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Route 7 lane closures this weekend for beam placement as the Wittpenn Bridge project advances One lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced one lane of Route 7 in each direction will be closed this weekend for the placement of steel beams as the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge project advances between Kearny and Jersey City in Hudson County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, May 22 until 6 a.m. Sunday, May 24, NJDOT's contractor Georges Harms Construction Co. Inc., will close one lane of Route 7 in each direction between east of CR 508 in Kearny and the existing Wittpenn Bridge. Route 7 westbound traffic will be diverted to the local access route. At least one lane will be maintained in each direction.

The lane closures are needed to erect steel beams over Route 7 and the railroad tracks to the west of Fish House Road. If work is completed earlier, the lanes will reopen sooner. During the actual setting of the girders, there will be eight 15-minute traffic stoppages in the eastbound direction only. Traffic will be cleared after each stoppage.

The Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge over the Hackensack River project is completely replacing the existing bridge, which is in poor condition, 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 early 2021 and overall project to be completed in 2022.

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 for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NJDOT_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info) or on the [NJDOT Facebook page](#).

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