Coming in Early 2017

New Kosciuszko Bridge

Construction of the new Queens-bound Kosciuszko Bridge is continuing at a fast and steady pace! By early 2017, all traffic in both directions will be driving on the brand new bridge!

The 275-feet-tall towers for the main span—the portion of the bridge that will cross Newtown Creek—are now complete and can be seen for miles around. The steel girders for the main span’s new roadway deck and the cable stays that will attach the roadway to the towers are being installed. The portions of the bridge in Brooklyn and Queens that lead to the main span (the approaches) are nearing completion. And construction is ongoing on the sections of the bridge in Brooklyn and Queens that will connect the existing Brooklyn-Queens Expressway (BQE) to the new BQE, which will cross over the creek.

On the local streets in Brooklyn, the new two-lane entrance ramp, replacing the one-lane ramp, to the BQE at Vandervoort and Meeker Avenues has opened to traffic. Along westbound and eastbound Meeker Avenue, traffic has been shifted to allow for partial removal of the existing concrete ramp structure.

The Queens-bound bridge will be wide enough to accommodate traffic in both directions—until the Brooklyn-bound bridge is constructed in a separate Phase II contract. Once both projects are finished, there will be five travel lanes on the Queens-bound bridge and four on the Brooklyn-bound bridge, plus a new bikeway/walkway with spectacular views of Manhattan.

The majestic new cable-stayed Kosciuszko Bridge will transform the skyline between Brooklyn and Queens. It will also feature wider travel lanes, standard shoulders and a reduced roadway incline, enabling trucks to maintain a consistent speed on the bridge. New parks and open spaces in the local communities and improved waterfront access will also be part of the project.

In order to create jobs and spur economic development while rebuilding the state’s infrastructure, the project is allocating $77 million for small businesses as part of the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. Currently, there are signed contracts with DBE firms totaling $76 million. The contractor is also promoting local business expenditures for a variety of services, such as construction supplies, equipment rentals, cleaning services, office supplies and food services. More than $27 million has already been spent on local businesses in Brooklyn and Queens.

Throughout this project, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) has been working closely with the local community via the Kosciuszko Bridge Stakeholders Advisory Committee, starting more than 14 years ago during the initial planning phase. We look forward to your continued input and support as we make history together!
# Main Span

## Project Timeline

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- **Erection of Steel Floor Beams for New Bridge Deck in Brooklyn**
- **Crew Bolting Up Steel Edge Girders for New Bridge Deck in Brooklyn**
- **Placement of Concrete Segment for New Bridge Deck in Brooklyn**
- **New Kosciuszko Bridge Main Span with Aesthetic Lighting**
Brooklyn Approach and Queens Approach

Did You Know?

- The main span’s stay cables are made up of roughly 995,595 linear feet (or 188.6 miles) of steel strands – enough strand to circle the perimeter of the borough of Manhattan six times!
- One hundred and fifty-four concrete girders have been installed for the new approaches in Brooklyn and Queens (each weighing between 106,000 lbs to 130,000 lbs) – at a total weight of 19,090,000 lbs (or 9,545 tons). This would account for the weight of about 224 subway cars!
- The Kosciuszko Bridge was constructed in 1939 with two pedestrian walkways, but they were eliminated in 1966 so the original roadway could be widened to accommodate additional travel lanes. The new bikeway/walkway on the Brooklyn-bound bridge will be 20 feet wide.
- At $555 million, this is the largest single contract in the history of NYSDOT – and the first cable stayed bridge in New York City!
Upcoming Spring/Summer Construction Activities

**Brooklyn:**
- Complete New Concrete Roadway Deck for Approach
- Continue Eastbound Roadway Replacement for Connector
- Continue Stay Cable and Steel Girder Installation for Main Span
- Begin Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) Installation and Utility Relocations for New Bridge Approach and Connector
- Begin Pile Driving for New BQE Structure Foundation at Vandervoort and Varick Avenues
- Complete Local Street Reconstruction

**Queens:**
- Complete New Concrete Roadway Deck for Approach
- Continue Long Island Expressway (LIE) Interchange Construction for New Queens Connector
- Begin ITS Installation and Utility Relocations for New Bridge Approach and Connector

**Your Community Liaison: Christine Holowacz**
Christine Holowacz has been serving as the full-time community liaison for the Kosciuszko Bridge project since June 2014. Christine addresses the public’s day-to-day concerns and inquiries.

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