



PRESS RELEASE
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Major Roadwork Blitzes at the Champlain Bridge Two Weekends in May

Longueuil, May 3, 2016 – The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated (JCCBI) would like to advise road users that two major roadwork blitzes will take place at the Champlain Bridge in May. These blitzes will entail replacing 2 expansion joints and the repair of another expansion joint on the bridge's deck, and thus result in complete closure to all traffic in one direction at a time. The work will be performed during the weekends of May 20-21 and 27-28, from Friday at 10 p.m. to Monday at 5 a.m.

This roadwork is essential in order to avoid that water creep into cracks between lanes and damage some of the bridge's structural members. Expansion joints fill the space between the bridge's spans, which are mutually independent. They also enable traffic to flow safely, since they prevent discontinuity in the pavement.

These blitzes will allow to complete various maintenance work operations and in some cases, contractors and other partners will also conduct work during these blitzes to keep additional lane road closures down to a minimum for users.

BLITZ 1: Weekend of May 20-21

As part of this blitz, two expansion half-joints will be replaced on the Champlain Bridge's upstream side, which will lead to the following road network restrictions:

- + **Complete closure of the Champlain Bridge, toward the South Shore**
- + **Closure of Hwy. 15 South from the Turcot interchange down to Hwy. 132**
- + Closure of one out of three lanes on the Champlain Bridge towards Montreal
- + Closure of all access ramps to Hwy. 15 South from the Turcot interchange and the Bonaventure Expy.
- + Closure of all access to the Champlain Bridge from Île des Soeurs
- + Entrance to the Gaétan-Laberge Boulevard open with a designated route to access Bonaventure Expy. and Île des Soeurs
- + Closure of Exit 5 from the Bonaventure Expy. toward Île des Soeurs with detour via Exit 4.

*****Additional work by the Ministère des Transports, de la Mobilité durable et de l'Électrification des transports*****

Closure of Hwy. 15 South from the Turcot Interchange to the Atwater Ave. access ramp will be extended until Tuesday, May 23, at 5:00 a.m.

Closure of the De La Vérendrye Blvd. access ramp to Hwy. 15 South until Tuesday, May 23 at 5:00 a.m. For more details, visit [Quebec 511](#).

*****Additional work by Signature on the Saint Lawrence*****

Closure of the Atwater Ave. access ramp to Hwy. 15 South until Tuesday, May 23, at 5:00 a.m. For more details, visit www.newchamplain.ca

BLITZ 2: Weekend of May 27-28

As part of this blitz, two expansion half-joints will be replaced on the Champlain Bridge's downstream side, which will lead to the following road network restrictions:

- + **Complete closure of the Champlain Bridge toward Montreal**
- + Closure of all access ramps to the Champlain Bridge from Hwy. 10 West and Hwy. 132
- + Closure of one out of three lanes on the Champlain Bridge towards the South Shore

This work is being closely coordinated with our provincial and municipal transportation and public safety partners. The Honoré Mercier Bridge, Victoria Bridge and Jacques Cartier Bridge will be available to compensate for the closures on the Champlain Bridge. Work-site signage and variable messaging signs will be installed to inform users of the closures and detour routes. Police will be present throughout these weekends.

JCCBI recommends that road users judiciously plan their travels ahead and consider alternative itineraries in order to avoid the Champlain Bridge area whenever possible. To this effect, maps identifying road closures and detours as part of each of these blitzes are accessible [online](#).

Note that this work could be postponed to a later date because of unsuitable weather conditions.

To get updates about the work, follow us on Twitter [@pontChampBridge](#). Users can also subscribe to [SMS alerts](#) and visit JCCBI's website (www.JacquesCartierChamplain.ca) to plan their travel with the integrated dashboard, which includes live traffic conditions, traffic cameras, in-progress road closures or obstructions, and the seven-day work schedule on the Corporation's structures.

About JCCBI

A federal Crown corporation established in 1978, The Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges Incorporated manages the following major highway infrastructures: the Jacques Cartier and Champlain Bridges, the Champlain Bridge boom, the Nuns' Island beltway bridge, the federally-run sections of the Bonaventure Expressway and Honoré-Mercier Bridge, and the Melocheville tunnel. On a daily basis, the corporation provides the safe pass-through of thousands of road users by managing, maintaining, repairing and refurbishing these infrastructures that are all-important for the Greater Montreal area. It also ensures these critical infrastructures remain safe, entirely functional and attractive, both today and for tomorrow. www.JacquesCartierChamplain.ca

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