



# NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **New Route 7 eastbound ramp to Fish House Road and U-turn to Route 7 westbound to open Friday New ramp will provide more direct access for businesses in Kearny**

**(Trenton)** – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced the new Route 7 eastbound ramp to Fish House Road and U-turn to Route 7 westbound will open Friday morning in Kearny.

Beginning at 10 p.m. Thursday, October 28, NJDOT’s contractor Georges Harms Inc., is scheduled to begin work to remove barriers and prepare the roadway to open the new ramp from Route 7 eastbound to Fish House Road, as well as the U-turn to Route 7 westbound in South Kearny before the Wittpenn Bridge.

By 5 a.m. Friday, October 29, the new ramp and the U-turn will be open providing direct access for trucks and other vehicles coming from the New Jersey Turnpike and I-280 to businesses in South Kearny. The existing ramp was closed in March 2018 to allow for the construction of several new ramps and the western approach to the new Wittpenn Bridge, which was opened to traffic on October 2, 2021.

With the new Route 7 eastbound ramp to Fish House Road and U-turn to Route 7 westbound open, traffic will no longer have to cross the bridge, do a U-turn, and cross the bridge again to get to destinations in South Kearny including the large CSX Intermodal Terminal and many other logistic facilities in the area. The direct access to businesses in South Kearny is expected to reduce congestion and improve travel times. Fishhouse Road will also provide an alternate route to Route 1&9 Truck for traffic to Route 440.

The new ramps from Fish House Road to Route 7 eastbound will remain closed as work continues to complete them. Fish House Road traffic wishing to take Route 7 eastbound will be directed to Route 7 westbound and U-turn, which is the current traffic pattern.

This weekend, the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge will be closed to allow for the demolition of the old bridge and testing of the lift span on the new bridge. NJDOT will provide more detailed information before the closure.

### **About the Project**

The Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge over the Hackensack River project is replacing the existing bridge with a new, wider vertical lift bridge. The new bridge doubles the vertical clearance over Hackensack River from 35-feet to 70-feet, resulting in fewer openings and less congestion.

Construction of the new bridge is being accomplished in [five separate contracts](#). The first three contracts have been completed and included advance utility work, and building the Fish House Road Pump Station, roadway embankments, river piers, fender system and a portion of the approach spans for the new vertical lift bridge. The fourth and fifth contracts are currently under construction and will complete the approach spans, the Fish House Road flyover ramps, new roadways, and the new vertical lift bridge span and towers.

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