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## Route 1&9 southbound ramp to Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge and Route 1&9 Truck southbound to be closed tonight in Jersey City Detours necessary for final paving

**(Trenton)** – The ramp from Route 1&9 southbound/Tonnele Avenue to Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge and Route 1&9 Truck southbound in Jersey City is scheduled to be closed tonight for final paving as the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge project nears completion.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Wednesday, April 19 until 5:30 a.m. tomorrow, Thursday, April 20, the ramp from Route 1&9 southbound/Tonnele Avenue to Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge and Route 1&9 Truck southbound is scheduled to be closed with all traffic diverted to Tonnele Circle. The closure is necessary for final paving of the ramp to Route 7 westbound. The following detours will be in place:

## Route 1&9 southbound to Route 7 westbound and Route 1&9 Truck southbound detour:

- Traffic on Route 1&9 southbound/Tonnele Avenue will be directed to stay in the middle lane and follow signs for Tonnele Avenue/Jersey City
- Enter Tonnele Circle and take the Tonnele Avenue/Jersey Exit
- Turn right on St. Pauls Avenue westbound
- Go under the Pulaski Sky way and turn right onto the ramp to Route 7 westbound/Route
   1&9 Truck southbound

## **About the Project**

The Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge over the Hackensack River project replaced the existing bridge with a new, wider vertical lift bridge. The new bridge doubles the vertical clearance over Hackensack River from 35-feet to 70-feet, resulting in fewer openings and less congestion.

Construction of the new bridge is being accomplished in <u>five separate contracts</u>. The first three contracts have been completed and included advance utility work, and building the Fish House Road Pump Station, roadway embankments, river piers, fender system and a portion of the approach spans for the new vertical lift bridge. The fourth and fifth contracts are nearing completion.

Motorists are encouraged to check NJDOT's traffic information website  $\underline{\text{www.511nj.org}}$  for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter  $\underline{\text{@NewJerseyDOT}}$  or on the  $\underline{\text{NJDOT}}$  Facebook page.