



Bridges and Tunnels

News

2 Broadway
New York, NY 10004-2801
646 252-7421
646 252-7902 TTY

Date: Nov. 22, 2006
Contact: Catherine Sweeney
646-252-7421
917-453-2833

REHABILITATION OF ROADWAY BRIDGE OVER LILY POND AVENUE BEGINS NEXT WEEK– NEW TRAFFIC PATTERNS FOR VERRAZANO NARROWS BRIDGE AND LILY POND MOTORISTS

MTA Bridges and Tunnels will begin an \$18 million rehabilitation project on the roadway bridge over Lily Pond Avenue, including the installation of a new deck, steel structure and reinforced abutment walls, starting Monday. The complex construction will initially close the right lane and shoulder just west of the Verrazano Narrows Bridge toll plaza between the Bay Street and Lily Pond exits, requiring traffic merges through the area. Both exits will remain open.

This first phase of the project will be in effect for five to six months. Temporary concrete barriers will be erected and new striping put down to direct motorists.

The work also requires that the sidewalks directly below the bridge as well as one lane on Lily Pond Avenue be closed during this phase of the project. However, two southbound lanes and one northbound lane will remain open to pedestrians and bicyclists during the construction. This condition will continue for approximately one year.

“We have done everything possible to minimize the impact on our customers of this necessary work,” said David Riggs, Facility Engineer for the bridge.

This is the first of five phases of construction of the roadway bridge above Lily Pond. As one section is finished another section moving across the roadway will be closed for reconstruction. The work will be completed by 2009.

#####