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Reconstructed I-80 eastbound Bridge over Rockaway River to open Friday night in Morris County Traffic will be shifted onto new eastbound span overnight

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced that I-80 eastbound traffic will be shifted onto the newly-reconstructed eastbound Bridge over the Rockaway River on Friday night as the I-80 Bridges over Rockaway River replacement project advances in Roxbury, Jefferson, and Rockaway, Morris County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. Friday, September 11, NJDOT's contractor, I.E.W. Construction Group, Inc., is scheduled to close the right lane of I-80 eastbound near the temporary bridge and shift traffic onto the newly-completed eastbound bridge. At 10 p.m., the center lane will be closed and shifted. Crews will be working overnight to install construction barrier and complete roadway striping necessary for the traffic shift.

By 6 a.m. Saturday, September 12, all three eastbound lanes will be shifted onto the newly-constructed eastbound span.

In approximately one month, westbound traffic will be shifted onto the temporary roadway between the eastbound and westbound spans, allowing for demolition and reconstruction of the westbound bridge.

The \$20.8 million federally-funded project is replacing both eastbound and westbound spans, which are in poor condition. In addition, the existing guiderail is being brought up to current standards. The project was designed to advance in stages to minimize impact on motorists, beginning with the eastbound span. Construction of both bridges is expected to be completed by the summer 2021.

Variable Message 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.

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