



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Route 7 westbound weekend lane closure required for Wittpenn Bridge Project Traffic shift necessary as construction advances

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a weekend lane closure of Route 7 westbound in South Kearny, as the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge replacement project advances in Hudson County.

Beginning tonight at 10 p.m. Friday, September 15, until 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 16, NJDOT's contractor, George Harms Construction, Co., will close the left lane of Route 7 westbound to restripe and install construction barriers just west of the Wittpenn Bridge. The weekend traffic shift work will narrow Route 7 westbound and move the traffic to the right side of the roadway allowing for the removal of an existing median barrier separating Route 7 westbound from Route 7 eastbound.

Once the median barrier removal work is completed on Route 7 westbound, a similar traffic shift is expected to be put in place next weekend on Route 7 eastbound. Motorists are advised to expect delays and plan accordingly.

In November 2011, NJDOT began construction on the first contract of the [\\$480 million project](#), to completely replace the existing structurally deficient Route 7 Wittpenn Bridge over the Hackensack River with a new, wider vertical lift bridge. Construction of the new bridge is being accomplished in [five separate contracts](#).

The first two contracts that built the river piers, fender system and the east approach spans for the new vertical lift bridge have been completed. The third and fourth contracts of construction that will build the west approach spans, the Fish House Road Pump Station, advance utilities, embankment and the new vertical lift bridge span & towers are currently under construction. The new bridge is expected to be open to traffic in 2019.

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 www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter [@NJDOT_info](https://twitter.com/NJDOT_info).

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