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Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge overnight lane closures in both directions this week in Hudson County Closure necessary for deck sealing

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced overnight lane closures for deck sealing on Route 7 in both directions over the Wittpenn Bridge between Jersey City and Kearny in Hudson County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Monday, June 3, until 6 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, June 4, the left lane on Route 7 eastbound is scheduled to be closed before the Wittpenn Bridge for concrete deck sealing work. This is a continuation of work that began on Friday, May 31. At least one lane will be maintained overnight.

In addition, beginning at 9 p.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, June 4, until 6 a.m. Wednesday, June 5, and continuing Wednesday, June 5 and Thursday, June 6 at the same time, Route 7 westbound is scheduled to have a single lane closed before the Wittpenn Bridge for concrete deck sealing work. Construction is expected to begin in the right lane and will then shift to the left lane as work progresses. At least one lane will be maintained overnight.

The work is part of Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge over the Hackensack River project that replaced the existing bridge with a new, wider vertical lift bridge. The new bridge doubles the vertical clearance over Hackensack River from 35-feet to 70-feet, resulting in fewer openings and less congestion.

Construction of the new bridge was accomplished in <u>five separate contracts</u>. Four contracts have been completed and included advance utility work, and building the Fish House Road Pump Station, roadway embankments, river piers, fender system and a portion of the approach spans for the new vertical lift bridge. The final contract is nearing completion.

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 real-time travel information, and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) @NewJerseyDOT or on the NJDOT Facebook page.