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## **DETOURS AT EMPIRE STATE PLAZA SWAN STREET TUNNELS TO BEGIN MONDAY JULY 8**

### ***New traffic patterns to be put in place to access 787 and Plaza parking lots***

New York State Office of General Services Commissioner RoAnn M. Destito today announced that scheduled work on the western tunnel roadways under the Swan Street Building will begin on Monday, July 8, 2013. This project involves major structural repairs to the road deck and the parking levels beneath the highway. This work is scheduled to be completed in late October 2013. Preliminary site preparation work on the roadway and in the Swan Street garage will begin on May 18. This work will last approximately two weeks, and require shifts in traffic lanes.

Tenant and visitor parking will not be affected; however, a new traffic pattern including detours will be put in place to access I-787 and the Empire State Plaza underground parking lots. Bus stops will not change.

Motorists should be aware of the following changes that will be in place starting July 8 and continuing through October:

- No vehicle entrance into the south tunnel from lower Swan Street and
- No through traffic from westbound tunnel lane onto upper Swan Street.
- All traffic will be rerouted through local streets and utilize a temporary U- turn inside the tunnel that will provide access to all parking levels and the roadway to Madison Avenue from the P-1 South portal.
- Traffic signs and electronic message boards along main routes in downtown Albany and on North/Southbound I- 787 will provide updated traffic information.
- Temporary traffic barriers will be set up to protect the work area and redirect traffic.
- Interactive detour maps can be found at [www.ogs.ny.gov](http://www.ogs.ny.gov).

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