

New Kosciuszko Bridge

Construction Advisory: November 2017

The New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has awarded a \$555 million contract to construct Phase 1 of the new Kosciuszko Bridge. All traffic has now been moved from the old bridge to the new Kosciuszko Bridge. Upon completion of Phase 1 and the subsequent Phase 2 contract, the new bridge will improve traffic safety, reduce congestion and improve travel speeds.

Please find below some of the activities scheduled for the month of November that could impact you:

Brooklyn Connector and Local Street Reconstruction

- Temporary partial nighttime closures of eastbound Meeker Avenue (Kingsland to Varick Avenues) and westbound Meeker Avenue (Van Dam to Sutton Streets) for milling and final paving.
- Changes to the left-turn movement from westbound Meeker Avenue onto Vandervoort Avenue. Motorists should use Kingsland Avenue to access southbound Vandervoort Avenue until southbound Morgan Avenue is reopened (anticipated for late November). Motorists exiting from the BQE will be able to continue making the left turn onto Vandervoort Avenue.

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

Brooklyn Connector and Local Street Reconstruction

- Temporary closure of Gardner Avenue, between Thomas and Cherry Streets, for demolition of the remaining bridge column, removal of debris and roadway reconstruction.
- Temporary full closure of the following streets for roadway reconstruction:
 - Hausman Street at westbound Meeker Avenue
 - Van Dam Street off-ramp
 - Varick Avenue, between eastbound and westbound Meeker Avenues
 - Driggs Avenue, between westbound Meeker and Morgan Avenues
- Roadway and curb reconstruction on westbound Meeker Avenue, between Morgan Avenue and Van Dam Street.

- Long-term closure of one lane of westbound Meeker Avenue, between Apollo and Sutton Streets, for utility work and paving. The remaining lane will be open to traffic. NO PARKING or STANDING will be allowed on westbound Meeker Avenue between the above limits until further notice.
- Implementation of one-way traffic patterns on Vandervoort and Morgan Avenues under the BQE viaduct. Continuing until late November, only northbound Morgan Avenue traffic and only southbound Vandervoort Avenue traffic will be permitted beneath the viaduct.

Queens Connector and Local Street Reconstruction

- Temporary full closure of the following street for removal of debris from the approaches to the old Kosciuszko Bridge:
 - Laurel Hill Boulevard, between 54th and 56th Roads
- Reconstruction of Laurel Hill Boulevard, between 54th Avenue and the LIE Interchange.
- Temporary closure of westbound 54th Road, between 43rd Street and Laurel Hill Boulevard, due to lack of access at Laurel Hill Boulevard.
- Reconstruction of 54th Avenue, between 43rd Street and Laurel Hill Boulevard.
- Temporary nighttime closure of 43rd Street, between 54th Avenue and 56th Road, for utility work and roadway restoration.
- Closure of pedestrian bridge over the eastbound LIE Service Road ramp, between 43rd Street beneath the LIE and Laurel Hill Boulevard, for construction of new pedestrian bridge. **NOTE:** The new bridge will be opening in late November.
- Landscaping in the vicinity of the new Pedestrian Bridge.
- Landscaping, including seeding, in the vicinity of the on-ramps.

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 vehicular 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.**