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Route 440 to be closed beginning today for emergency utility work in Jersey City and Bayonne Closure expected to last two weeks

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced Route 440 is scheduled to be closed beginning today for the next two weeks for emergency utility repairs in Jersey City and Bayonne. This work will also impact traffic on Route 1&9 Truck in Jersey City.

Motorists should expect delays and seek alternate routes over the next two weeks while the Jersey City Municipal Utilities Authority (JCMUA) performs emergency utility work.

Beginning at 12 noon today, August 29, the JCMUA will begin 24/7 emergency repair work on Route 440 to replace sewer pipes that have partially collapsed. The construction is expected to take approximately two weeks. The construction dates are tentative due to the nature of the project and potential weather.

<u>Route 440 southbound</u> is scheduled to be closed and detoured from Communipaw Avenue to Danforth Avenue. There will no access to Route 440 from both northbound and southbound Route 1&9 Truck at the Communipaw and Route 440 Intersection.

<u>Route 440 northbound</u> is scheduled to be closed and detoured from Route 185 at the city line of Bayonne and Jersey City (north of NJTA Exit 141) to Danforth Avenue in Jersey City.

This critical infrastructure project is expected to significantly impact traffic in the surrounding area. For detour routes, see the <u>Route 440 Closure details</u> on the JCMUA website.

No trucks will be allowed to drive through Country Village or any other side roads. All truck routes will be marked for detours.

Commercial trucks on Route 1&9 Truck northbound from Newark are encouraged to continue eastbound on Communipaw Avenue to Garfield Avenue.

Commercial trucks are encouraged to use NJ Turnpike exit 14A for access to Port Jersey or NJ Turnpike exit 14B for access to E. Linden Avenue sites.

Traffic should take alternate routes to avoid Route 1&9 Truck in Jersey City.

All media inquiries should be directed to Kimberly Wallace-Scalcione, Press Secretary Jersey City Mayor's Office at 201.547.5200.

NJDOT is assisting our regional partners by using variable message signs to provide advance notification to motorists of all traffic pattern changes associated with the emergency repairs.

The precise timing of the work is subject to change due to weather or other factors. Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website <u>www.511nj.org</u> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u> or on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>.

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