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NEW TRAFFIC PATTERNS FOR LINCOLN TUNNEL

The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) advises its licensees of significant changes affecting access to the Lincoln Tunnel in Manhattan for all New Jersey-bound cars and buses, including all TLC-licensed vehicles.

These changes, which became effective on Thursday, November 6, 2003, require cars and buses to use new routes to reach the tunnel, and will be in effect on weekdays between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The changes require cars and buses to make the following adjustments:

• The West 33rd Street entrance to the tunnel between 9th and 10th avenues will be closed and left turns at West 41st Street from 10th Avenue northbound will be prohibited, except for buses. Motorists traveling north on 10th Avenue will be directed to enter the tunnel from dedicated roadways via West 30th Street between 10th and 9th avenues.

• The West 39th Street entrance to the tunnel between 9th and 10th avenues will be closed and left turns at West 41st Street from 10th Avenue northbound will be prohibited, except for buses. Motorists traveling north on 10th Avenue will be directed to enter the tunnel from dedicated roadways via West 30th Street between 10th and 9th avenues.

• Right turns at West 41st Street from 9th Avenue southbound will be prohibited, except for buses. Motorists traveling south on 9th Avenue can turn right and enter the Lincoln Tunnel’s roadways at West 35th Street.

• During the evening peak, buses leaving the Port Authority Bus Terminal will be directed to the Lincoln Tunnel North Tube rather than the Center Tube.

• The southbound bus lane on Dyer Avenue will be closed. Buses on 41st Street or exiting the Lower Level of the Bus Terminal must proceed west on 41st Street and enter the tunnel via Galvin Avenue between 10th and 11th avenues.

• Auto customers who park on the roof of The Port Authority Bus Terminal are advised to use extra caution upon exiting the parking garage due to the traffic pattern change.

For more information, contact the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ), which operates the Lincoln Tunnel, at (800) 221-9903 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays. Automated information is available at other times. Information is also available on the Port Authority’s website, www.panynj.gov, and on messages broadcast over your vehicle’s radio when inside the tunnel. Motorists also can obtain information by calling 3-1-1 from New York City or (212) NEW-YORK from outside the five boroughs of New York City.