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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Weekend closures on Mercier Bridge to prepare for Phase 2 of Blitz

(Kahnawake – 9, Ohiarihkó:wa/July 2015) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke wishes to inform road users that the Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated will completely close the 138 down ramp of the Mercier Bridge heading towards Chateauguay on Friday, July 10th at 8pm until Saturday, July 11th at 8am and again that evening from 11:59pm until Sunday, July 12th at 8am.

The closures are necessary to prepare for the changeover to Phase 2 of the Blitz work, where work will be carried out on the Montreal-bound span. The current Phase 1 work was carried out on the Kahnawà:ke-bound span.

On a related note, the contractor has reassured that anyone attending the 25th Annual Echoes of a Proud Nation Pow Wow will have access to <u>one lane in each direction</u> at all times.

In addition to the closure, motorists are reminded that the Blitz configuration will carry on as follows:

- There will be **one lane** available in each direction;
- The Montreal-bound 138 up-ramp from Chateauguay will be **closed**, with a detour to the 132 up-ramp via the 132 to 138 service road;
- The **132 to 138 service road will be detoured** towards the Old Malone Highway; and
- Extension of existing **bus lane** to allow priority during morning rush hour.

The MCK reminds the public that these works are subject to change due to weather conditions, operational constraints or work progression, and that it does not take part in the scheduling or cancellation of such works.

SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDIA

Please mention at your discretion until Sunday, July 12th at 8am. For information on this release contact Justus Polson-Lahache at 450-632-7500 ext. 2267