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I-76 lane closures tonight and Saturday as bridge deck project advances in Gloucester City Closures necessary to install moveable barrier for daily traffic shifts

(Trenton) – I-76 is scheduled to have lane closures between mile post 0.76 and 1.89 tonight and Saturday as a project to repair the deck on the I-76 Bridge over Klemm Avenue advances in Gloucester City, Camden County.

Starting at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, April 14, three lanes on I-76 westbound into Philadelphia will be closed with traffic shifted to the left. When the westbound side is complete, work will continue on the eastbound side, with two lanes closed and traffic shifted to the right. By 7 p.m. Saturday, April 15, the nine lanes of traffic on I-76 will be shifted to create a work zone on the eastbound side.

The closures are required to install a moveable barrier in the median that will be used to implement daily traffic shifts. During morning rush hours, from 6 a.m. until 9 a.m., there will be five lanes of traffic going westbound into Philadelphia and four lanes going eastbound. During evening rush hours, there will be four lanes of traffic going westbound into Philadelphia and five lanes going eastbound. NJDOT will provide advance notice of scheduled traffic shifts.

The \$57.2 million project will replace the I-76 Bridge over Klemm Avenue, Conrail and the South Branch Newton Creek Bridge. In addition, the project will replace the noise walls on the bridge and on the approach roadway, as well overhead sign structures. Improvements will be made to ramps, drainage, lighting, and ITS components within the project limits. I-76 carries an average of 200,000 vehicles each day. To minimize the impact to traffic and reduce the construction time, the bridge replacement will be done in stages using Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) methods using prefabricated materials. The project is expected to be completed in the fall 2023.

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 construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u> and our <u>Facebook page</u>.

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