

Phase 1B Community Construction Update
39th Street Full Roadway Closure – Between 9th and 10th Avenues

7/16/2026

Update: This advisory is an update to a previously released advisory on May 1. Work was postponed and consolidated to limit the number of closures needed.

Project Overview: The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and its contractor, Tutor Perini, will be conducting a test pit on 39th St between 10th and 9th Avenues to determine the location of underground infrastructure, lifting steel from the decommissioned car ramps, and realigning segments of 39th Street near 10th Avenue for future bus movements. In addition, the Port Authority and its contractor, MLJ, will conduct drilled shaft work during daytime shifts in this location. Accordingly, there will be a full roadway closure of 39th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues. This work has been coordinated to reduce the amount of road closures required and to reduce the need for noisy, overnight work. **Work is anticipated to begin on or about July 24, 2026, and is expected to continue for approximately eight weeks, Monday through Sunday, until the work is completed, weather permitting.** Work will occur during the daytime from 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM and during the nighttime from 11:00 PM – 5:00 AM. **Work that is expected to generate noise is scheduled primarily during the daytime shifts.**

Planned Work Activities will include:

Tutor Perini Test Pitting (daytime shift):

- Sawcutting of a section of the roadway
- Backhoe to expose underground infrastructure
- Restoring the roadway to existing condition

MLJ Drilled Shaft (daytime shift)

- Drill rig to conduct drill shaft work

Crane Lifts (night shifts):

- Two cranes to lift large sections of steel from the car ramp structure.
- This activity needs to occur during overnight hours because the crane lift is over an active bus ramp that must be closed first.

Roadway Reconfiguration:

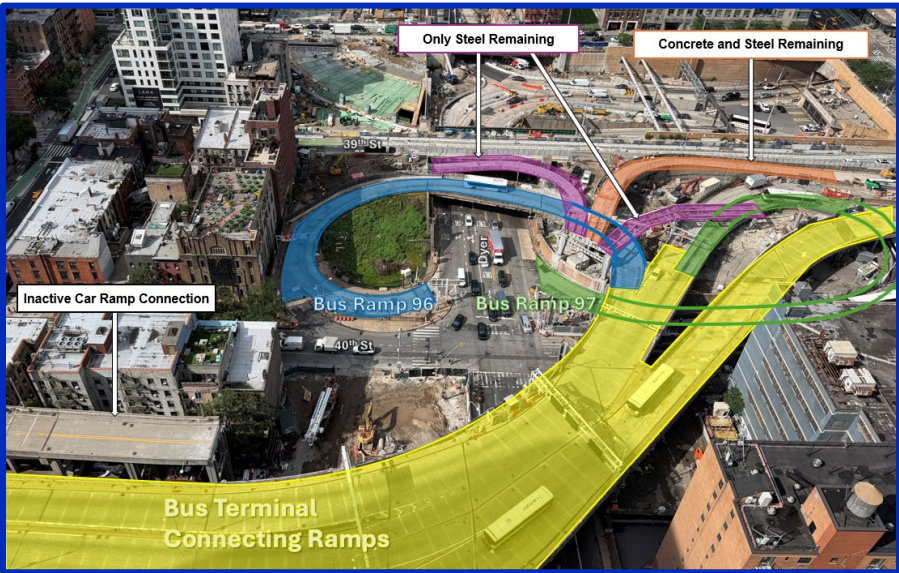
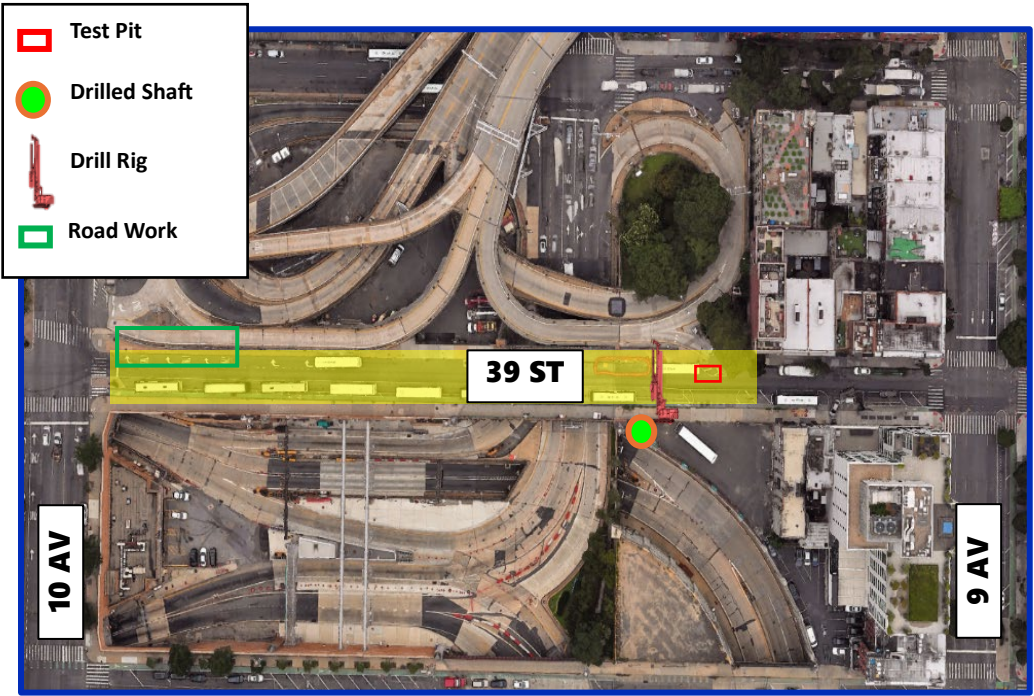
- Create a bus turn point to allow buses to enter existing bus ramps

Expected Closures and Detours: During the eight-week period, the Port Authority will be **conducting a full roadway closure for vehicular traffic on 39th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues. The south sidewalk and bike lane will remain open.** Please see the graphics to the right for further information. The closed roadway is highlighted in yellow. Businesses on 39th Street will be able to maintain access to their buildings along the eastern section of the street. This portion of the street will operate as a cold-de-sac assisted with flaggers.

Alternative Travel Routes: All westbound traffic will be detoured to 37th or 41st Streets.

Overnight Work Conditions: This overnight work will be noisy at times due to the nature of the activities being performed. To remove the steel support structure of the Kinney Ramps, weld cuts will be needed and can potentially generate noise. The contractor will utilize vehicles with soft noise backup alarms. Crews will work to limit disruptions where feasible. All work will comply with EIS requirements. Noise mitigation measures such as temporary barriers and acoustic blankets will be used where practicable around the work zone to help reduce sound levels. 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.

Below is a graphic displaying the ongoing removal of the Kinney (car) Ramps. The purple area directly adjacent to 39th Street will be part of the ramp removal that this road closure will support.



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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.