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Route 1&9 Truck southbound ramp to Route 1&9 southbound to be closed and detoured for several nights in Newark Overnight detours necessary to install shielding under Pulaski Skyway ramp

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the Route 1&9 Truck southbound ramp to Route 1&9 southbound in Newark will be closed and detoured overnight this week as the Pulaski Skyway rehabilitation advances.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, October 21, until 11:59 p.m., NJDOT's contractor Union Paving, will temporary slowdown traffic on the Route 1&9 Truck southbound ramp to Route 1&9 southbound in Newark. **Between 11:59 p.m. tonight until 4 a.m. tomorrow, the ramp will be fully closed and detoured**. The closure is necessary to install shielding under the Pulaski Skyway ramp to Raymond Boulevard. The closure will not affect the Skyway and is being coordinated with other work in the area.

The temporary slowdowns and full ramp closure will continue each night on Thursday, October 22, and Monday, October 26 through Thursday, October 29. The following detours will be in place:

Route 1&9 Truck southbound ramp to Route 1&9 detour:

- Motorists on Route 1&9 Truck south wishing to use the exit to Route 1&9 southbound in Newark will be directed to use the exit ramp to NJ Turnpike/Doremus Avenue, <u>which is before the ramp to</u> <u>Route 1&9</u>
- Stay right toward Doremus Avenue
- Take Doremus Avenue approximately 2.5 miles
- Turn right onto Port Street
- Follow Port Street to Route 1&9 or I-78

Route 1&9 Truck southbound ramp to Wilson Avenue detour

- Motorists on Route 1&9 Truck south wishing to use the exit to Route 1&9 southbound to Wilson Avenue in Newark will be directed to use the exit ramp to NJ Turnpike/Doremus Avenue, <u>which is</u> <u>before the ramp to Route 1&9</u>
- Stay right toward Doremus Avenue
- Take Doremus Avenue approximately 1.5 miles
- Turn right onto Wilson Avenue

NJ Turnpike Exit 15E to Route 1&9 detour:

- Motorists coming from NJ Turnpike Exit 15 wishing to use the exit to Route 1&9 southbound in Newark will be directed to use the exit ramp to Doremus Avenue, <u>which is before the ramp to</u> <u>Route 1&9 at end right side of the toll plaza</u>.
- Stay right toward Doremus Avenue
- Take Doremus Avenue approximately 2.5 miles

- Turn right onto Port Street
- Follow Port Street to Route 1&9 or I-78

Doremus Ave northbound to Route 1&9 detour:

- Motorists coming from Doremus Avenue or missed the Toll Plaza exit wishing to use the exit to Route 1&9 southbound in Newark will be directed to use the ramp to Raymond Boulevard
- At the signal at Raymond Boulevard, traffic will be directed to take a left onto Route 1&9 Truck northbound
- Stay right and take the second exit ramp towards Doremus Avenue
- Take Doremus Avenue approximately 2.5 miles
- Turn right onto Port Street
- Follow Port Street to Route 1&9 or I-78

This work is part of the Pulaski Skyway Contract 7, which began in December 2017 to rehabilitate the Route 1&9 southbound Newark exit ramp and other structural elements around the piers on the north and south ends of the Pulaski Skyway. Other project improvements include lighting upgrades; steel repair; the installation of a guiderail along the Newark ramp; and the reconstruction of the intersection and upgrade of the traffic signal where the Route 1&9 ramp meets Wilson Avenue and Stockton Street in Newark under Route 1&9. The resurfacing of all lanes of Route 1&9 between the Pulaski Skyway and the Delancy Street overpass was completed earlier in this project. Contract 7 is scheduled to be completed by late 2020.

NJDOT created a project-specific website - <u>www.pulaskiskyway.com</u> - which contains a wealth of information about the Skyway and the project, and will be updated with relevant new information as work progresses. The Department is carefully coordinating the Pulaski Skyway project with other regional transportation infrastructure projects to minimize traffic congestion.

The Department has a project hotline telephone number, 973-776-7400, and email, <u>Pulaski.Skyway@dot.nj.gov</u>. Anyone who has questions, concerns, or suggestions is encouraged to contact the Project Outreach Team as work progresses.

NJDOT will be using Variable Message Signs to provide advance notification to motorists of traffic pattern changes associated with the work. Follow us on Twitter @Skywayrehab and visit <u>www.511nj.org</u> for travel advisories.

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