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Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge to be closed this weekend Closure necessary for painting and lift span adjustments

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced the full closure of the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge between Jersey City and Kearny planned for this weekend **has been postponed due to weather**. NJDOT will provide advance notice of any future closures once it has been rescheduled.

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 <u>five separate contracts</u>. The first three contracts have been completed and included advanced 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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