



Carroll Street Bridge Update – February 2024

The NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Gowanus Remediation Team (GRT) are working collaboratively towards the safe and expeditious reopening of the Carroll Street Bridge.

Project Background

Since the inception of the canal clean up, DOT has worked closely with GRT by coordinating construction access to the canal through the opening and closing of the canal's bridges. In June 2021, the Carroll Street Bridge was closed to motorists, cyclists and pedestrians to provide access for canal operations as required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). During that closure, structural issues were identified with the bridge. It was determined that the bridge could not be safely operated. The bridge has remained closed to the public as DOT and GRT plan for repairs.

Investigation, Evaluation and Design

DOT and GRT have been working together to design a repair for the bridge. This effort has been complex due to the limited available engineering drawings for the bridge, which first opened in 1889. GRT conducted an initial investigation to document the condition of the bridge. In addition, GRT and DOT explored the possibility of partially reopening the bridge for pedestrian and bicycle use. An analysis concluded that a partial reopening is not feasible.

When DOT began evaluating the bridge condition DOT and GRT determined that a firm with special qualifications would be required for this unique bridge and its setting. DOT hired an engineering consultant with expertise in movable bridges, who began designing repairs in August 2023.

Next Steps For Reopening

DOT and GRT are developing a timeline for reopening the bridge to the public. Design completion is expected in Summer 2024. Upon design completion, DOT and GRT anticipate a more precise timeline will be available.

Future Updates

DOT and GRT will provide updates to this project as details become available. GRT provides the most current public information about the status of the bridge on the project website, <https://gowanussuperfund.com/bridge-information/>. Please reach out to GRT via email at info@gowanussuperfund.com or call the GRT hotline at (718) 569-5762 with any questions or concerns.