NYC DOT is commencing work on the BQE to extend the life of the cantilever for at least another 20 years. The City's plan focuses on preserving the structure; executing immediate and ongoing maintenance; expanding monitoring and enforcement; and developing a long-term, community-based vision for the entire corridor.

Beginning August 30, 2021, NYC DOT will reduce the BQE from Atlantic Avenue to Brooklyn Bridge, from three to two lanes in both directions. This change will:

- Immediately reduce weight on the roadway and help extend the use of the structure
- Promote safety by providing dedicated entrance and exit lanes
- Provide an adequate shoulder, minimizing the impact of incidents

Traffic effects in the local community will be addressed through ongoing monitoring, enforcement and traffic management.

Prepare for new traffic patterns. There will be substantial delays on the BQE.

- Drivers of private vehicles are always encouraged to take public transportation.
- Trucks and other essential vehicles should take alternate routes, and maximize the use of the Hugh L. Carey Tunnel and the New Jersey Turnpike.

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