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Goethals Bridge New Eastbound Lanes Now Open

The eastbound lane of the new Goethals Bridge was opened to New Jersey-bound traffic on the afternoon of June 11, 2017, as the long-awaited project gets one step closer to completion.

Construction to replace the 89-year-old span first began in May, 2014. The new Goethals Bridge represents the first bridge built by Port Authority of New York & New Jersey in more than 85 years.

The \$1.5 billion project to build a cable-stayed crossing over the Arthur Kill between Staten Island, New York and Elizabeth, New Jersey was hailed by New Jersey Governor Chris Christie and New York Governor Andrew Cuomo as a major upgrade to the region’s infrastructure system, and a vast improvement for drivers.



“This is the first major, new bridge erected in New Jersey in decades and it was long overdue, as anyone who navigated the old Goethals Bridge can attest,” Governor Christie said. “Drivers have been nervously gripping the steering wheel of their cars just to stay in the narrow lanes designed in the 1920s for the nation’s first generation of automobiles. The new twin-crossings, constructed next to the aging span, represent a critical infrastructure upgrade as well as a smarter approach to these types of projects. It was built under a major private-public partnership, which resulted in a swifter project completion than had we relied solely on the public sector.”

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“The new Goethals Bridge will streamline congestion, improve safety and create a stronger, more reliable transportation network across the entire New York metropolitan area,” said Governor Cuomo. “After decades of neglect, this administration is investing in New York’s future by rebuilding its infrastructure, supporting economic growth and prosperity for generations to come.”

The second of the new Goethals Bridge’s twin spans will open in 2018. When completed, the new bridge (*see conceptual rendering, below*) will have three 12-foot lanes along with 12-foot outer shoulders and five-foot inner shoulders on each of its twin spans.



The second structure will also feature a 10-foot shared use path for bicyclists and pedestrians. The twin spans also preserve a corridor for future mass transit.

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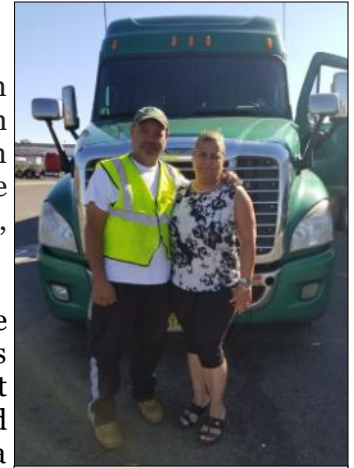
**For more info on the
Goethals Bridge
Construction Project,
click here**

Member Spotlight: ASA Trucking

This article was written by Guest Contributor Angelica Deleon.

For many, achieving the American ideal of owning your own business can seem like an impossible dream. The secret to success, according to husband and wife team Jose Deleon and Maritza Vaca, founders of ASA Trucking: work hard, and put your family first. "With hard work and dedication," they advise, "anything is possible." Working tirelessly to make their dream a reality, the two have passed this strong work ethic on to their children, leading by example as their small business continues to grow and expand.

Jose Deleon founded ASA Trucking LLC in 2008, after immigrating from the Dominican Republic. Based in Woodbridge, New Jersey, the trucking company began as a one-man operation, after Jose received a loan from his brother-in-law to buy his first truck. The motivation behind Jose and Maritza's determination to succeed stemmed from wanting to provide a better life for their children. As the business grew, Maritza stepped up to take a more active role in the company, getting a Commercial Driver's License so that she could start driving a truck herself. "It was hard in the beginning as a woman in this field," admits Maritza, "but with the support of my co-workers, husband, and family, it got easier."



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founders of ASA Trucking LLC

Now serving as ASA's main dispatcher, Maritza still has good memories from her five-year tenure behind the wheel of a big rig. "Sometimes I miss it!" she says.

In addition to working side-by-side to make the company a success, Jose and Martiza are the proud parents of six children: daughters Angelica, Shirley, Ashley, and Kimberlyn, and sons Brayan and Jeffrey. Eldest son Brayan has been working as a one of ASA's fleet of 15 drivers, and eldest daughter Angelica, a 2017 Seton Hall graduate, recently came on board as well, lending her Public Relations and Business Administration skills to the rapidly-growing company.

Inspired by the diverse nature of the industry, Jose and Maritza look forward to expanding their customer base by increasing the services ASA Trucking has to offer. Currently, they work in conjunction with Sea Jet Trucking, a warehousing and manufacturing facility located in Edison, with a plan to keep growing even more in the years ahead. "In the near future," Jose says, "we look forward to expanding our equipment, as well as serving a broader clientele, and creating more jobs for people in this workforce. We are firm believers in progress and the will to succeed! "

ASA Trucking LLC. specializes in drayage at the Port of NY & NJ, with additional long haul routes to Massachusetts and Connecticut. ASA Trucking is on call for its clients 24/7, speaking English and Spanish, and offering unparalleled customer service. For more information on ASA Trucking LLC, visit www.asatruckingllc.com.

GCT Expands Appointments to 1100 hours on June 28th

Global Container Terminals-Bayonne recently announced that, beginning on Wednesday, June 28th, all trucks arriving between 0600 and 1100 will require reservations in order to enter the terminal.

“Given that the following week is a four day work week,” the announcement said, “we strongly urge all users to utilize all of the slots available in this expanded window.”

Earlier this month, GCT-USA President John Atkins was a guest speaker at the [Green Tech 2017 Environmental Conference](#), hosted by [Green Marine](#), where he discussed Global's Truck Reservation system and its impact on turn times. Click the slide at right to view the [slideshow](#) from his presentation.



Important Info on the Toll Reimbursement Program at GCT-NY

There was discussion at the June Bi-State General Member Meeting regarding the [Toll Reimbursement Program](#) for those utilizing GCT-New York Container Terminal. Several members recently realized that they were not receiving the full benefits of the program, because they had neglected to update their EZ-Pass information with the system at Howland Hook.

For example, if you lease or hire a new driver, you must update your Account Profile with the driver's transponder information in order to receive toll reimbursement for that driver's truck trips to NYCT. Simply updating the driver's RFID information in the PANYNJ's Port Truck Pass system is not enough—you must go to the Toll Reimbursement Program's website,

www.nyctolls.com, in order to process any and all updates to E-ZPass information for your fleet.



According to the website, Global Container Terminal-NY, working with the PANYNJ, provides relief from the impact of toll increases on port truckers that do business with the terminal. The Toll Reimbursement Program is intended to freeze truck tolls over the Staten Island connectors (Goethals Bridge, Bayonne Bridge and Outer Bridge) and rolls back the truck tolls to the 2008 level.

Any trucker that does business with GCT-NY and uses E-ZPass to pay the Staten Island bridge tolls is qualified to participate in this program. Participants can start their enrollment by clicking the "Request an Account" button on the website, attach their current E-ZPass monthly statement (downloaded from the E-ZPass website) and follow the directions for our registration on this website. The reimbursed funds are remitted via Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) directly to Participants' ACH Bank Account on a weekly basis.

For more information, visit the [Toll Reimbursement Plan's Frequently Asked Questions](#) section for complete details on the program.

Not seeing the answer to your question on the website? Contact GCT-NY Toll Program Administrator Alfred Tung at (718) 568-1768 for assistance.

CJS Hosts Complimentary Online ELD Demonstration



Now that the U.S. Supreme Court has denied the petition to hear the challenge to Electronic Logging Device regulations, drivers who have been using paper logs for their Record of Duty Status must make the switch to an ELD to record Hours of Service by December 18, 2017. (Fleets already equipped with electronic logging technology will have until December 2019 to ensure compliance with all required specifications.)

In response to a flurry of inquiries following the Supreme Court decision, Bi-State Member [CJS Violations](#) will be hosting two free webinars covering ELD Compliance, along with an online demo. To register, please click the button below for the date and time you prefer. Questions? Contact Jen Vadas at 800-457-7825 ext 101.

[June 28, 2017](#)

[12:00 pm – 1:00 pm](#)

[July 12, 2017](#)

[12:00 pm – 1:00 pm](#)

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DATES TO REMEMBER!

July 4

Independence Day

July 11

General Meeting

July 19

SCI Food Truck Festival

Aug. 15

General Meeting

Sept. 4

Labor Day

Sept. 12

General Meeting

Sept. 18

Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon

Join us for our next

General Member Meeting

Tues. July 11 @ 1000 hours

**NYSA Training Ctr. Auditorium
1210 Corbin Street, Elizabeth, NJ**

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