

# Suggested Media

**Instructions:** Please run at your discretion up until Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 5am

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# Onkwe'tà:ke lakotokénhstha PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

## Phase 2 of Mercier Bridge Blitz begins late tonight

**(Kahnawake – 20, Ohiarihkó:wa /July 2016)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) has been informed by the Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated that Phase 2 of the Mercier Bridge "Blitz Work" begins late tonight.

The changeover into Phase 2 is expected to take place between 11pm and 1am, and the new traffic configuration (see map) will be operational in the early morning hours of Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. No major disruptions to traffic are expected but there could be some minor delays.



This new configuration will detour Montreal-bound traffic from the 132 west, underneath the bridge via the 132/138 west service road to the 207, and onto the 138.

Some details include:

- 24/7 Truck ban towards Montreal for the duration of Phase 2 bridge work
- Truck ban direction Kahnawà:ke/South Shore 3pm to 7pm, Monday-Friday
- One lane available on the span in each direction at all times.
- Kahnawà:ke/Southbound 1 lane available for 138 west (Chateauguay) & 1 lane for 132 east (LaPairie, St. Constant, A30)
- An 'Express Lane' for southbound 207 traffic at the overpass
- Increased Peacekeeper presence at key locations for AM rush hour
- A Priority Bus Lane
- Enhanced safety & signage

As a special **note to local motorists**, access to the 207 via the 138 west down-ramp (direction Chateauguay) has been blocked off for reasons of safety.

Motorists wishing to access the village area will have to continue along the 138 and turn right by the Sports Complex/Peacekeeper station. Those wishing to access 207 south will have to continue down the 138 and make a U-Turn at the lights.

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.