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## Route 1&9/Tonnele Avenue lane closures Friday night as Hudson Tunnel project advances in North Bergen Closure necessary to shift traffic onto portion of new bridge for Gateway Project

**(Trenton)** – Route 1&9/Tonnele Avenue is scheduled to have a single lane closed in both directions to shift traffic on Friday night in North Bergen, Hudson County as part of the Gateway Program Hudson Tunnel Project.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, January 17 until 6 a.m., Saturday, January 18, a single lane on Route 1&9/Tonnele Avenue is scheduled to be closed in both directions between Route 3 and the Taco Bell in North Bergen. The closure is necessary to reposition construction barrier and restripe the road to shift Route 1&9 southbound traffic. One lane in each direction will be maintained overnight.

By 6 a.m. Saturday, January 18, two lanes in both directions will be restored with Route 1&9 southbound traffic shifted to the right onto the newly completed portion of the bridge over the railroad tracks. There will be a center work zone between southbound and northbound traffic. This configuration is expected to be in place for approximately six months. The new bridge over the new train tracks is being built in three stages. This is the completion of the first stage, which built the west side of the bridge. The middle portion of the bridge will be built next, with the east side being built in the third stage. The remaining work is expected to take approximately 12 months.

The work is part of the Hudson Tunnel Project as part of the Gateway Program that will replace and update rail infrastructure along a 10-mile stretch of the Northeast Corridor, including building a new two-track Hudson River rail tunnel between the Bergen Palisades in New Jersey to Manhattan. For more information about the Gateway Program, go to <a href="https://www.gatewayprogram.org">www.gatewayprogram.org</a>.

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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) <a href="@NewJerseyDOT">@NewJerseyDOT</a>, the <a href="NJDOT Facebook page">NJDOT Facebook page</a>, and on Instagram <a href="@newjersey.dot">@newjersey.dot</a>.