



## New Southbound Mercier Bridge Project

### Frequently Asked Questions – May 13, 2019

**April 30, 2017;** The Quebec Government announces plans to rebuild the original span of the Mercier Bridge, what's known as the south/Kahnawake bound side of the bridge. That section was built in 1932 and needs to be completely replaced.

**Spring/Summer 2017 to Present;** Quebec and the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke begin meetings to discuss the reconstruction of the south/Kahnawake bound side of the span.

As the talks are preliminary, and little information is known about how this reconstruction process will unfold, both sides agree to work together on a schedule of required studies and tests for this project. These studies include Geotechnical Drilling (soil/rock samples) floristic inventories, animal and reptile studies, fish studies/inventory of species.

Due to the nature of these preliminary studies, KEPO has been an integral part of the meetings and field visits, to ensure that Kahnawake's environment and lands are respected and protected.



**Q: Is the MTQ building a new Mercier Bridge?**

**A:** The MTQ is building a new South/Kahnawà:ke bound span to replace the original deck built in 1932, as announced in April of 2017.

**Q: Is it true the MTQ is making the bridge bigger?**

**A:** No, the MTQ will build a new 2 lane South/Kahnawà:ke bound span, the number of traffic lanes will not be increased.

**Q: Will the new span take up any of our land on the North Wall?**

**A:** No, the new South/Kahnawà:ke bound span will not require more land and will remain within the current footprint.

**Q: Why are they using our land as a staging area for their equipment?**

**A:** Like most bridge construction projects, equipment is required on both sides of the span.

**Q: Why is KEPO conducting studies under the bridge and in the water?**

**A:** KEPO is working closely to ensure that this project has a minimal impact on the environment, and the various species that inhabit our area. KEPO will play an active role as a stakeholder in this project

**Q: There seems to be a lack of public information on this project, why is that?**

**A:** Like many major construction projects in Quebec, very little information is made public due to strict rules regarding the tendering process in Quebec. Once all the preliminary studies are conducted and completed, more information will be made public.

<https://www.transports.gouv.qc.ca/fr/projets-infrastructures/projets/reseau-routier/projets-routiers/CMM/pont-honore-mercier/Documents/tabloid-pont-honore-mercier.pdf>

**Q: When is construction going to start on the new southbound span?**

**A:** Construction is expected to begin in 2021/2022, however, these dates cannot be confirmed at this time.