

Phase 1B Community Construction Update

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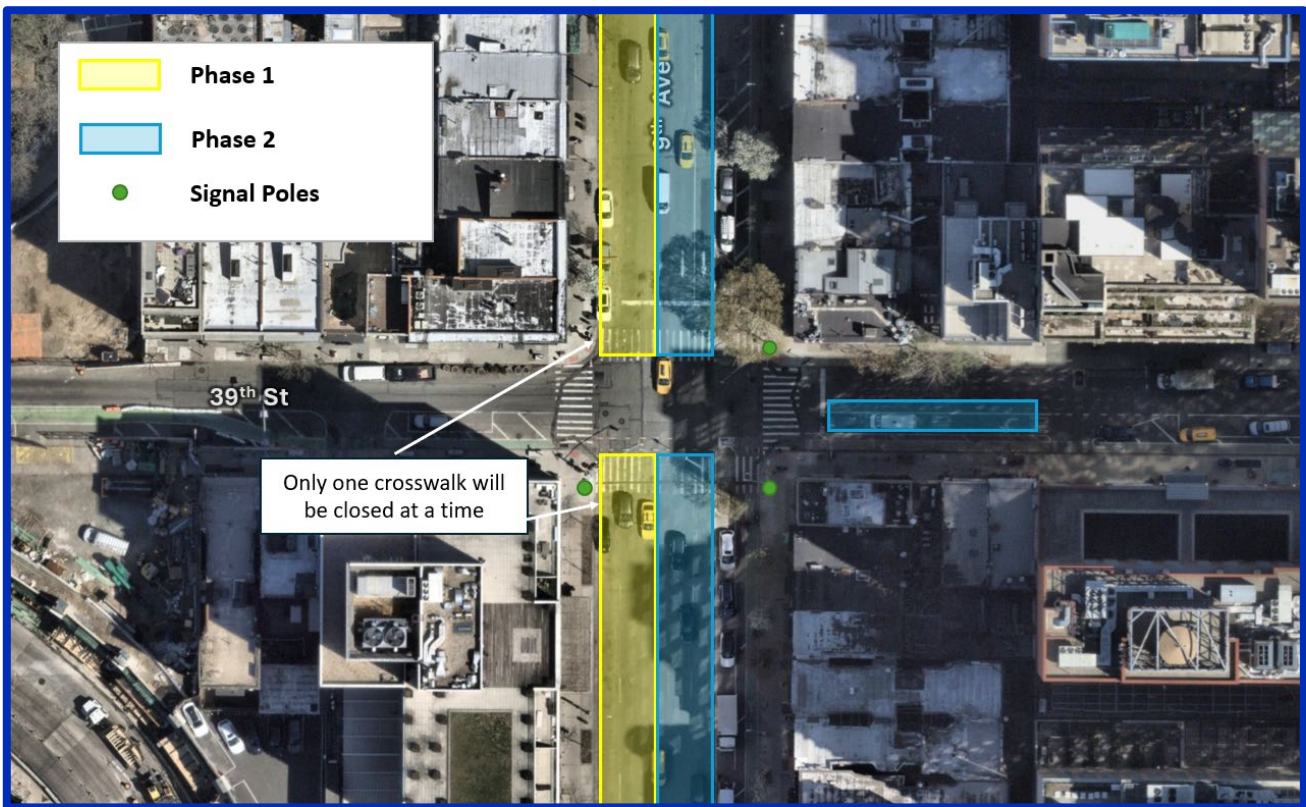
39th Street and 9th Avenue Traffic Signal Modifications

Project Overview: At the direction of the NYC Department of Transportation, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and its contractor, Tutor Perini, will be modifying the existing traffic signals at the intersection of 39th Street and 9th Avenue to maintain access to businesses located on 39th Street west of 9th Avenue. This work is required to ensure 39th Street can operate in a cul-de-sac style intersection during the full roadway closure announced in a previous advisory issued on July 16. This closure is expected to continue for approximately 6 more weeks. Signal modification work will require intermittent closures of two lanes at a time on 9th Ave and single lane on 39th Street (east of 9th Ave). Through lanes on 9th Avenue will be maintained throughout any upcoming closures due to this work. This work has been coordinated to reduce the amount of road closures required. **Work is anticipated to begin on the night of August 13th, 2026, and estimated to be two to three nights of work, weather permitting.** Work will occur during the nighttime from 11:00 PM – 5:00 AM. No heavy construction equipment is needed to complete this work.

Planned Work Activities will include:

- Installation of new traffic signal heads over the roadway
- Installation of new pedestrian signals
- Installation of wiring and electrical support connections and equipment

Expected Closures and Detours: The Port Authority and its contractor, Tutor Perini, will conduct work over two phases of closures. Each phase will occur for roughly one nightshift. Phase 1 will require the closure of the two western lanes on 9th Avenue. Phase 2 will require the closure of the two eastern lanes on 9th Avenue. Intermittent closures to the east/west crosswalks on 9th Avenue are expected. During these closures, only a single crosswalk will be affected at any given time. Pedestrians will be directed to the open crosswalk. During both phases of closure, the bike lane along 39th Street and along the east side of 9th Avenue will remain open, but bicyclists may be held at times to ensure safety. Flaggers will be stationed throughout the duration of this work to ensure safety. Please see the graphic below for further details.



Alternative Travel Routes: Two through lanes along 9th Avenue will remain during the duration of this work. No alternative travel route is required. Through traffic is currently not permitted on 39th Street from 9th to 10th Avenues, as previously announced in an advisory issued on July 16. The street is operating as a cul-de-sac, with access to businesses and residences near 9th Avenue maintained. Please see the project website for this advisory.

Overnight Work Conditions: This work is not expected to generate above average noise levels. However, the Port Authority is committed to being a good neighbor. Crews will work to limit disruptions where feasible. All work will comply with EIS requirements. Construction vehicles are required to utilize soft backup alarms to reduce impact on nearby residents. Required noise monitoring equipment will also be in place to ensure compliance throughout the work. **As an additional precaution, nearby residents may wish to keep their windows closed during overnight hours to help minimize potential noise impacts.** All work will remain within approved construction areas and is coordinated with relevant agencies and performed in compliance with permit requirements. Ongoing surveying and vibration monitoring will continue throughout the project area.

PABTR Project Information:

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PLEASE NOTE: Due to unforeseen conditions (weather, field conditions, etc.) it may become necessary to change some scheduled dates, times, work locations, and operations.