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Weldon Road Bridge over Route 15 alternating traffic next Thursday night in Jefferson, Morris County Traffic to be shifted to newly constructed side of the bridge

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced lane closures on the Weldon Road Bridge over Route 15 next Thursday night as the bridge replacement project advances in Jefferson, Morris County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 1, until 5 a.m., Friday, June 2, one lane on the Weldon Road Bridge over Route 15 is scheduled to be closed with alternating traffic. The closure is necessary to shift traffic onto the newly constructed south side of the bridge and to set up a work zone for the demolition and reconstruction of the north side of the bridge.

By 5 a.m. Friday, June 2, one lane of traffic in each direction will be restored. All ramps are expected to remain open during construction. Traffic on Route 15 will not be affected. This stage of construction is expected to continue through spring 2024.

The \$7.6 million project will replace the Weldon Road Bridge over Route 15. The new bridge will restore two lanes of traffic in each direction and improve the vertical clearance under the bridge. The project will advance in stages with the south side of the bridge being demolished and reconstructed first. Once that stage is completed, traffic will be shifted onto the newly constructed south side of the bridge to allow the north side of the bridge to be reconstructed. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on the bridge. NJDOT will provide advance notice of any lane or ramp closures. The project is expected to be complete in the spring of 2024.

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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