



## NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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### **Route 7 eastbound ramp closure to Fish House Road required for utility work Long term detours necessary for Wittpenn Bridge replacement project**

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the closure of the Route 7 eastbound ramp to Fish House Road until further notice, as the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge replacement project advances between Kearny and Jersey City in Hudson County.

Beginning at 11 p.m. Saturday, March 3, NJDOT's contractor, George Harms Construction Co., is scheduled to close the Route 7 eastbound ramp to Fish House Road in Kearny. The long-term ramp closure is expected to remain in place until the new bridge is open for traffic. Motorists are advised to expect delays and plan accordingly. The following detours will be in place until further notice.

#### **Route 7 eastbound to Fish House Road detour**

- All motorists on Route 7 eastbound going to Fish House Road will be directed to continue over the Wittpenn Bridge
- Make a right immediately after the bridge onto the exit ramp for Newark Avenue
- Turn left at the first light onto Route 1&9T northbound
- Take exit for Route 7 westbound
- Continue back over the Wittpenn Bridge and take the exit ramp to Fish House Road

#### **Local South Kearny Alternate Route from NJ Turnpike Exit 15W to Jersey City**

- Motorists on the NJ Turnpike wishing to use Exit 15W for Jersey City and the Holland Tunnel, will be directed to **use Exit 15E** onto Routes 1&9 Truck northbound to Jersey City
- Continue on Routes 1&9 Truck northbound over the Hackensack River Bridge
- After the bridge, bear left and follow signs to Routes 1&9 Truck northbound
- At the traffic light, make a left onto Routes 1&9 Truck northbound
- Motorists will continue on Routes 1&9 Truck northbound towards Jersey City or Route 139 eastbound towards the Holland Tunnel

In November 2011, NJDOT began construction on the first contract of the [\\$480 million project](#), to completely replace the existing structurally deficient Route 7 Wittpenn Bridge

over the Hackensack River with a new, wider vertical lift bridge. Construction of the new bridge is being accomplished in [five separate contracts](#). The first two contracts that built the river piers, fender system and the east approach spans for the new vertical lift bridge have been completed. The third and fourth contracts of construction that will build the west approach spans, the Fish House Road Pump Station, advance utilities, embankment and the new vertical lift bridge span & towers are currently under construction. The new bridge is expected to be open to traffic in 2019.

Permanent and portable variable message signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the public of all 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 [www.511nj.org](http://www.511nj.org) for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NJDOT\\_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info).

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