## **BQE Interim Repairs** Spans 4 and 34 - Weekend Closure





**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

# BQE Queens-bound Deck repair / Column and Beam repair 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 are the weekend closures?

- Beginning at 2:00 AM, Saturday, April 13th, and ending on Monday April 15th, on or before 4:00 AM.
- The final BQE closure is expected to begin on June 1st and end on June 3rd 2024.

## What are the detour routes? Queens-bound detours:

- Atlantic Ave Detour Atlantic Ave/Boerum PI to Tillary St
- 6th Ave and 3rd Ave Entrance Ramp Detour - 3rd Ave/ Flatbush Ave to Tillary St
- Prospect Expressway Entrance Ramp 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: 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?

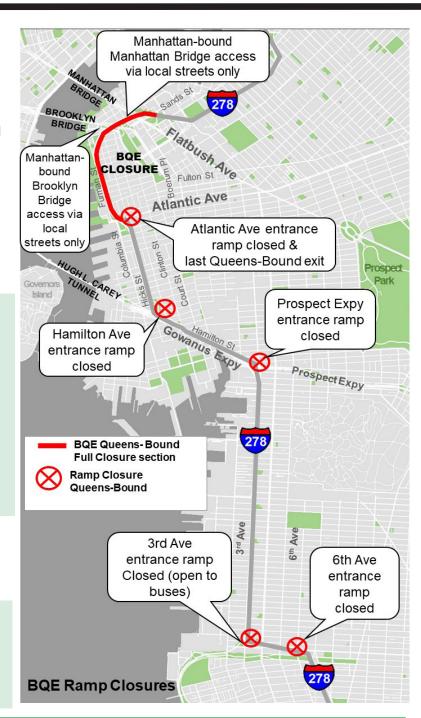
- QB BQE entrance ramps will close at Atlantic Ave, 6th Ave, 3rd Ave, Prospect Expressway, and Hamilton Ave; detour routes will be provided.
- Manhattan-bound Brooklyn Bridge will be accessible via Sands St. Tillary St. and Adams St. only; Manhattan-bound Manhattan Bridge will be accessible via Nassau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

#### How will this affect bus routes?

Bus stops will be unaffected by the closure.

#### When is the final weekend closure?

After the April weekend closure is completed, a last closure is expected to begin on June 1st and end on June 3rd, 2024. More information will be provided after the April weekend 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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