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Route 1&9 Truck southbound to be closed this weekend to repair the Passaic River Bridge between Kearny & Newark Traffic to be detoured for structural repairs to the lift span

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced Route 1&9 Truck southbound will be closed and detoured between Newark and Kearny Friday this weekend as structural repairs to the bridge across the Passaic River continue. **Motorists can expect congestion and are advised to avoid the area.**

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, December 18 until 6 a.m. Monday, December 21, NJDOT's contractor IEW Construction, will close and detour Route 1&9 Truck southbound between Central Avenue in Kearny and Doremus Avenue in Newark to perform priority structural repairs to the lift span portion of the Bridge over the Passaic River. The primary detour route will utilize the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge.

Local access between Jersey City and Kearny will be maintained. NJ Transit Bus Routes 1, 67, and 319 will not be operating this weekend. Shuttle service will be offered. For more information see NJ Transit's advisory. The following detour will be in place:

Route 1&9 southbound from Jersey City detour:

- Traffic on Route 1&9 south in Jersey City will be directed to stay right and follow signs for Route 7 west/Wittpenn Bridge
- Cross the Wittpenn Bridge
- Stay left and follow signs for I-280/Harrison/Newark
- Take the exit ramp to I-280 westbound
- Take Exit 15 Route 21/Newark/Belleville
- Stay in the right two lanes and turn right onto Route 21 South/McCarter Highway
- Turn left onto Raymond Boulevard
- Merge onto Market Street
- Follow Market Street which merges onto Ferry Street
- Turn right onto Foundry Street
- Turn left onto Avenue P, which becomes Roanoke Avenue
- Turn left onto Doremus Avenue to Route 1&9 south or the New Jersey Turnpike

Route 1&9 Truck southbound from Kearny/Route 440 north/Communipaw Avenue detour:

 Traffic wishing to take Route 1&9 Truck south from Kearny, Communipaw Avenue, or Route 440 north will be directed to take Route 1&9 Truck north to Route 7/Wittpenn

- Trucks will be directed to take Route 1&9 Truck northbound toward Route 7
- Keep right and take the ramp to James Avenue.
- Turn right onto Saint Paul's Avenue
- Turn left after crossing the railroad tracks onto the ramp to Route 1&9 Truck southbound towards Route 7 westbound to Kearny/Bayonne/Newark
- Take the ramp to Route 7 westbound
- Cars will be directed to take Route 1&9 Truck northbound toward Route 7
- Keep right and take the ramp to James Avenue
- o Turn left onto Saint Paul's Avenue
- Turn left onto the ramp towards Route 1&9 Truck southbound towards Bayonne
- o Keep right and follow signs towards Route 7 westbound towards Kearny
- o Take the ramp towards Route 7 westbound
- All traffic will cross the Wittpenn Bridge
- Stay left and follow signs for I-280/Harrison/Newark
- Stay right to take the ramp to I-280 westbound
- Take Exit 15 Route 21/Newark/Belleville
- Stay in the right two lanes and turn right onto Route 21 South/McCarter Highway
- Turn left onto Raymond Boulevard
- Merge onto Market Street
- Follow Market Street which merges onto Ferry Street

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 @NJDOT info and our Facebook page

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