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## Route 7 westbound lane closures necessary for emergency steel repairs to the Wittpenn Bridge

One lane of traffic in each direction being maintained on eastbound side

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced Route 7 westbound was closed with a single lane of traffic in each direction using the eastbound lanes to make emergency steel repairs to the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge between Kearny and Jersey City in Hudson County.

Beginning last Saturday, May 9, NJDOT's contractor IEW Construction Co., closed both lanes of Route 7 westbound just past the on ramp from Route 1&9 Truck in Jersey City with one lane of traffic in each direction being maintained on the eastbound side of the bridge. The closure is needed to make emergency steel beam repairs. Westbound traffic is shifted back to normal configuration on the Kearny side of the bridge before the ramp to Fish House Road. This closure and traffic configuration is expected to remain in place through Saturday, May 16. If work is completed earlier, the road will reopen sooner.

Permanent and portable variable message signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the public of all 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 <a href="www.511nj.org">www.511nj.org</a> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <a href="@NJDOT info">@NJDOT info</a> or on the NJDOT Facebook page.