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Route 30 Bridge over Beach Thorofare temporary overnight closures through next week in Atlantic City 30-minute stoppages necessary to replace bolts on the bridge

(Trenton) – Route 30 is scheduled to be closed overnight for 30 minutes at a time in both directions through next week on the Route 30/Absecon Boulevard Bridge over Beach Thorofare in Atlantic City. This is a continuation of work that began on February 26.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Thursday, March 7, until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, March 8, and continuing each night Mondy, March 11 through Thursday, March 14, at the same times, temporary 30-minute stoppages are scheduled on the Route 30 Bridge over Beach Thorofare in both directions, once every hour. The stoppages are necessary to raise the drawbridge to remove and replace the existing bolts on the bridge. New Jersey State Police will be assisting with traffic control. Motorists wishing to avoid the stoppages are encouraged to use the following alternate routes:

Route 30/Absecon Boulevard eastbound Alternate Route:

- Motorists on Route 30/Absecon Boulevard eastbound wishing to take the Route 30
 Bridge over Beach Thorofare to Atlantic City may turn right onto South New
 Road/Route 9 southbound
- Turn left to take the Atlantic City Expressway eastbound into Atlantic City

<u>Or</u>

Turn left to take Route 40/Route 322/Black Horse Pike eastbound into Atlantic City

Route 30/Absecon Boulevard westbound Alternate Route:

- Motorists in Atlantic City wishing to take the Route 30 Bridge over Beach Thorofare to the mainland may take the Atlantic City Expressway westbound
- Take Exit 5 to Route 9/Northfield/Smithville

<u>Or</u>

- Take Route 40/Route 322/Black Horse Pike westbound
- Turn right onto Route 9/South New Road northbound, back to Route 30/Absecon Boulevard

The work is part of a \$19.6 million project that will rehabilitate the bridge to improve its safety and reliability. Structural repairs will be made to the movable bascule span. Mechanical equipment and electrical components will be upgraded to meet current standards and improve performance, while adding redundancy. The project includes extending the sidewalk across the Venice Lagoon to Grammercy Avenue, as well as improvements to barrier and warning gates, railings, and drainage. Construction is being done in stages to minimize the disruption to vehicular and marine traffic. Work will be suspended during the peak summer season with all three lanes of traffic open in each direction. This project is expected to be completed in spring 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 www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) @NewJerseyDOT or on the NJDOT Facebook page.

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