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Motorists should expect more traffic on Pulaski alternate routes with the start of school next week Commuters encouraged to adjust travel times and consider alternate routes and modes

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today issued a reminder that school will be back in session next week, and with the Pulaski Skyway northbound lanes closed for rehabilitation there could be additional traffic on the alternate routes.

Motorists are encouraged to use public transit, start their trip earlier to avoid the peak hours, or take the New Jersey Turnpike Extension for a faster trip.

Public Transit

This is the best way to avoid lane closure impacts and increased traffic congestion. In addition to existing bus, rail and ferry service, NJ Transit has added capacity on rail and bus routes. Commuters arriving at Hoboken Terminal via NJ Transit rail or bus have multiple options. Visit www.njtransit.com/images/stationmaps/63samap.jpg

Rail:

- Additional train trips or seating capacity is available on the Morris & Essex, Raritan Valley, and
 North Jersey Coast lines
- Hudson-Bergen Light Rail operates daily from 5 a.m. to 1 a.m.. For information visit www.njtransit.com

Bus:

- There is capacity on the Route 22 Express Bus #95 to Newark Penn Station
- NJ Transit expanded midday service on Bus #119 from Bayonne to Jersey City where customers can access PATH, or continue on to Hoboken and Manhattan.
- Check <u>www.njtransit.com</u> for schedule information.

Ferry Service:

For ferry service from Atlantic Highlands or Belford to Jersey City, Hoboken, or Manhattan visit www.seastreak.com

Alternate Routes

• The eastbound shoulder of the New Jersey Turnpike Newark Bay-Hudson County Extension (I-78), Exits 14-14C, is used as a travel lane during peak hours (6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays.) Overhead signs indicate when the shoulder is open for traffic.

• An Adaptive Signal System helps northbound traffic flow on Route 1&9 and Route 440.

Pulaski Skyway Ramp Closures—follow detours

- The Kearny and Broadway center ramps are closed on the Skyway. Follow detour signs.
- In Newark, the ramps from Raymond Boulevard to the NJ Turnpike at Exit 15E and Doremus Avenue are closed. Use the Foundry Street detour.

Stay informed

Commuters should learn the multiple public transportation options and alternate driving routes that are available to them, and be prepared to try several options to find the route or mode of travel that best meets their needs while minimizing inconvenience.

NJDOT has developed a webpage dedicated to the \$1 billion Pulaski Skyway rehabilitation project at www.pulaskiskyway.com, where a video to familiarize motorists and residents with the project is posted. The video is also on You Tube – search "Pulaski Skyway."

Follow the project on Twitter @skywayrehab and get up to the minute information on traffic conditions in and around the Skyway at www.511nj.org, where a widget will enable a visitor to cut through all the other traffic information on the site and focus in on the Skyway region.

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