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Hi, Chris: I've been getting several calls and emails like the one below about fewer toll booths being open to the GWB from Bruce Reynolds Blvd. Can you respond to these complaints, especially the 5 questions posed by the reader below? I'm at 973-586-8153. My cell is: 973-476-6333. Much appreciated.  
-john

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On Monday Sept 9, the local Ft Lee approach to the GWB via Bruce Reynolds Blvd and Martha Washington Way changed dramatically. What used to be 3 toll booths from the local approach has turned into one toll booth, creating a large traffic backup that stretches back onto Hudson Terrace all the way to Englewood Cliffs. Our commute to midtown Manhattan from Tenafly used to take 30 - 35 minutes. On Monday, it took 2 hours and 15 minutes and on Tuesday it took 90 minutes. At the advice of the Ft Lee Police Dept, we got onto Rt 4 in Englewood and merged onto 95 and the last two mornings the commute took over an hour.

The Fort Lee Police do not have any answers, they claim it's the Port Authority's decision to close the local toll booths and that I should complain to them. I tried to call the PA but I can't get a live person on the phone. My questions to you are why didn't the Port Authority warn commuters about this change? Why did they do this? How long will it last? What is the goal of these local tollbooth closures?

