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## Baldwin Avenue in Jersey City to reopen before tomorrow's morning commute as Pulaski Skyway Contract 2 advances Reconstruction between Route 139 and Washburn Ave. completed early

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the reconstruction of a portion of Baldwin Avenue was completed ahead of schedule and will reopen before tomorrow's morning commute as Pulaski Contract 2 advances in Jersey City.

NJDOT's contractor, Schiavone Construction, will be working overnight tonight, Thursday, August 2, to reopen Baldwin Avenue between Route 139 and Washburn Avenue in time for the Friday morning commute. Baldwin Avenue has been closed and detoured since July 20 to fully excavate and reconstruct the roadway.

This work is part of the \$104 million Pulaski Contract 2, which will repair and improve the upper and lower levels of Route 139. Route 139 links the eastern end of the Pulaski Skyway to the Jersey City waterfront. During this contract, the deck on Route 139 upper level eastbound will be replaced, along with five cross street bridges from Palisade Avenue to Kennedy Boulevard. Contract 2, which is nearing completion, is part of the \$1 billion Pulaski Skyway rehabilitation project, which is being advanced through 10 separate construction contracts into the year 2020. The massive improvement project will extend the life of the Skyway by 75 years.

## **Community Outreach**

NJDOT created a project-specific website - <a href="www.pulaskiskyway.com">www.pulaskiskyway.com</a> - which contains a wealth of information about the Skyway and the project, and will be updated with relevant new information as work progresses. The Department is carefully coordinating the Pulaski Skyway project with other regional transportation infrastructure projects to minimize traffic congestion.

The Department has a project hotline telephone number, 973-776-7400, and email, <a href="mailto:Pulaski.Skyway@dot.nj.gov">Pulaski.Skyway@dot.nj.gov</a>. Anyone who has questions, concerns, or suggestions is encouraged to contact the Project Outreach Team as work progresses.

NJDOT will be using Variable Message Signs to provide advance notification to motorists of traffic pattern changes associated with the work. 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 <a href="https://www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="mailto:@NJDOT\_info">@NJDOT\_info</a> or on the <a href="https://www.512nj.org">NJDOT\_info</a> or on the <a href="https://www.512nj.org">N