

Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge (VNB) Belt Parkway Eastbound Widening and Merge Improvements

Project Background and Goals:

92nd St Traffic Diversion: Some motorists use the 92nd St exit to enter Belt Pkwy from Bay 8th St to avoid congestion on Belt Pkwy

Improvements will:

- Ease local street “spillover” in local communities
- Enhance traffic operations and **traffic safety** on VNB and Belt Pkwy
- Improve local pedestrian access to Park

Project Scope:

- Construct fourth auxiliary lane from Eastbound VNB merge to Bay 8th St Exit
- Reconstruct Bay 8th St Exit Interchange with new ramps and roundabout
- Improve Westbound approach to VNB

Park Improvements:

- New landscaping (trees, shrubs, plantings)
- New ADA-compliant park access
- Increased usable/accessible Park area

Project Status:

- 50% of construction complete (on schedule)
- Majority of roadwork to be completed Fall 2024
- Landscaping improvements to begin Fall 2024
- Project forecast completion 1st Quarter 2025

Upcoming Closures:

Bay 8th Street Interchange

Full closures of Eastbound on/off ramp over three weekends, weather-dependent:

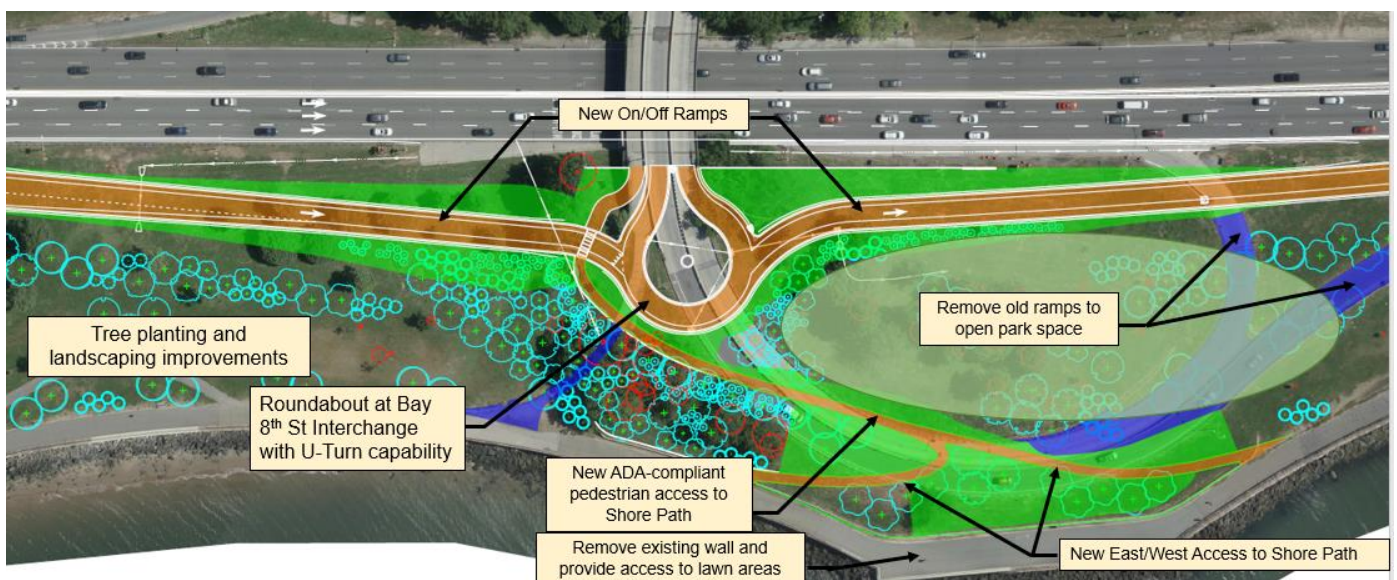
May 17-20, May 31-June 3, and June 7-10

Local detours with advance notification will be established to Bay Parkway Exit, with support from NYPD Traffic Enforcement Agents

Bay 8th Street Pedestrian Access

Pedestrian path closed approx. 40 days for reconstruction – **planned start after Memorial Day**

Restoration and opening of new ADA-compliant path expected before Independence Day, July 4th



Note: All improvements to be implemented by MTA and turned over to the City of New York at completion of construction.