



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **River Road Bridge over NJ TRANSIT tracks replacement project completes on time in Branchburg Detour remains in place for ongoing Somerset County project**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the project to replace the River Road Bridge over NJ TRANSIT tracks in Branchburg was completed on Friday, June 19. Although the bridge is complete, the detour will remain in place as Somerset County is currently replacing a culvert on Station Road near River Road.

The wooden bridge, located near the North Branch NJ TRANSIT Station, required an emergency closure in June 2019 because it was severely deteriorated. NJDOT's \$4.3 million state-funded project began in February 2020 and replaced the existing three-span, one-lane wooden bridge over the railroad tracks with a single-span bridge with two lanes – one lane in each direction. The project was fast-tracked to minimize the impact to motorists in the area, and construction was completed on time and on budget.

The new bridge has two 10-foot-wide travel lanes with five-foot shoulders. It was constructed with prestressed concrete beams and a concrete deck with crash-worthy traffic railings, guiderail, and a picket fence. The approach roadways were modified to improve turning movements for large vehicles.

The detour will remain in place while Somerset County completes its culvert replacement project on Station Road. Local access will be maintained for residents and businesses on Station Road, River Road and Central Place. Access to the NJ TRANSIT parking lot at the North Branch Station will be maintained from Readington Road to Station Road. The following detours remain in place:

### **River Road southbound detour**

- Motorists on Route 22 wishing to travel on Station Road westbound to River Road southbound will be directed to take Readington Road south
- At the traffic signal, turn left onto Dreahook Road
- Dreahook Road will become Old York Road
- Follow Old York Road to Route 202

### **River Road northbound detour**

- Motorists 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 to Route 22

Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website [www.511nj.org](http://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](https://www.facebook.com/NJDOT).

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