

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

What to expect?

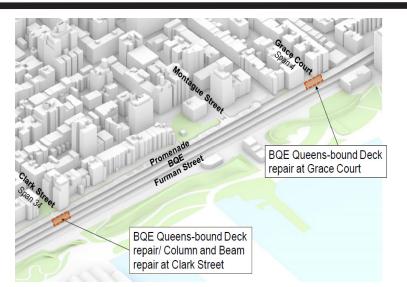
- Full closure of the BQE in the Queens-bound (QB) direction (I-278 East) from Atlantic Avenue to Sands Street for up to two non-consecutive weekends.
- Staten Island-bound lanes will remain open.
- Preparatory work in the weeks leading up to weekend closures involves removal of the old rebar and concrete 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 Pl 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 or scan the QR code: 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?

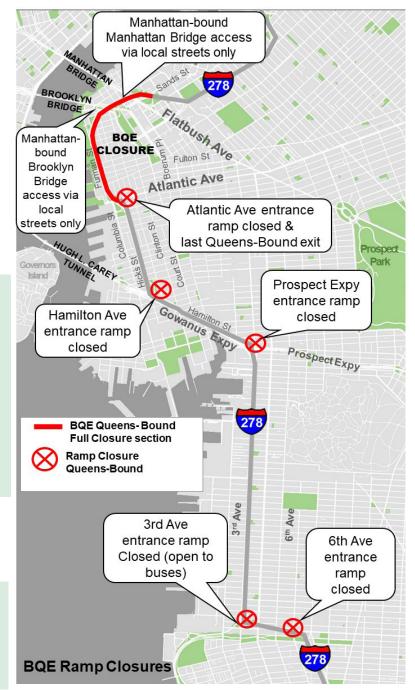
- QB BQE entrance ramps will close at Atlantic Ave, 6th Ave, 3rd Ave, Prospect Expressway, and Hamilton Ave; detour routes will be provided.
- Manhattan-bound Brooklyn Bridge will be accessible via Sands St, Tillary St, and Adams St only; Manhattan-bound Manhattan Bridge will be accessible via Nassau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

How will this affect bus routes?

Bus stops will be unaffected by the closure.

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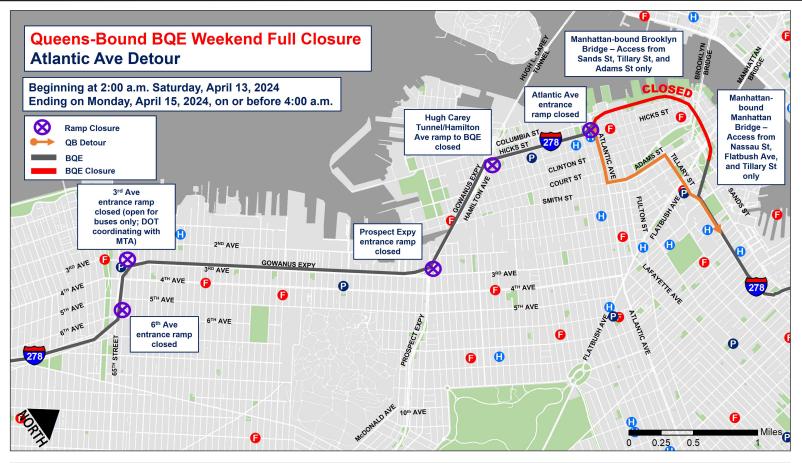
 After the April weekend closure is completed, a last closure is expected to begin on June 1st and end on June 3rd, 2024. More information will be provided after the April weekend closure.



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.

Detour Maps



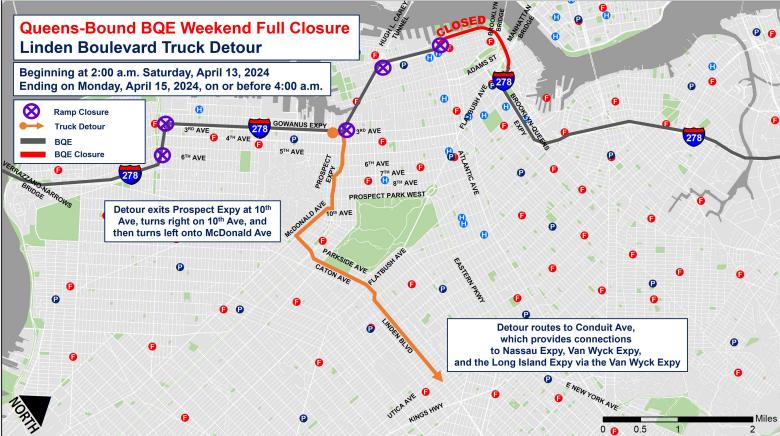
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Atlantic Ave Parking Restrictions

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Where will street parking be removed?

- South side of Atlantic Avenue (Clinton Street to Boerum Place)
- East side of Clinton Street (Atlantic Avenue to State Street)



Atlantic Avenue / Clinton Street to Boerum Place Lane Configuration during Weekend Closure



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Please relocate your vehicle before 2:00 AM, Saturday, April 13th.

Parking will be reinstated Monday, April 15th at 4:00AM For more information and detours maps visit the website or scan the QR code: www.nyc.gov/bqealert





Downtown Manhattan Detours

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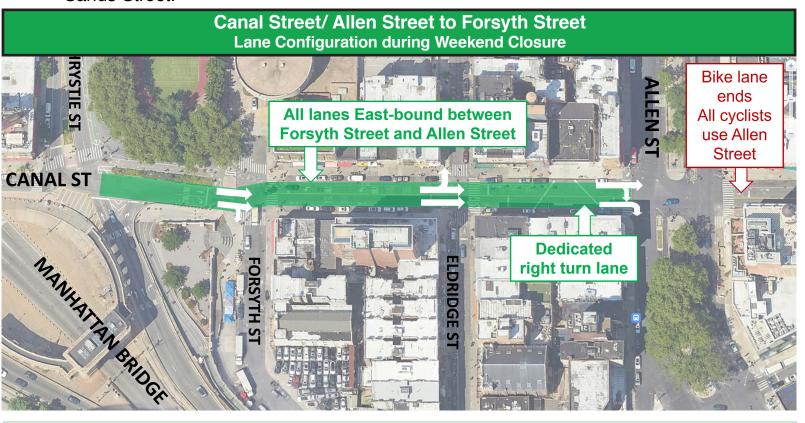
Canal St detours:

Canal St between Forsyth St and Allen St

- West-bound lane closed
- West-bound bike lane closed
- East-bound 1 thru/left lane and 1 thru lane at Eldridge Street
- East-bound 1 thru/right lane and 1 right turn lane at Allen Street

Canal St between Chrystie St and Forsyth St

- West-bound lane closed
- West-bound bike lane closed
- East-bound 1 thru lane and 1 thru/right lane



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