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Onkwe'tà:ke lakotokénhstha PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Major Mercier Bridge Blitz work underway this evening

(Kahnawake – 24, Ohiarí:ha/June 2016) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke would like to remind motorists that the Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) work 'Blitz' to replace a portion of the decking on the Mercier Bridge begins tonight at 10pm (Friday, June 24th) until the end of August.



For the entire eight (8) consecutive weeks, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction.

The Blitz consists of two phases. The first phase ends at the end of July and has the following configuration:

- Route 138 Montreal-bound upramp (from Chateaguay) completely closed. Detour towards Route 132.
- Route 132 Montreal-bound upramp (from La Prairie) completely closed. The 132 downramp towards La Prairie will be configured for two directions.

For phase one, trucks are prohibited towards Montreal from 5am to 9am and towards Kahnawà:ke from 3pm to 7pm, weekdays. For phase two, trucks will be completely prohibited towards Montreal, and prohibited towards Kahnawà:ke from 3pm to 7pm, weekdays.

Motorists are urged to utilize other bridges or to carpool. A reserved bus lane is available to encourage use of public transit.

Details of phase two will be announced prior to the completion of Phase one.

This is the final portion of the deck replacement for the federal section of the bridge. The replacement of nearly 78 precast concrete panels on three access ramps from the South Shore will extend the life of the bridge by 75 years.

Road users can consult the JCCBI's new website at <u>www.jacquescartierchamplain.ca</u> to stay informed on scheduled roadwork on the Mercier Bridge.

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.