PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Reminder - Mercier Bridge weekend lane closures

(Kahnawake – 14, Tsothóhrha/December 2012) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke wishes to remind motorists that, due to weather forecasts, the Ministère des Transports du Quebec (MTQ) has announced the following changes to the lane configurations for this weekend on the Mercier Bridge.

From tonight (Friday, December 14th) at 8pm until Monday, December 17th at 5am, the Kahnawà:ke-bound bridge will be completely closed to traffic for reinforcement work of the structural elements.

During this period traffic will be managed as follow:

- Tonight, 8pm until Saturday, December 15th, 11:59pm: Traffic will be detoured to the Montreal-bound Bridge with one lane open in each direction.

- Sunday, December 16th, Midnight until Monday, December 17th, 5am: Both Montreal-bound lanes will be open. No traffic to the South Shore.

This one way configuration will facilitate snow removal and de-icing operations. These operations cannot be performed with two-way traffic because the width of the lanes is not adequate for snow removal vehicles. Due to these circumstances, the only conceivable configuration is the one mentioned above. The MTQ is aware of the impacts caused to traffic and thanks all road users for their patience and understanding.

These works might be postponed or shortened due to weather conditions, operational constraints or work progression. Other lane closures might be necessary for such work in the coming weeks.

Please visit www.kahnawake.com/roadwork to stay up to date on planned road work which affects Kahnawà:ke.

SUGGESTED INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEDIA

Please mention at your discretion up until at least Monday, December 17th at 5am.
For further information on this release contact Gene Diabo at 450-632-7500, ext. 2254

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