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Mercier Bridge Ramp Closure

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(Kahnawake – 2, Onerahtókha / April 2009) The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) and the Ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ) wish to inform the public of the complete closure of the access ramp to the Mercier Bridge from Châteauguay (ramp 4) as of June 22 for about 4 months.

In an effort to speed up work, traffic will be diverted to Route 132 in order to isolate ramp 4. Motorists coming from Châteauguay will have to make a temporary detour, which will allow them to access the bridge by taking Route 132 from La Prairie. This temporary detour will enable the contractor, Mohawk Bridge Consortium, to replace the deck of this access ramp using prefabricated panels. (See map below or the explanatory video).

Over the next few weeks, the contractor will also be preparing the site for the moving of the first panels. Preparatory work, which will include the removal of rivets and bolts, as well as the cutting of several steel beams under the bridge, will require the complete closure of ramp 4 starting June 22.

In order to effectively manage traffic during the site work, the traffic signal at the bridge entrance, which manually controls traffic volume from Châteauguay and La Prairie, will be located at the intersection of the temporary detour route and Route 132.

Instead of converging on the bridge, motorists coming from Châteauguay and La Prairie will merge on Route 132 towards the Mercier Bridge. The La Prairie access ramp will also be widened by one lane for the occasion.

Finally, it is IMPORTANT to note that starting Saturday, June 20 until the end of this phase of the work, motorists who wish to take the access road connecting Route 132 to Route 138 will have to take Old Malone road rather than the usual access road. (See map below).

For more information or to view our maps or the explanatory video, please visit our blog at: www.mercierbridge.ca.

