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Construction Embargoes

2010 Fashion Show Lincoln Center

A special construction embargo is in effect for the Fashion Show Lincoln Center. During the dates and locations noted below only emergency work may be performed provided an emergency number is received from the New York City Department of Transportation. Any non-emergency permits issued prior to the date of this notice, are hereby suspended for the dates and locations noted below. Utility cover openings are also restricted for item II below unless an emergency authorization number has been obtained from the Department of Transportation. There will be strict enforcement of this embargo and violators are subject to be summonsed. The embargoed dates and locations in Manhattan are as follows:

I. **Load-in-Dates:** Wednesday August 18, 2010 through Wednesday September 8th, 2010

Load-out-Dates: Thursday September 16, 2010 through Sunday October 3, 2010

Locations for Load-in and Load-Out Dates are as follows:

Area bounded by West 65th Street on the North, West 60th Street on the South, Columbus Avenue/9th Avenue on the East, Amsterdam Avenue on the West, all inclusive

II. **Show Dates:** Thursday September 9th, 2010 through Thursday September 16, 2010

Locations for Show dates are as follows:

Area bounded by West 72nd Street on the North, West 57th Street on the South, Central Park West/Columbus Circle/8th Avenue on the East, Amsterdam Avenue/10th Avenue on the West, all inclusive

Fulton Mall Reconstruction Construction Embargo - July 12- September 3, 2010

A special construction embargo is in effect for Brooklyn starting Monday, July 12, 2010, and continuing through Friday, September 3, 2010, from 6:00AM through 10:00PM daily. During this time frame only emergency work may be performed provided an emergency number is received from the New York City Department of Transportation. Any permits issued prior to the date of this notice are hereby suspended. There will be strict enforcement of this embargo and violators are subject to be summonsed. Utility cover openings are prohibited on roadways noted below between the hours of 6:00AM and 10:00PM unless an authorization number is obtained from NYCDOT. Work related to the Fulton Mall reconstruction is exempt from this embargo.

Dates: Monday, July 12 through Friday, September 3, 2010; 6:00AM through 10:00PM, daily.

Locations in Brooklyn:

- Livingston Street from Boerum Place to Flatbush Avenue
- Flatbush Avenue from DeKalb Avenue to Lafayette Avenue
- Nevins Street from Flatbush Avenue to Livingston Street
- Smith/Jay Street from Atlantic Avenue to Tillary Street
- Boerum Place/Adams Street from Atlantic Avenue to Tillary Street
- Lafayette Avenue from Flatbush Avenue to Fulton Street
- Ashland Place from Lafayette Avenue to Myrtle Avenue

2010 Summer Streets Construction Embargo - August 2 through August 21, 2010

A special construction embargo is in effect for the Summer Streets event (Saturdays, August 7, 14, 21, 2010). During the dates and locations noted below only emergency work may be performed provided an emergency number is received from the New York City Department of Transportation. This embargo includes restrictions on Utility Cover Access openings except for emergencies on event dates of August 7, 14, 21, 2010 from 12:01am to 6pm. Any non-emergency permits issued prior to the date of this notice are hereby suspended for the dates and locations noted below. There will be strict enforcement of this embargo and violators are subject to be summonsed. The embargoed dates and locations in Manhattan are as follows:

Dates: August 2 through August 21, 2010

Locations:

- Centre Street from Brooklyn Bridge exit to Reade Street/Lafayette Street
- Lafayette Street from Reade Street/Centre Street to Fourth Avenue
- Fourth Avenue from Lafayette Street to East 15th Street
- Union Square East from East 15th Street to East 17th Street
- Park Avenue South from East 17th Street to East 32nd Street
- Park Avenue from East 32nd Street to East 72nd Street (including the viaduct from East 40th Street to East 46th Street)
- East 72nd Street from Park Avenue to 5th Avenue
- Centre Street from Duane Street to Worth Street
- Cleveland Place from Kenmare Street to Lafayette /Spring Streets
- Kenmare Street from Lafayette Avenue to Cleveland Place
- East 10th Street from 4th Avenue to 3rd Avenue
- East 12th Street from Broadway to 3rd Avenue
- East 20th Street from Park Avenue South to Gramercy Park
- East 24th Street from Madison Avenue to Lexington Avenue
- East 25th Street from Madison Avenue to Lexington Avenue
- East 24th Street from Park Avenue to Madison Avenue
- East 25th Street from Park Avenue to Madison Avenue
- East 26th Street from Park Avenue to Lexington Avenue
- East 47th Street from Park Avenue to Lexington Avenue

- East 51st Street from Madison Avenue to Lexington Avenue
- East 52nd Street from Madison Avenue to Lexington Avenue

Event Dates: Saturdays, August 7, 14, 21, 2010 from 12:01AM to 6:00PM

Locations:

- Area bounded by East 72nd Street on the north, East 8th Street on the south, 3rd Avenue on the east, 5th Avenue on the west, all inclusive.
- Area bounded by East 8th Street on the north, Park Row on the south, Cooper Square /Bowery/Chatham Square/Park Row on the east, Broadway on the west, all inclusive.
- Lafayette Street from Reade Street/Centre Street to Fourth Avenue
- Fourth Avenue from Lafayette Street to East 15th Street
- Union Square East from East 15th Street to East 17th Street
- Park Avenue South from East 17th Street to East 32nd Street
- Park Avenue from East 32nd Street to East 72nd Street (including the viaduct from East 40th Street to East 46th Street)
- Madison Avenue between 23rd – 26th Streets
- Brooklyn Bridge
- Manhattan Bridge
- Centre street (entire length)
- Reade Street (entire length)
- Warren Street (entire length)
- Chambers Street (entire length)
- Worth Street (entire length)
- Canal Street (entire length)
- Broome Street from Chrystie Street to 6th Avenue
- East Houston Street from Broadway to 2nd Avenue
- Spring Street from Lafayette Street to Mulberry Street
- Cleveland Place from Kenmare Street to Lafayette /Spring Streets
- Kenmare Street from Lafayette Avenue to Cleveland Place
- East 8th Street (entire length)
- East 9th Street (entire length)
- East 10th Street from 4th Avenue to 3rd Avenue
- East 12th Street from Broadway to 3rd Avenue
- 14th Street (entire length)
- 17th Street, between Park Avenue and Broadway
- East 20th Street from Park Avenue South to Gramercy Park
- 23rd Street (entire length)
- East 24th Street from Madison Avenue to Lexington Avenue
- East 25th Street from Madison Avenue to Lexington Avenue
- East 24th Street from Park Avenue to Madison Avenue
- East 25th Street from Park Avenue to Madison Avenue
- East 26th Street from Park Avenue to Lexington Avenue
- 30th Street (entire length)
- 34th Street (entire length)
- East 36th Street from 5th Avenue to 2nd Avenue
- East 37th Street from 5th Avenue to 2nd Avenue
- 41st Street (entire length)
- 42nd Street (entire length)
- East 45th Street (entire length)
- East 46th Street from 5th Avenue to 2nd Avenue
- East 47th Street from Park Avenue to Lexington Avenue
- East 49th Street (entire length)
- East 50th Street (entire length)
- East 51st Street from Madison Avenue to Lexington Avenue
- East 52nd Street from Madison Avenue to Lexington Avenue
- East 53rd Street (entire length)
- East 54th Street (entire length)
- 57th Street (entire length)
- East 59th Street (entire length)
- East 60th Street from 5th Avenue to 2nd Avenue
- 65th Street (entire length)
- 66th Street (entire length)
- East 67th Street from 5th Avenue to 2nd Avenue

- East 68th Street from 5th Avenue to 2nd Avenue
- 72nd Street (entire length)
- West 90th Street Central Park West to 12th Avenue
- West 91st Street Central Park West to 12th Avenue

NOTE: A special embargo waiver will be considered on a case by case basis for ongoing major building operations (new building, major alteration or governmental capital project work) to work Sundays to Fridays. Applicant should submit an embargo waiver application (available at our Manhattan permit office and at DOT's website www.nyc.gov/html/dot/downloads/pdf/holidayembapp.pdf to OCMC-Streets for review and approval. The application will be reviewed by both OCMC-Streets and the Special Events Unit, and a waiver determination will be made.

2010 US Tennis Open/Association Construction Embargo - August 24 - 29, Sept 10 - 13, 2010

A special construction embargo is in effect for the US Tennis Open/Association. During the dates and locations noted below only emergency work may be performed provided an emergency number is received from the New York City Department of Transportation. Any non-emergency permits issued prior to the date of this notice, are hereby suspended for the dates and locations noted below. There will be strict enforcement of this embargo and violators are subject to be summonsed. The embargoed dates and locations in Queens are as follows:

Dates: Tuesday August 24, 2010 through Sunday August 29th, 2010 and again Friday September 10th, 2010 through Monday September 13, 2010

Locations:

Queens Arterials (Entire length):

- Grand Central Parkway
- Brooklyn-Queens Expressway
- Cross Island Parkway
- Long Island Expressway
- Whitestone Expressway
- Van Wyck Expressway

Queens Local Streets:

- Northern Boulevard from Junction Boulevard to Clearview Expressway
- Roosevelt Avenue from Main Street to 104th Street
- College Point Boulevard from 31st Avenue to Horace Harding Boulevard
- 126th Street from Roosevelt Avenue to Northern Boulevard
- 111th Street from Roosevelt Avenue to Horace Harding Boulevard
- Astoria Boulevard from Triboro Bridge Plaza to 114th Street

NOTE: Work may continue in areas that are already closed to traffic, behind barriers.

Traffic Advisories

Park Avenue Tunnel

On Monday, August 9, 2010, the New York City Department of Transportation Division of Bridges will perform maintenance work on the Park Avenue Tunnel ventilation system between E. 34th Street and E. 38th Street. Work will be performed from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. In the event of inclement weather on August 9th, three rain dates have been designated: August 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Both the northbound and southbound lanes in the Tunnel will be closed. Two service lanes in each direction above the Tunnel will remain open.

Closure of the 149th Street Bridge over the LIRR

Beginning on May 10, 2010, DOT will rehabilitate the 149th Street Bridge over the Long Island Rail Road, between Roosevelt Avenue and 41st Avenue in Queens. The roadway, sidewalks, and parapet will be completely rebuilt and replaced. The work is expected to be completed in February, 2011. Please use the 147th Street or 149th Place bridges as alternate routes.

Lane Closures on the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway

On or about April 29, 2010, DOT will begin work on the on the Summit Street

Pedestrian Bridge over the Brooklyn Queens Expressway. The existing protective coating will be cleaned and removed through abrasive blasting techniques. A new, epoxy-zinc protective coating system will be applied to all steel superstructures. In order to mobilize equipment at the work site, during the work the contractor will close two lanes on the Brooklyn-Queens Expressway between Kane Street and Hamilton Avenue for work under the Summit Street Pedestrian Bridge. These lane closures will occur:

- Tuesday to Friday: 1:00 am to 5:00 am
- Saturdays: 1:00 am to 6:00 am
- Sunday: 2:00 am to 7:00 am

Concrete barriers, advanced warning signs and pavement markings will be installed to maintain the safe flow of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the vicinity of the work area. The contractor may also close one traffic lane to permit the installation of paint containment units while maintaining the remaining lanes of traffic at all times. To limit construction noise all construction activity will be undertaken in accordance with the noise mitigation code.

First Avenue Tunnel

On January 27, 2010, the New York City Department of Transportation will begin the rehabilitation of the First Avenue Tunnel. Contract work includes repairs on the roadway, sidewalks, tunnel walls, and ceiling. The project is anticipated to be completed by October, 2010. In the First Avenue Tunnel (East 41st Street to East 47th Street) there will be closures from 10:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 10:00 pm on Fridays until 2:00 pm on Mondays. There will be lane closures from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays on First Avenue from East 42nd Street to East 48th Street and at the intersection of First Avenue and East 47th Street. Download [contruction details](#) (pdf)

Manhattan Bridge Access Control Improvements - July 2009 to May 28, 2010

The Manhattan Bridge Access Control Improvements started in July 2009 are expected to be completed May 28, 2010. The New York City Department of Transportation Division of Bridges is installing access control improvements at the entrances of the Manhattan Bridge bikeway and walkway and the Brooklyn Bridge Promenade. These measures will prevent unauthorized vehicle access to the Manhattan and Brooklyn Bridges while enhancing both the security of the bridge and safety for pedestrian and cyclist crossings. The work requires temporary roadway closures at specific locations. Between 9 pm and 5 am Monday through Friday until completion of work, the contractor may close one of two lanes on the westbound (Manhattan-bound) Upper Roadway. Additional closures on weekends may also be required. The pedestrian walkways and bikeways will be available at all times and will accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists.

Emergency Reconstruction of Borden Avenue Bridge Over Dutch Kills

The New York City Department of Transportation is performing emergency repair work on the Borden Avenue Bridge. Contract work began in January 2009. During the initial phase of construction, additional areas of structural deterioration in the bridge abutment were identified, requiring excavation in areas that were previously expected to remain undisturbed. During the excavation of one of these areas, a pocket of contaminated soil was identified. The contamination was analyzed by an accredited testing laboratory and classified as 'contaminated non-hazardous.' As such, it poses no significant health risk to workers or the surrounding community. However, precautionary measures will be taken and every effort is being made to remove and dispose of the contamination quickly and safely, within all New York City and State guidelines. The history and nature of the industrial community surrounding the bridge revealed that one or more of the previous users of the industrial waterway is the source of the contamination. Federal and state environmental regulations require the preparation of a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for the removal and disposal of the contamination. The CAP has been submitted to the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for review and approval. Upon NYSDEC approval, the contractor will prepare a new construction schedule and commence work under the terms of the permits. At this time, a date for the resumption of work is unknown, which precludes an accurate prediction of a new anticipated completion date, although every effort will be made to complete the project in the Spring of 2010. All

posted detours will remain in effect until further notice.
Questions regarding this project may be addressed to
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Long Island Expressway HOV Lane Into Queens-Midtown Tunnel Open to All Vehicles With Three or More Passengers

The existing bus and taxi high occupancy vehicle lane (HOV) into the Queens-Midtown Tunnel is open to cars with three or more riders, and motorcycles (HOV 3+). The lane is open from 7 am to 10 am on the westbound LIE from Calvary Cemetery to the tunnel. The expansion of the HOV lane is made possible by the installation of a movable concrete barrier, which replaced plastic pylons and cones that had been previously used.

Brooklyn Battery Tunnel HOV-3 Lane on Gowanus Expressway

The HOV lane on the Gowanus Expressway leading to the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel is open only to vehicles with three or more passengers, buses, emergency vehicles, and taxis and for-hire vehicles with at least one passenger. Vehicles using the HOV lane must have [E-Z Pass](#). The HOV-3 lane runs from the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge to the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel and is in effect Manhattan-bound only from 6 am to 10 am on weekdays. Vehicles with fewer than three people are not be permitted in the HOV lane but other vehicles will be able to access the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel via the regular lanes of the Gowanus Expressway. Motorcycle riders are allowed to use HOV lanes.

Queensboro Bridge Manhattan-Bound HOV-2 Lane

An high occupancy vehicle lane is open on the Manhattan-bound South Upper Roadway of the Queensboro Bridge from 6 am to 10 am, Monday to Friday. The lane is open to cars containing two or more people and motorcycles. Drivers can reach the lane from Thomson Avenue or 21st Street at 43rd Avenue in Queens, it leads to East 58th Street/East 57th Street in Manhattan.

Manhattan Bridge HOV-2 Lane

Between 6 am and 10 am, Monday to Friday, cars with two or more people, buses, and motorcycles may use the left lane of the upper roadway inbound to Manhattan. Drivers can reach the lane from Exit 29A of the eastbound Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (BQE), or from Flatbush Avenue Extension (follow signs). It can also be reached from Exit 29 of the BQE westbound, by turning right onto Gold Street or proceeding straight onto Flatbush Avenue. [See the access map](#).

In Manhattan, left turns from the upper roadway onto Canal Street at Chrystie Street are prohibited from 5 am to 3 pm Monday to Friday. Vehicles using the HOV lane will have access to Chrystie Street northbound and Canal Street eastbound.

Staten Island Expressway Express Bus Lane Open to High-Occupancy Vehicles in Both Directions

Effective March 23, 2009, the Staten Island Expressway bus lane eastbound (Brooklyn-bound) is open to vehicles with two or more occupants and motocyclists (HOVs) on weekdays between 6 am and 10 am. The westbound (New Jersey-bound) lane is also open to HOVs weekdays between 3 pm and 7 pm. At all other times, the lanes will be restricted to buses.