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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

### Mercier Bridge Blitz work begins Friday, June 20

**(Kahnawake – 20, Ohiarí:ha/June 2014)** The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK) wishes to inform road users that the Jacques Cartier & Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) has finalized the plans for the 'Blitz' work that will see the complete closure of the Kahnawà:ke-bound side of the Mercier Bridge for seven (7) weeks beginning Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9pm until Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 5am.

The closure will allow replacement of the deck, expansion joints, bearings and completion of paving and marking work on that portion of the bridge. Complete closures during the evening may be required on the Montreal-bound side to prepare and will be announced once confirmed.

The following measures are in effect during the Blitz:

- The Montreal-bound side of the bridge will have **one lane available for each direction** of traffic;
  - o The Montreal-bound lane will be limited to 3.3 meters; and
  - o The Kahnawà:ke-bound lane will be limited to 3 meters.
- The bridge **speed limit** will be reduced to 50km/hour;
- The **138 access ramp** (from Chateauguay) of the bridge will be **closed**. Traffic will be detoured to the 132 access ramp.
- The **service road** connecting Route 132 West to Route 138 West (direction Chateauguay) will be **closed**. Traffic will be detoured to the Old Malone Highway;
- The **access ramp from Airlie Street** will be **closed**; and
- **Trucks will be prohibited** during the rush hour periods between 5am to 9am on the Montreal-bound side and 3pm to 7pm on the Kahnawà:ke-bound side.

The MCK and JCCBI will be working closely together to ensure that information on bridge work is posted in as timely a manner as possible. Motorists can visit Quebec 511, [www.mercierbridge.ca](http://www.mercierbridge.ca), [www.kahnawake.com](http://www.kahnawake.com) or follow Twitter hashtag #MercierBridge for the latest updates as they become available. Visit [www.kahnawaketv.com](http://www.kahnawaketv.com) for interviews about the Blitz work with MCK and JCCBI representatives.

CITSO public transit has modified routes during the Blitz, which can be accessed online at <http://citso.org/en/route-listings-schedule>.

The MCK reminds the public that works/closures on the Mercier Bridge 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.

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