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Route 19 southbound reopened and ramp from GSP to reopen this afternoon as sinkhole repair nears completion in Clifton Route 19 northbound to be completely open tomorrow afternoon

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced all lanes on Route 19 southbound have been reopened, one northbound lane and the ramp from the Garden State Parkway will reopen this afternoon, and all northbound lanes are scheduled to be reopened tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday, September 2 as an emergency sinkhole repair project completes in Clifton, Passaic County.

Shortly after 9 a.m. today, Tuesday, September 1, all lanes on Route 19 southbound were reopened. The Garden State Parkway (GSP) Exit 155A is expected to be reopened late this afternoon with traffic shifted onto the left lane of Route 19 northbound. By late tomorrow afternoon, Wednesday, September 2 the ramp from Broad Street/CR 509 to Route 19 northbound and all lanes of Route 19 northbound will be reopened, completing the project.

NJDOT's contractor, IEW Construction Group, has completed the installation of a new 60-inch diameter drainage pipe that is 225 feet in length, as well as a new headwall to support the pipes, allowing the southbound lanes to reopen today. In early August, NJDOT completed the installation of a new 72-inch diameter drainage pipe approximately 325-feet in length that goes under Route 19. At that time, the right lane on Route 19 southbound reopened.

Route 19 southbound and two lanes on Route 19 northbound were closed on July 8 because of a sinkhole caused by the collapse of a large drainage pipe. On July 10, Route 19 northbound was closed as well. Crews have been working 24 hours a day/seven days a week since the closure to replace the two large drainage pipes.

Route 19 northbound will remain closed and detoured between the Garden State Parkway (GSP) Exit 155A until this afternoon when the detour will be removed and the left lane and GSP Exit 155A ramp are reopened. Tomorrow afternoon, the right lanes will reopen and the detour from Broad Street/CR 509 to Route 19 northbound will be removed.

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