



A SECTION OF NEW ROADWAY TO BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC TODAY

The upper deck of the Henry Hudson Bridge

NEW BRIDGE TODAY

Upper Level of Henry Hudson Span Completed, Marking End of This Construction

The completed Henry Hudson Bridge, part of the traffic link by which motorists may drive from Canal Street to the city line at Van Cortlandt Park along landscaped areas without traffic stops in twenty-six minutes instead of through the traffic-jammed streets in sixty-eight minutes, will be opened today. Mayor La Guardia will speak.

The lower level of the bridge has been open for some time. Ceremonies in connection with completion of the upper level, the final construction work on the span, will be held at the bridge toll gates on the northbound parkway drive at 11:45 o'clock this morning.

The bridge and parkway system that it connects were financed and built under the direction of Robert Moses, sole member of the Henry Hudson Parkway Authority. The span is the longest plate girder, fixed steel arch in the world and cost \$2,055,689. The upper level, for which opening ceremonies are to be held today, cost \$800,000.

New Channel Completed

The ceremonies also will signalize the completion a year ahead of schedule of the new Spuyten Duyvil channel for the Harlem River ship canal, which lies directly east of and in the shadow of the bridge. The channel, accomplished through cooperation of the War Department, eliminates an awkward natural bend in the river and involved the removal of 213,615 cubic yards of rock ledge and 271,000 cubic yards of other material.

The parkway has been opened in sections as they were completed. The part first known as the Henry Hudson Parkway and the lower level of the bridge were opened Dec. 12, 1936. The part then known as the West Side improvement, from Seventy-second Street to Dyckman Street, was opened Oct. 12, 1937. The part through Inwood Hill Park and Spuyten Duyvil, from Dyckman Street to West 239th Street, was finished recently.

Single Level Inadequate

A short time after the opening of the first bridge level it became apparent that the single four-lane bridge would not meet the demands of traffic when the parkway was extended south to Seventy-second Street as part of the West Side improvement. The construction of an upper level for the bridge and the establishment of wider approaches through the Inwood Hill Park and Spuyten Duyvil sections were then started.

The following are among those scheduled to speak at the ceremonies today: Mrs. Robert H. Fife, president of the Garden Club of America; Mr. Moses, James J. Lyons, Borough President of the Bronx; Stanley M. Isaacs, Borough President of Manhattan; Lieut. Col. David McCoach, War Department district engineer; Joseph D. McGoldrick, City Controller; Henry Hudson Whiting, a direct descendant of Henry Hudson, and Mayor La Guardia.