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River Road Bridge to be closed and detoured tonight as a bridge replacement project advances in Piscataway, Middlesex County Overnight closures necessary to shift traffic onto newly constructed bridge

(Trenton) – The River Road Bridge over I-287 is scheduled to be closed and detoured tonight as the bridge replacement project advances in Piscataway, Middlesex County.

Beginning at 11 p.m. tonight, Friday, June 2 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, June 3, the bridge will be closed to implement a traffic shift. By tomorrow morning, there will be one lane of traffic in each direction on the newly constructed bridge. The following detours will be in place:

River Road northbound to I-287 northbound detour:

- Motorists on River Road northbound wishing to continue on River Road or I-287 northbound will be directed to take the ramp to I-287 southbound
- Take Exit 8 to Route 18/Centennial Avenue/Highland Park/Middlesex
- Turn left onto Centennial Avenue
- Turn left onto Possumtown Road
- Turn left to take the ramp to I-287 northbound

Motorists wishing to take River Road northbound:

• Take Exit 9 to River Road/Bound Brook/Highland Park back to River Road northbound

River Road southbound to I-287 southbound detour:

- Motorists on River Road southbound wishing to continue on River Road or I-287 southbound will be directed to take the ramp to I-287 northbound
- Take Exit 10 to CR 527/Easton Avenue/New Brunswick/South Bound Brook
- Stay left to take the ramp to CR 527 South/Easton Avenue/New Brunswick
- Continue on Easton Avenue/CR 527
- Take the ramp to I-287 southboound/Perth Amboy

Motorists wishing to take River Road southbound:

• Take Exit 9 to River Road/Bound Brook/Highland Park back to River Road southbound

The \$13.5 million federally-funded project will reconstruct the River Road Bridge over I-287, which is in poor condition. The bridge will be reconstructed with two lanes in each direction and six-foot sidewalks with pedestrian fencing. The project is designed to advance in stages to minimize the impact to motorists. The project is anticipated to be complete by winter 2024.

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 @NewJerseybot.com/www.seybot.com/www