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Route 7 southbound lane closures and traffic shifts in both directions tonight for drainage project in Kearny Shifts necessary for electrical work

(Trenton) – Route 7 is scheduled to have lane closures and traffic shifts tonight for electrical work in two different sections as a Route 7 Drainage Improvement project advances in Kearny, Hudson County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Thursday, April 17 until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, April 18, Route 7 southbound is scheduled to be closed with traffic shifted onto the northbound side of the road for about a mile between the New Jersey Turnpike underpass and the railroad underpass. Northbound traffic will be shifted to the right shoulder and southbound traffic will use the northbound lane. The closures and traffic shifts are necessary for electrical conduit work.

In addition, at the same time, Route 7 traffic in both directions will be shifted toward the right shoulder for approximately 1,300 feet starting where traffic from CR 508 merges onto Route 7 northbound to approximately the railroad underpass. The traffic shifts are necessary to create a center work zone for electrical conduit work.

The work is part of the \$96 million federally funded Route 7 Kearny Drainage Improvements project that will address existing drainage deficiencies and mitigate flooding issues by raising the roadway profile where practical. In addition, a new drainage network will be installed including pipes, inlet structures, new outfalls, flood walls, and constructing three pump stations.

Portable variable message signs are being used to provide advance notification of 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 <u>www.511nj.org</u> for real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u>, on the <u>NJDOT</u> <u>Facebook page</u>, or Instagram <u>@NewJersey.DOT</u>.

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