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Route 35 Bridge over Perth Amboy Connector to be closed and detoured tonight in Perth Amboy Closures necessary for excavation work

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the Route 35 Bridge over the Perth Amboy Connector in Perth Amboy will be closed and detoured tonight, in Middlesex County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, July 22, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, July 23, NJDOT's contractor, Konkus, Corp., is scheduled to close and detour the Route 35 Bridge in both directions between Fayette Street and New Brunswick Avenue in Perth Amboy. This bridge is located just north of the Route 35 Victory Bridge over the Raritan River and goes over County Route 624/Perth Amboy Connector. The closure is necessary for excavation work. This is a continuation of work that began in April 2022. The following detour will be in place tonight:

Route 35 southbound detour:

- Motorists traveling southbound on Route 35 will be directed to turn right onto New Brunswick Avenue/ CR 616
- Turn left onto South Florida Grove Road
- Turn left onto CR 624/Perth Amboy Connector
- Turn right onto Hebert Street
- Turn right onto Fayette Street
- Turn left onto Route 35 southbound

Route 35 northbound detour:

- Motorists traveling northbound on Route 35 will be directed to turn right onto Fayette Street
- Turn left onto CR 624/Perth Amboy Connector
- Stay in the right lane and turn right onto South Florida Grove Road
- Turn right onto New Brunswick Avenue/CR 616
- Turn left onto Route 35 northbound

Route 35 was previously reduced to one lane in each direction with traffic shifted to the northbound side of the bridge to allow for the demolition and reconstruction of the southbound side of the bridge. This configuration is expected to remain in place until fall 2022. One lane will be maintained in each direction throughout construction.

The \$12 million federally-funded project will replace the bridge, which is in poor condition. Construction will take place in stages with the southbound side of the bridge reconstructed first.

Once that side of the bridge is completed, traffic will be shifted to the newly constructed southbound side of the bridge to allow construction of the northbound side. The project will also replace guiderail and fencing. The entire project is expected to be completed in the fall of 2022.

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 construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NewJerseyDOT and our Facebook page.

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