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River Road Bridge over NJ TRANSIT tracks replacement project begins in Branchburg Separate car and truck detours remain in place

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the start of the project to permanently replace the River Road Bridge over NJ TRANSIT tracks in Branchburg. The wooden bridge, located near the North Branch NJ TRANSIT Station, required an emergency closure in June 2019 because it was in a severely deteriorated condition. Separate car and truck detours have been in place since that time.

NJDOT's contractor, Midlantic Construction, will begin work on or about Monday, February 3 and work will typically take place from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The \$4.3 million state-funded project will replace the existing three-span wooden bridge that carries a single-lane of traffic over NJ TRANSIT tracks with a new, wider single-span bridge. The new bridge will have two 10-foot-wide travel lanes with five-foot shoulders. It will be constructed with concrete beams and a concrete deck with crash-worthy traffic railings, guiderail, and a picket fence. The approach roadways will be modified to improve turning movements for large vehicles.

The same car and truck detours that were developed with the town and county when the bridge was closed in June 2019 will remain in place. Local access will be maintained for residents and businesses on River Road and Central Place. Access to the NJ TRANSIT parking lot at the North Branch Station will be maintained. Construction activities will require the intersection of River Road and Central Place to be closed for short durations. The project was fast-tracked to minimize the impact to motorists in the area and is expected to be completed in this summer. The following detours are in place:

Car Detour – River Road southbound

- Cars traveling on Station Road westbound to River Road southbound will be directed to continue on Station Road
- Turn left onto Readington Road
- Turn left onto Harlan School Road
- Turn left onto Stony Brook Road back to River Road

Car Detour – River Road northbound

- Cars traveling on River Road northbound will be directed to turn left onto Stony Brook Road
- Turn right onto Harlan School Road
- Turn right onto Readington Road
- Turn right on Station Road

Truck Detour – River Road southbound

- Trucks traveling on Station Road westbound to River Road southbound will be directed to continue on Station Road westbound
- Turn left onto Readington Road
- At the traffic signal, turn left onto Dreahook Road
- Dreahook Road will become Old York Road
- Follow Old York Road to Route 202

Truck Detour – River Road northbound

- Trucks on Route 202 northbound wishing to travel on River Road northbound will be directed to turn left onto Old York Road
- Old York Road becomes Dreahook Road
- At the traffic signal turn right onto Readington Road
- Turn right onto Station Road eastbound

Variable Message Signs will provide advance notification to motorists of the traffic pattern changes associated with the work. 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 real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NJDOT_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) and on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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