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Route 1&9 Express Lanes closed in both directions for emergency bridge repairs to McLellan Street overpass in Newark McClellan Street ramps to and from Route 1&9 northbound also closed

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced Route 1&9 Express Lanes in both directions are closed for emergency bridge repairs to the McClellan Street overpass in Newark.

The Route 1&9 Express Lanes were closed in both directions last night following a crash on the McClellan Street overpass that damaged the concrete balustrade and pylon in the center of the bridge. NJDOT's contractor, IEW Construction Group, has been working to remove loose concrete and reconstruct the concrete balustrade and pylon. In order to perform this work, crews need access from below, necessitating the closure of the Route 1&9 Express Lanes in both directions. The work is tentatively expected to be completed tomorrow morning, and will likely affect the morning commute. If work is completed early, the roadway will reopen sooner.

All Route 1&9 traffic is being diverted to the local lanes, and the McClellan Street Bridge over Route 1&9 is closed and detoured. The following detours are in place:

Route 1&9 northbound to McClellan Street detour:

- Motorists on Route 1&9 northbound wishing to take the exit for McClellan Street will be directed to take the exit for North Avenue west, which is before the McClellan Street exit
- Follow North Avenue to Route 27/Newark Avenue
- Turn right on Route 27/Newark Avenue, which becomes Frelinghuysen Avenue back to McClellan Street

McClellan Street to Route 1&9 northbound detour:

- Motorists on McClellan Street wishing to take the ramp to Route 1&9 northbound will be directed to take the ramp toward Route 1&9 southbound
- The ramp becomes Spring Street
- Follow Spring Street past North Avenue where it merges into Route 1&9 southbound
- Bear right onto Meadow Street (past mile post 45.4)
- At the stop sign turn left onto Fairmount Avenue
- Turn left onto Route 1&9 northbound

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 or on the NJDOT Facebook page.