
- 11th Avenue: Little West 12th Street to West 59th Street
- 14th Street: entire length
- 17th Street: Broadway/Union Square West to Park Avenue/Union Square East
- 23rd Street: Entire length
- 72nd Street: Entire length (Includes Central Park Transverse Roadway)
- 79th Street: Entire length (Includes Central Park Transverse Roadway)
- 86th Street: Entire length (Includes Central Park Transverse Roadway)
- 96th Street: Entire length
- 97th Street Central Park Transverse Roadway: entire length
- 116th Street: FDR Drive to 1st Avenue
- 117th Street: FDR Drive to 1st Avenue
- 118th Street: FDR Drive to 1st Avenue
- 119th Street: FDR Drive to 1st Avenue
- 125th Street: Entire length
- 178th Street: Fort Washington Avenue to Amsterdam Avenue
- 179th Street: Fort Washington Avenue to Amsterdam Avenue
- 181st Street: Amsterdam Avenue to Cabrini Boulevard
- 207th Street: Exterior Street/207th Street Bridge to Broadway
- 225th Street: Broadway to Bronx Border
- Allen Street: Canal Street to East Houston Street
- Amsterdam Avenue: West 59th Street to West 72nd Street
- Astor Place: Entire length
- Avenue C: East 14th Street to East 25th Street
- Bleecker Street: 8th Avenue to Bowery
- Bond Street: Entire Length
- Bowery: Entire length
- Broadway: Entire length
- Broome Street: Entire length
- Canal Street: Entire length
- Central Park West: Columbus Circle to West 66th Street
- Centre Street: Chambers Street to Kenmare Street
- Christopher Street: Entire length
- Church Street: Entire length

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- Cleveland Place: Entire length
- Columbus Avenue: West 59th Street to West 72nd Street
- Cooper Square: Entire length
- Delancey Street: Entire length
- Dyckman Street: Broadway to 10th Avenue
- East Broadway: Bowery/Chatham Square to Grand Street
- Gansevoort Street: Hudson Street to West Street
- Grand Street: Entire length
- Greenwich Avenue: Entire length
- Houston Street: Entire length
- Hudson Street: Chambers Street to West 14th Street
- Joe DiMaggio Highway/West Street (9A)/11th Avenue/12th Avenue: Battery Park to West 57th Street
- Kenmare Street: Entire length
- Lafayette Street: Entire length
- Lexington Avenue: East 21st Street to East 86th Street
- Madison Avenue: East 23rd Street to East 86th Street
- North Moore Street: West Street to Hudson Street
- Park Avenue South/Park Avenue: East 17th Street to East 66th Street
- Pleasant Avenue: East 116th Street to East 119th Street
- South Street: Montgomery Street to Whitehall Street
- St. Marks Place: Entire Length
- St. Nicholas Avenue: Broadway to West 183rd Street
- Trinity Place: Entire length
- Union Square East: Entire length
- Union Square West: Entire length
- University Place: East 8th Street to East 14th Street
- Varick Street: West Broadway to West Houston Street
- Vestry Street: West Street to Hudson Street
- Walker Street: West Broadway/Church Street to Canal Street
- Washington Street: Little West 12th Street to West 14th Street
- West Broadway: Vesey Street to Varick Street
- West End Avenue: West 59th Street to West 72nd Street
- West Street: Battery Place to Little West 12th Street
- Worth Street: Entire length

BRONX

- Westchester Square Perimeter and the entire Parkchester area bounded by East Tremont Avenue, Castle Hill Road, White Plains Road, and Westchester Avenue, all inclusive
- 3rd Avenue: East 147th Street to East 153rd Street
- 3rd Avenue: East 184th Street to East Fordham Road
- Allerton Avenue: White Plains Road to Boston Road
- Arthur Avenue: Fordham Road to 184th Street/Crescent Avenue
- Bartow Avenue: Coop City Boulevard to Ely Avenue
- Broadway: 228th Street to Van Cortlandt Park South
- Burnside Avenue: University Avenue to Grand Concourse
- East 138th Street: Cypress Avenue to Alexander Avenue
- East 149th Street: Exterior Street to Brook Avenue
- East 167th Street: Jerome Avenue to Grand Concourse
- East 170th Street: Grand Concourse to University Avenue
- East 187th Street: Crescent Avenue to Bathgate Avenue
- East 188th Street: Webster Avenue to Third Avenue
- East 189th Street: Webster Avenue to Washington Avenue
- East Fordham Road: Entire length
- East Tremont Avenue: Castle Hill Avenue to Westchester Avenue
- East Tremont Avenue: 3rd Avenue to Southern Boulevard
- Exterior Street: East 138th Street to East 153rd Street/Major Deegan Expressway N/B Entrance
- Grand Concourse: Burnside Avenue to 192nd Street
- Gun Hill Road: Webster Avenue to Jerome Avenue
- Hoffman Street: East 184th Street to East Fordham Road
- Hughes Avenue: Crescent Avenue to East Fordham Road
- Jerome Avenue: 196th Street to Bainbridge Avenue
- Kingsbridge Road East: Jerome Avenue to East Fordham Road
- Kingsbridge Road West: Sedgwick Avenue to Jerome Avenue/Kingsbridge Road East
- Melrose Avenue: 3rd Avenue to 163rd Street
- Morris Park Avenue: White Plains Road to Williamsbridge Road
- Park Avenue: East 184th Street to East Fordham Road
- River Avenue: East 149th Street to East 157th Street
- Southern Boulevard: 163rd to Westchester Avenue.
- Southern Boulevard: Cramer/Del Valle Square to Westchester Avenue
- Webster Avenue: 188th Street to 193rd Street.
- West 225th Street: Broadway to Sedgwick Avenue/Kingsbridge Road West
- West 230th Street between Broadway and Major Deegan Expressway
- West Fordham Road: Entire length
- Westchester Avenue: Entire length
- White Plains Road: Brady Avenue to Boston Road
- Williamsbridge Road: Westchester Avenue to Eastchester Road

BROOKLYN

- Downtown Brooklyn: Area bounded by Tillary Street, Atlantic Avenue, Flatbush Avenue and Clinton Street, all inclusive
- 3rd Avenue: 101st Street to 65th Street
- 4th Avenue: 85th Street to 87th Street
- 5th Avenue: Flatbush Avenue to 16th Street: 38th Street to 95th Street/4th Avenue
- 7th Avenue: Union Street to Prospect Avenue
- 13th Avenue: 39th Street to 86th Street
- 18th Avenue: 60th Street to 86th Street
- 86th Street: 3rd Avenue to Stillwell Avenue
- 87th Street: 4th Avenue to 5th Avenue
- Ashland Place: Hanson Place to Dekalb Avenue
- Atlantic Avenue: Furman Street to Washington Avenue
- Avenue J: Coney Island to East 16 Street
- Avenue M: Coney Island Avenue to Ocean Avenue
- Avenue U: 86th Street to Stuart Street
- Avenue U: Ryder Street to East 57th Street
- Bay Parkway: 60th Street to Shore Parkway
- Bedford Avenue: Metropolitan Avenue to North 12th Street
- Brighton Beach Avenue: Ocean Parkway to Brighton 15 Street
- Broadway: Kent Avenue to Gates Avenue
- Cadman Plaza West: Entire length
- Church Avenue: Rockaway Parkway to McDonald Avenue
- Cropsy Avenue: Bay Parkway to 20th Avenue
- Court Street: Tillary Street to Hamilton Avenue
- Flatbush Avenue: Manhattan Bridge to Belt Parkway
- Fulton Street: Boerum Place to Flatbush Avenue
- Fulton Street: Flatbush Avenue to Greene Avenue
- Fulton Street: Classon Avenue to Troy Avenue/Lewis Avenue
- Graham Avenue: Broadway to Boerum Street
- Grand Street: Bushwick Avenue to Union Avenue
- Hanson Place: Ashland Place to South Elliot Place
- Kings Highway: Bay Parkway to Ocean Avenue
- Knickerbocker Avenue: Myrtle Avenue to Jefferson Street
- Liberty Avenue: Ruby Street to North Conduit Avenue
- Livingston Street: Court Street to Flatbush Avenue
- Manhattan Avenue: Driggs Avenue to Dupont Street
- Montague Street: Court Street to Hicks Street
- Myrtle Avenue: Flatbush Avenue to Classon Avenue
- Nostrand Avenue: Halsey Street to Sheepshead Bay
- Old Fulton Street: Entire length
- Pennsylvania Avenue: Linden Boulevard to Flatlands Avenue
- Pitkin Avenue: Stone Avenue to Eastern Parkway
- Rockaway Parkway: Farragut Road to Flatlands Avenue
- Sheepshead Bay Road: Avenue Z to Shore Parkway
- Smith Street: Fulton Street to Hamilton Avenue
- Union Street: 4th Avenue to Grand Army Plaza
- Utica Avenue: Flatbush Avenue to Atlantic Avenue
- Vanderbilt Avenue: Atlantic Avenue to Grand Army Plaza

QUEENS

- Queens Fashion Center area bounded by Queens Boulevard, 59th Avenue, 94th Street, 92nd Street, and 55th Avenue, all inclusive
- The area bounded by Northern Boulevard, Sanford Avenue, Prince Street and Union Street, all inclusive
- 20th Avenue: 132nd Street to Parsons Boulevard
- 23rd Avenue: 37th Street to 29th Street
- 31st Street: 21st Avenue to Northern Boulevard
- 40th Road: Prince Street to Main Street
- 41st Avenue: 213th Street to 214th Place
- 63rd Drive: Alderton Street to Queens Boulevard
- 71st Avenue: Queens Boulevard to Burns Street
- Archer Avenue: Sutphin Boulevard to Merrick Boulevard
- Austin Street: Ascan Avenue to Yellowstone Boulevard
- Bell Boulevard: Northern Boulevard to 35th Avenue
- Cross Bay Boulevard: Rockaway Boulevard to 165th Ave
- Ditmars Boulevard: Steinway Street to 29th Street
- Greenpoint Avenue: Queens Boulevard to 44th Street/47th Avenue
- Fresh Pond Road: Myrtle Avenue to Metropolitan Avenue
- Hillside Avenue: Van Wyck Expressway to 180th Street
- **Jackson Avenue: Queens Boulevard to Pulaski Bridge/11th Street ***
- Jamaica Avenue: Eldert Lane to 169th Street
- Junction Boulevard: Roosevelt Avenue to 34th Avenue
- Liberty Avenue: 110th Street to 124th Street
- Main Street: Northern Boulevard to Union Turnpike
- Metropolitan Avenue: Flushing Avenue to Jamaica Avenue
- Myrtle Avenue: Fresh Pond Road to Wyckoff Avenue
- Northern Boulevard: Entire length
- North Conduit Avenue: Entire length
- Parsons Boulevard: Hillside Avenue to Archer Avenue
- Queens Boulevard: Entire length
- Queens Plaza East: Jackson Avenue to Northern Boulevard
- Queens Plaza North/South: Crescent Street to Jackson Avenue
- **Rockaway Boulevard: Brookville Boulevard to 1st Street ***
- Roosevelt Avenue: Queens Boulevard to Union Street
- South Conduit Avenue: Entire length
- Steinway Street: Ditmars Boulevard to Northern Boulevard
- Sutphin Boulevard: Hillside Avenue to 94th Avenue
- Union Turnpike: Main Street to Langdale Street
- **Vernon Boulevard: 46th Avenue to Borden Avenue ***
- Woodhaven Boulevard: Rockaway Boulevard to Queens Boulevard

Streets listed above in **bold** with an asterisk (*) have been newly added to the Holiday Construction Embargo

STATEN ISLAND

- Borough Hall area bounded by Victory Boulevard, Wall Street, Richmond Terrace, St. Marks Place, all inclusive.
- Amboy Road: Richmond Avenue to Richmond Road
- Arthur Kill Road: Richmond Avenue to Richmond Hill Road/Richmond Road
- Barrett Avenue: Decker Avenue to Forest Avenue
- Bay Street: Broad Street to Saint George Ferry Terminal
- Castleton Avenue: Clove Road to North Burgher Avenue
- Clove Road: Victory Boulevard to Narrows Road South
- Crystal Avenue: Forest Avenue to Victory Boulevard
- Decker Avenue: Forest Avenue to Post Avenue
- Forest Hill Road: Richmond Avenue to Rockland Avenue
- Forest Avenue: Staten Island Expressway to Victory Boulevard
- Giffords Lane: Amboy Road to Katan Avenue
- Hylan Boulevard: Guyon Avenue to Stueben Street
- Marsh Avenue: Platinum Avenue to Richmond Hill Road
- New Dorp Lane: Richmond Road to Mill Road
- Platinum Avenue: Forest Hill Road to Richmond Hill Road
- Port Richmond Avenue: Forest Avenue to Richmond Terrace
- Richmond Avenue: Victory Boulevard to Oakdale Street
- Richmond Hill Road: Richmond Avenue to Richmond Road
- Richmond Road: West Fingerboard Road to Richmond Hill Road
- Rockland Avenue: Forest Hill Road to Richmond Road
- Seguine Avenue: Amboy Road to Florence Place
- South Avenue: Forest Avenue to West Shore Expressway
- Victory Boulevard: West Shore Expressway to Slosson Avenue
- Woolley Avenue: Victory Boulevard to Willow Brook Road

Citywide Highways (and their Service Roads) and East and Harlem River Bridge Crossings:

On all holiday season gridlock alert days during the Holiday Construction Embargo period, lane closures are prohibited from 6:00 AM to midnight on highways (and their service roads) and East and Harlem River Bridge crossings listed below. (Work behind permanent barrier, not impacting on vehicular, bicycle or pedestrian traffic flow may continue).

The holiday season gridlock alert days are as follows:

- Wednesday, November 15th
- Thursday, November 16th
- Tuesday, November 21st
- Wednesday, November 29th
- Thursday, November 30th
- Friday, December 1st
- Tuesday, December 5th
- Wednesday, December 6th
- Thursday, December 7th
- Friday, December 8th
- Tuesday, December 12th
- Wednesday, December 13th
- Thursday, December 14th
- Friday, December 15th

List of affected highways (and their service roads) and East and Harlem River Bridge Crossings include the following:

Brooklyn:

Belt Parkway
Brooklyn Queens Expressway
Gowanus Expressway
Jackie Robinson Parkway
Prospect Expressway

Bronx:

Bronx River Parkway
Bruckner Expressway
Cross Bronx Expressway
Henry Hudson Parkway
Hutchinson River Parkway
Major Deegan Expressway
New England Thruway
Throgs Neck Expressway

Manhattan:

Joe DiMaggio Highway/West Street (9A)/11th
Avenue/12th Avenue
Miller Highway/Henry Hudson Parkway
FDR Drive/Harlem River Drive
Trans-Manhattan Expressway

Queens:

Belt Parkway
Brooklyn Queens Expressway
Cross Island Parkway
Grand Central Parkway
Jackie Robinson Parkway
Long Island Expressway
Van Wyck Expressway

Staten Island:

Staten Island Expressway
West Shore Expressway

East River Bridge Crossings:

Brooklyn Bridge
Ed Koch/Queensboro Bridge
Manhattan Bridge
Williamsburg Bridge

Harlem River Bridge Crossings:

145th Street Bridge
Alexander Hamilton Bridge
Broadway Bridge
Macombs Dam Bridge
Madison Avenue Bridge
Third Avenue Bridge
University Heights Bridge
Willis Avenue Bridge