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Traffic Pattern Shift at Verrazano-Narrows Bridge Staten Island-bound Toll Plaza

Starting this weekend, a change in traffic pattern will be in place on the westbound (to Staten Island) toll plaza coming off the Upper and Lower Levels of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge. The change is necessary to accommodate the next stage of work for installation of the Cashless Tolling structures and associated systems.

As with the previous stage, several toll lanes will be closed at a time to accommodate the work zone activity. All lanes on the upper and lower levels of the bridge itself will be maintained during peak hours.

Work includes roadway replacement, demolition, excavation and concrete placement, as well as electrical and drainage systems and new signage. Cashless Toll collection is set to start in the summer of 2017 at the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge.

Motorists are advised to allow additional travel time.

Motorists can sign up for MTA e-mail or text alerts at <u>www.mta.info</u> and check the Bridges and Tunnels homepage or Facebook page for the latest information on this planned work.

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