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Route 71 moveable bridge over Shark River to have lane closures overnight next week for priority repairs in Monmouth County Temporary lane closures required for priority steel and concrete repairs

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced priority repairs requiring overnight lane closures for two nights next week on the Route 71 drawbridge over Shark River between Belmar and Avon by the Sea in Monmouth County.

From 5 p.m. until 5 a.m. the next day, Monday, July 20 and Tuesday, July 21, NJDOT's contractor IEW Construction Inc., is scheduled to close the left lane of Route 71/Main Street southbound and shift the Route 71/Main Street northbound lane to the right shoulder on the moveable bridge between Belmar and Avon by the Sea. The lane closure and traffic shift is necessary for priority structural steel and concrete repairs. At least one lane will be maintained overnight.

In addition, the drawbridge will only be opened once per night between 12 midnight and 12:30 a.m. each night. The drawbridge is a bascule bridge with a vertical clearance in the closed-to-navigation position of approximately 8 feet above mean high water. Vessels able to transit through the bridge in the closed position may do so at any time. For more information about the bridge openings, visit the [U.S. Coast Guard District 5 Local Notice to Mariners](#).

Construction signs will provide advance notification to motorists of 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](#) and on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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