



NJDOT TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Fish House Road northbound closed this weekend as the Wittpenn Bridge project advances in Kearny Southbound traffic will be maintained

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced Fish House Road northbound in Kearny will be closed and detoured this weekend for water main work as the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge project advances between Kearny and Jersey City in Hudson County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Friday, July 24, until 5 a.m. Sunday, July 26, NJDOT's contractor Georges Harms Construction Co. Inc., will close and detour Fish House Road northbound, which leads to Route 7 westbound, to install a 36-inch water main. Southbound traffic will be maintained with flaggers. The following detour will be in place:

Fish House Road northbound detour:

- Motorists on Route 1&9 Truck wishing to take Central Avenue to Pennsylvania Ave to Fish House Road northbound to Route 7 westbound will be directed to continue on Route 1&9 Truck northbound
- Turn left at the intersection with Route 440 and Communipaw Avenue to stay on Route 1&9 Truck northbound
- Follow Route 1&9 Truck northbound to Route 7

The Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge over the Hackensack River project is completely replacing the existing bridge, which is in poor condition, 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 early 2021 and overall project to be completed in 2022.

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

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