

cleanup of the **Gowanus Canal**

Carroll Street Bridge Update – October 2024

The NYC Department of Transportation (DOT), the Gowanus Remediation Team (GRT) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are working collaboratively towards the safe and expeditious reopening of the Carroll Street Bridge.

Reopening Timeline

The design of the bridge repair has advanced to the pre-final stage and is in review with EPA. Upon EPA review and approval, the design can be confirmed as final. Construction is estimated to start in Winter 2024/2025 and to be completed in Winter 2025/2026. This timeline may be updated upon finalization of the design.

Project Background

Since the cleanup of the Gowanus Canal began, DOT has worked closely with GRT to coordinate construction access to the canal. In June 2021, the Carroll Street Bridge was closed for an extended period to facilitate canal operations as required by the U.S. 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.

DOT and GRT have been working together to design a repair for the bridge. This effort has been complex due to the existing construction and limited available engineering drawings for the bridge, which first opened in 1889. GRT conducted an initial investigation to document the condition of the bridge and explored the possibility of partially reopening the bridge for pedestrian and bicycle use. An analysis concluded that partial reopening was 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.

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, 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.