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## Route 1&9 Truck ramp to Route 1&9 north and Route 139 east to be closed overnight this week in Jersey City Detours necessary for watermain replacement

**(Trenton)** – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced the Route 1&9 Truck northbound ramp to Route 1&9 northbound and Route 139 eastbound in Jersey City is scheduled to be closed overnight this week to allow for the replacement of a 160-year-old Jersey City watermain.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Monday, October 31 until 5 a.m. the next morning, and continuing overnight through Thursday, November 3, the ramp from Route 1&9 Truck northbound to Route 1&9 northbound and Route 139 eastbound is scheduled to be closed and detoured for watermain replacement. The following detours will be in place overnight this week:

## Route 1&9 Truck northbound to Route 1&9 northbound/Route 139 eastbound detour:

- Route 1&9 Truck northbound traffic wishing to take the ramp to Route 1&9 northbound and Route 139 eastbound will be directed to stay straight toward Route 7 westbound
- Take Route 7 westbound across the Wittpenn Bridge
- Stay left to CR508/I-280/NJ Turnpike/Harrison/Newark
- Stay right to take the second ramp to Route 7 east to Route 1&9/Jersey City
- Take Route 7 eastbound back to the Wittpenn Bridge
- Cross the Wittpenn Bridge and follow signs for either Route 189 north or Route 139 east

## **About the Project**

The Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge over the Hackensack River project replaced 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 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 nearing completion. The Newark Avenue ramp in Jersey City, the last major element of the project, opened on October 15, 2022.

Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website  $\underline{www.511nj.org}$  for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter  $\underline{@NewJerseyDOT}$  or on the  $\underline{NJDOT}$  Facebook page.

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