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Route 1&9 Truck northbound to be closed this weekend to repair the Passaic River Bridge between Kearny & Newark Northbound motorists should use Wittpenn Bridge or Pulaski Skyway

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced Route 1&9 Truck northbound will be closed and detoured between Newark and Kearny this weekend as repairs to the bridge across the Passaic River continue.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, October 23 until 6 a.m. Monday, October 26, NJDOT's contractor, I.E.W. Construction Group, is scheduled to close Route 1&9 Truck northbound between Doremus Avenue in Newark and Jacobus Avenue in Kearny. These closures will allow the contractor to complete priority structural repairs on the Bridge over the Passaic River. Local access between Kearny and Jersey City will be maintained.

To avoid delays, NJDOT is encouraging motorists to use the NJ Turnpike-Hudson County Extension to all destinations, including Route 440, the Holland Tunnel, and downtown Jersey City.

Route 1&9 Truck southbound will remain open. NJ Transit Bus Routes 1, 67, and 319 will not be operating, but shuttle service will be offered. For more information, see NJ Transit's advisory. The following detour utilizing the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge will be in place for trucks:

Route 1&9 Truck northbound from Newark:

- Traffic Route 1&9 Truck north will be directed to take the Doremus Avenue exit
- Turn left onto Doremus Avenue north
- Stay right and follow signs for Route 1&9 Truck South/Raymond Boulevard
- Stay right and take the exit for Raymond Boulevard
- At traffic signal, turn right onto Raymond Blvd.
- Follow Raymond Boulevard westbound for 2.1 miles
- Turn right Route 21 north/McCarter Highway
- Take the exit to I-280 eastbound
- Stay in the right lane cross Route 21, and follow signs for I-280 eastbound
- Follow I-280 eastbound and take Exit 17A CR508/Newark-Jersey City Turnpike
- Follow CR508 eastbound, which becomes Route 7 eastbound
- Take Route 7 eastbound across the Wittpenn Bridge to Route 1&9 Truck

Following the completion of this weekend's work, additional closures of Route 1&9 Truck northbound and southbound are expected in the coming weeks as work advances. The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors.

Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website www.511nj.org for construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NJDOT info and our Facebook page.

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