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Subject: George Washington Bridge Eastbound Upper Level Steel Deck Rehabilitation Starts Tuesday, September 3rd - Resource Request Memo
Attachments: 0903GWBEBupperdeck.pdf

Please see the attached memo for this week's 9 p.m. start time Tuesday through Thursday and 10 p.m. start on Friday. The Port Authority is requesting your assistance in displaying the VMS messages as shown on page 4 of the attached memo. There is also a pre-advisory message for agencies that are able to run advisory messages during non-closure times. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Tom Cowan
TRANSCOM
201-963-4033 ext. 517





MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution List
FROM: Tom Cowan
DATE: September 3, 2013
SUBJECT: George Washington Bridge – Eastbound Upper Level Steel Deck Rehabilitation
COPY: M. Edelman, S. Patel, R. Glantzberg, D. Heulitt, J. Davis, D. Eagone, A. Rodriguez, H. Seiden, OIC Staff (TRANSCOM)

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PA) advises that due to an upper level structural steel deck rehabilitation project at the George Washington Bridge, in both directions, only one lane will be open on the upper level during overnight and early morning hours. Construction began Monday, August 5th in the westbound direction during Week 1 and has shifted in each direction for Weeks 2 through 4. For Week 5, work will be in the eastbound direction. Directions of work will change according to the following schedule –

Week 5 – Tues, September 3, through Thurs, September 5, 9 p.m. – 5 a.m. (next morning), Fri, September 6, 10 p.m. – 10 a.m. (next morning) EASTBOUND

Week 6 – Mon, September 9, through Thurs, September 12, 9 p.m. – 5 a.m. (next morning), and Fri, September 13, 10 p.m. – 10 a.m. (next morning) WESTBOUND

Also, there may be sporadic temporary holds of traffic as heavy equipment is moved in and out of the work areas. In addition to the upper level, it may be necessary to close associated ramps that lead to the upper level.

For the week of September 3rd, the lane closure schedule is as follows –

- Tues, September 3, through Thursday, September 5, 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. the next morning, and Friday, September 6, 10 p.m. until 10 a.m. the next morning, **eastbound upper level**, two to three left lanes closed to NJ Tower (one lane open).

All lanes of the New York-bound lower level will be open and cash toll lanes will be staffed. Passenger vehicles should avoid heavily traveled truck routes around the bridge, use the lower level to minimize delays OR consider seeking an alternate route.

In addition to resources owned and operated by the Port Authority, the following agencies have been requested to provide VMS/HAR support to minimize congestion for this project:

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coordinators: J. Hadden, F. Hernandez, M. Juliano, M. Pilsbury, STMC Supervisors, TOC South

Variable Message Signs

Eastbound I-80
I-287
Both Directions NJ 17
Eastbound NJ 4
Northbound US 1&9
Eastbound US 46
I-195
I-295
Northbound US 1

511nj.org

Floodgate Message

NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE AUTHORITY

Coordinators: H. Elbel, A. Hahn, T. Sobe

Variable Message Signs

Northbound Main Line
Northbound Garden State Parkway

Highway Advisory Radio

Main Line

NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY AUTHORITY

Coordinators: J. Mecca, A. Medina, Senior Dispatcher

Variable Message Sign

Southbound I-87

Highway Advisory Radio

Orange/Rockland Counties

TRANSCOM

Coordinator: T. Cowan

Trucking Company Notifications

511nj.org

Construction Advisory

TRANSCOM will maintain contact with the transportation agencies, local police, and traffic services during the closures to advise them of any reported incidents, backups, and clearances. Also, the TRANSCOM OpenReach system will be used to communicate incidents and congestion information among the agencies. VMS/HAR resources may be expanded or decreased as necessary to accommodate changes in traffic volumes.

If additional information is required, please contact me at (201) 963-4033 ext. 517.
Thank you for your assistance.

O/s/b

Tom Cowan
Regional Construction Coordinator

VARIABLE MESSAGE SIGNS/HIGHWAY ADVISORY RADIO MESSAGES

Suggested VMS Message (Tuesday thru Thursday) for the week of September 3rd only (PRE- ADVISORY MESSAGE)

GWB UPPER 1 LN OPEN
TUES-THUR 9P-5A
CARS USE LOWER

Suggested VMS Message (Friday) for the week of September 3rd only (PRE-ADVISORY MESSAGE)

GWB UPPER 1 LN OPEN
FRI 10PM-10AM
CARS USE LOWER

Suggested VMS Message (Tuesday thru Friday) for the week of September 3rd only (DURING CONSTRUCTION)

GWB UPPER 1 LN OPEN
CARS USE LOWER
CASH / E-ZPASS

Approved Floodgate/HAR Message for all agencies

Attention motorists who use the George Washington Bridge during the overnight hours:

Beginning Monday, August 5th and continuing until late 2013, the Port Authority of NY and NJ will continue upper level bridge deck replacement in both directions. Only one lane will be open during overnight hours and there will be multiple sporadic temporary full closures that will likely result in extensive delays. This necessary work will only take place in one direction at a time. Highway message signs, 511 and traffic reports will advise motorists in advance as to which direction will be under construction (on any given night). Trucks are required to use the upper level at all times. Passenger vehicles should avoid heavily traveled truck routes around the bridge, utilize the lower level to minimize delays OR consider seeking an alternate route. For more information visit www.panynj.gov/GWBSteel

IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE START RUNNING THE MESSAGES ASAP THROUGH 10 AM, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH.

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