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BRIDGE AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES MILESTONE IN NEWBURGH-BEACON BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Halfway Mark of Major Construction Reached

Travel Lane on North Span to Use Newly-Decked Surface

The New York State Bridge Authority (NYSBA) today announced that major construction for the deck replacement project on the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge's north span has reached the halfway mark. By fall 2022, major construction at the bridge is expected to conclude, with traffic patterns at the crossing returned to normal around that time.

In late 2020, the Bridge Authority began a multi-year deck replacement project at the Newburgh-Beacon's north span, which carries westbound traffic toward Newburgh. The north span last had its deck replaced in the 1980s, shortly after the south span of the Newburgh-Beacon was opened. During the current deck replacement project, most traffic is being diverted to the south span while the project is occurring. During certain periods, traffic coming from Route 9D has been routed through the northern half (far right lane) of traffic on the north span while the southern half had its deck removed and replaced. The current traffic patterns have allowed for the project to be completed effectively and efficiently.

Half of the new deck has now been placed at the north span, along the southern half where the left lane for westbound traffic would normally be. Traffic coming from Route 9D will now be routed periodically onto the newly-decked southern half (left lane) of the span. The north span will continue to be closed periodically, such as on certain weekdays, to allow for expeditious completion of the project. The Bridge Authority will continue posting updates about the project and its construction activity on its social media pages.

No scheduled lane or shoulder closure will take place from 12 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 24 to 6 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 29, in order to facilitate the smooth flow of traffic during Thanksgiving weekend.

Progress on the project continues and the Bridge Authority expects traffic patterns to return to normal when major construction concludes by fall 2022, months ahead of what was originally scheduled. Residual work will continue, mainly below deck and out of the sight of drivers, until spring 2023. Once the project is complete, drivers will experience a brand new road surface while traveling westbound on the span.

The north span of the Newburgh-Beacon Bridge is the older of the dual spans, having originally been opened in 1963. The north span carries westbound Interstate 84 traffic across the Hudson River.

The south span of the Newburgh-Beacon, originally opened in 1980, had its deck replaced between 2012 and 2014. One difference with the newest deck replacement project is that the concrete is being poured in place on the bridge, rather than pre-poured panels of concrete being installed on the bridge. This eliminates joints between panels and ensures a smoother finished product.

Once complete, the deck replacement of the north span will cap off a decade-long period of several significant improvements to the Newburgh-Beacon, the Bridge Authority's most traveled crossing and a critical connector for the Northeast. In addition to the 2012-2014 south span deck replacement project, the Bridge Authority completed a rehabilitation of the I-84 overpass over Route 9W in 2019 and implemented cashless tolling at the bridge in July 2021.

Traffic updates for all spans operated by the New York State Bridge Authority can be found on NYSBA's Facebook and Twitter profiles at www.facebook.com/NYSBridge and www.twitter.com/NYSBridge. Additionally, current travel times are posted on the Bridge Authority's website at www.nysba.ny.gov and on NYSBA's variable message signs in the vicinity of the bridge.

The New York State Bridge Authority

The New York State Bridge Authority operates the Bear Mountain, Newburgh-Beacon, Mid-Hudson, Kingston-Rhinecliff and Rip Van Winkle Bridges. It also owns and maintains the structure of the Walkway Over the Hudson pedestrian bridge. The Authority is funded principally from bridge tolls and receives no state or federal tax monies for bridge maintenance and operation. Learn more at www.nysba.ny.gov.

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