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REGIONAL PLAN HAILS FINAL CROSSING IN 1928 EXPRESSWAY LOOP PLAN

Regional Plan Association today hailed completion of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge, the last water crossing in the metropolitan highway loop that was first proposed by the Association's predecessor committee in 1928. See enclosed maps.⁷

The new bridge provides an expressway route to the south of the central business district of Manhattan similar to the northern by-pass via the George Washington Bridge and the Throgs Neck or Bronx-Whitestone Bridges.

Passenger cars now can circle the Region's center completely on expressways. Trucks, though not allowed on the Belt Parkway in Brooklyn, can travel most of the way around the center by limited-access highway.

The 1928 highway network proposal, incorporated in the first Regional Plan of New York and Its Environs, introduced to the public the idea of radial expressways into the metropolitan center and circumferential expressways that connect the radials and keep traffic not aimed at the center from having to enter it.

Regional Plan Association is now working on a new plan for the metropolitan area, to be completed in 1967.