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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Mercier Bridge lane closures upcoming

(Kahnawake – 3, Seskéha/August 2012) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke would like to inform the community that the Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated and the Ministère des Transports du Québec will carry out work on Mercier Bridge in the coming days to enable the opening of the new Monette Bridge.

Work will begin at **10pm on Monday, August 6th and last until 5am on Tuesday, August 7th** with a single lane open in each direction. During this period the off-ramp towards Châteauguay (ramp 3) will be completely closed to traffic. A detour will be set up using the off-ramp towards La Prairie (ramp 2), then Route 132 towards Châteauguay.

Traffic will once again be limited to a single lane per direction on the bridge from **Friday, August 10th at 2pm to Monday, August 13th at 5am**. During this period (Monday night and Weekend), the bridge's access ramp towards the South Shore from Airlie Street at LaSalle will also be closed.

It is very important to note that the afternoon rush hour on Friday, August 10th will be difficult and road users are encouraged to use the Champlain Bridge at that time. This work may be postponed depending on weather conditions.

Over the past several months major work has been carried out to completely reconstruct the Monette Bridge, which makes it possible to access the Mercier Bridge from Montreal (LaSalle). As part of this reconstruction work a temporary bridge was created to maintain regular traffic flow towards the South Shore while isolating the Monette Bridge which was completely rebuilt.

SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDIA

Please mention until 5am on Monday, August 13th at your discretion.

For further information on this release contact Gene Diabo at 450-632-7500, ext. 2254