

Phase 1B Community Construction Update

Bus Routing Alterations for Bypass onto 39th Street

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Project Overview: The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and its contractor, Tutor Perini, will be rerouting some buses that currently access the Bus Terminal ramp system to accommodate construction of the interim ramp system. This work is critical as the existing ramp system sits within the footprint of the future Storage and Staging Facility/Temporary Terminal. The Port Authority will install all NYCDOT mandated signage and pedestrian barriers to ensure proper pedestrian and vehicular safety.

The routing change is anticipated to begin October 16, 2026. On or about October 9th to the 15th, the Port Authority and bus carriers will conduct limited tests to ensure buses are able to properly utilize this new route. The Port Authority expects impacts to local traffic on 39th and 40th Streets and 9th and 10th Avenues; to minimize impacts, the Port Authority will deploy Traffic Enforcement Agents in coordination with the New York City Department of Transportation throughout this operation. Please see below for further information regarding potential impacts to the community and traveling public. **The Port Authority expects some delays to terminal users and commuters; it is recommended to allow for additional travel time.**

Expected Rerouting of Bus Operations: Buses entering the Bus Terminal from the Lincoln Tunnel and Dyer Avenue will continue to use the bus lane on Dyer Avenue, entering the ramp at the intersection of Dyer Avenue and 40th Street, as shown in the green area in the graphic below. Buses will then be diverted and utilize a newly created slip ramp to exit onto 39th Street, continue west and reenter the ramp system near the northeastern corner of 39th Street and 10th Avenue. The blue arrow in the graphic below displays the new route buses will follow.

To support continuous flow of buses entering the terminal ramp system, the Port Authority will alter the lane configuration on 39th Street, just east of 10th Avenue. Buses and local traffic will split into two lanes towards the western portion of the street; local traffic (traffic meant to support the operations of the businesses along 39th Street) will be able to continue west or turn north onto 10th Avenue, while buses will be able to enter the ramp system without the need to stop at the traffic signal. This is being done in collaboration with NYCDOT to reduce the potential of traffic congestion in the area. Pedestrian and bike traffic will continue to utilize 39th Street; the walkway and bike lane will be shifted south to create room for this new configuration.

As previously described in the September 5th advisory, buses that need to recirculate back to the terminal will use local New York City streets. Buses will exit the ramp system at Galvin Plaza, travel eastbound on 40th Street, south onto 9th Avenue, westbound on 39th Street, and then reenter the ramp system via the slip ramp at 39th Street near 10th Avenue. The red arrow below displays the recirculation route.

Expected Vehicular Lane Closures and Pedestrian Access: There are no additional planned closures on New York City streets or pedestrian walkways. As a reminder, the crosswalk on the south side of 40th at the intersection of Dyer was previously closed to support the bus lane. However, vehicle traffic on 39th Street, between 9th Avenue and 10th Avenue, will be limited to local traffic that is directly supporting the businesses along 39th Street.



As a result of this change, residents and drivers will continue to notice an increase in bus traffic along the corridor, especially during the PM peak period between 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM, Mondays through Fridays. The Port Authority traffic analysis does not show a significant increase in traffic or congestion, but drivers are recommended to allow for additional travel time in the area along 9th Avenue between 42nd and 39th Streets during the PM rush hour period. In order to reduce potential disruptions to traffic and the nearby residents, the Port Authority will be stationing Traffic Enforcement Agents at the intersections of 40th and 10th, 40th and Dyer, and 40th and 9th.

Alternative Travel Routes: 39th Street is open to local traffic only. As such, vehicles seeking to travel westwards from 9th Avenue should utilize 37th or 42nd Streets. Drivers should budget additional time when traveling through this corridor.

PABTR Project Information: For general questions or information about the Midtown Bus Terminal Replacement Project, please visit pabtreplacement.com or email mbtreplacement@panynj.gov to sign up for project updates and advisories.

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