

Phase 1B Community Construction Update

39th Street Test Pit – Roadway Closure

Project Overview: The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and its contractor, Tutor Perini, will be conducting a test pit on 39th St between 10th and 9th Avenues to determine the location of underground infrastructure. In addition to this work, the Port Authority and its contractor, MLJ, will be utilizing the same road closure to conduct a boring. This work has been coordinated to reduce the amount of road closures required and to reduce the need for overnight work. Work is anticipated to begin on or about May 11, 2026, and is expected to continue for approximately three weeks, Monday through Friday, until the work is completed, weather permitting. Work will occur during daytime hours, with exact dates and times subject to change based on weather and field conditions.

Planned Work Activities will include:

Tutor Perini Test pitting:

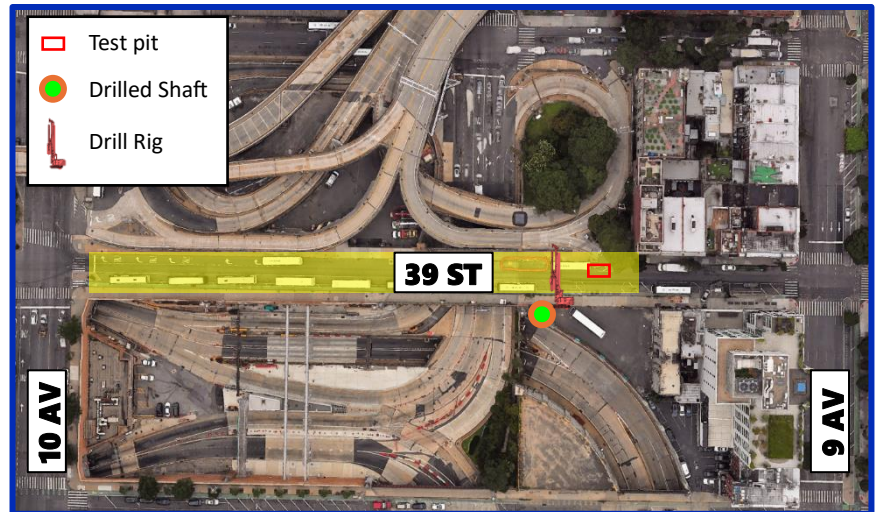
- Sawcutting of a section of the roadway
- Backhoe to expose underground infrastructure
- Restoring the roadway to existing condition

MLJ Drilled Shaft

- Drill rig to conduct drill shaft work

Expected Closures and Detours: Anticipated daytime work shifts, 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Beginning the week of May 11th, and continuing until the work is completed, the Port Authority will conduct a full roadway closure for vehicular traffic on 39th Street between 9th and 10th Avenues. The south sidewalk and bike lane will remain open. Work is anticipated to be completed by Friday, May 29th. Please see the graphics to the right for further information. The closed roadway is highlighted in yellow.

Businesses on 39th Street will be able to maintain access to their buildings along the eastern section of the street. This portion of the street will operate as a cul-de-sac assisted with flaggers.



Alternative Travel Routes: All westbound traffic should detour to 37th or 41st Streets.

Community Noise Mitigation: This work is expected to generate noise; however, activities will only occur during daytime hours and will comply with applicable local noise regulations. A field supervisor will be on-site to monitor operations, and safety personnel, including flaggers at the corner of 9th Avenue, will be present as needed to support pedestrian and vehicular movements. For noise-related concerns or construction questions specific to this phase of work, the community may contact the Midtown Bus Terminal Replacement Community Hotline at (212) 435-5682.

PABTR Project Information:

For general questions or information about the Midtown Bus Terminal Replacement Project, please visit pabtreplacement.com or email mbtreplacement@panynj.gov to sign up for project updates and advisories.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to unforeseen conditions (weather, field conditions, etc.) it may become necessary to change some scheduled dates, times, work locations, and operations.