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Route 440 ramps to Route 9 and Garden State Parkway southbound to be closed starting Saturday night Detours will be in place for several weeks for bridge repairs

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the closure of the Route 440 south ramp to Route 9 south/Riverside Drive and the Garden State Parkway south as the Route 440 Bridge over Route 9 and Garden State Parkway (GSP) project advances in Woodbridge, Middlesex County.

Beginning at 11 p.m., Saturday, November 9, NJDOT's contractor, Ritacco Construction, Inc., will close and detour the Route 440 southbound ramp to Route 9/Garden State Parkway southbound to repair bearings underneath the bridge. Additionally, the acceleration lane from the ramp onto the Garden State Parkway will be closed. The closures are expected to last for approximately two weeks. There are two signed detours that will be in place – one in advance of the ramp closure and one after the closure:

Detour before ramp closure:

Route 440 southbound ramp to Route 9/Garden State Parkway south Detour:

- Motorists on Route 440 southbound will be directed to take the Pfeiffer Boulevard/ Route 184 west/Route 35 south exit
- Keep right and continue on Pfeiffer Boulevard/Route 184 west as it becomes West Pond Road/Route 184 west
- Make a right at the traffic light onto King Georges Road for Route 9 southbound
- Continue on King Georges Road to merge onto Route 9 southbound
- Keep left on Route 9 southbound for the Garden State Parkway southbound exit

Detours after ramp closure:

Route 440 southbound ramp to Route 9 south Detour:

- Motorists on Route 440 southbound will be directed to continue on Route 440
- Keep right where the highway splits
- Stay in the left two lanes and follow signs for CR514 west/NJ Turnpike
- Take the left exit for CR514 west/Raritan Center
- Continue on CR514/Woodbridge Avenue west and take the exit for Raritan Center
- Stay right and follow the sign for Fieldcrest Avenue/Raritan Plaza
- Turn right at the traffic signal onto Fieldcrest Avenue
- Turn right at the traffic signal to take the ramp onto CR514/Woodbridge Avenue east
- Take the ramp to Rt 440 north to Route 9/GSP Perth Amboy/Staten Island
- Take the exit for Route 9 south

Route 440 southbound ramp to Route 9/Garden State Parkway south Detour:

- Motorists on Route 440 southbound will be directed to continue on Route 440
- Keep right where the highway splits
- Stay in the left two lanes and follow signs for CR514 west/NJ Turnpike
- Take the left exit for CR514 west/Raritan Center
- Continue on CR514/Woodbridge Avenue west and take the exit for Raritan Center
- Stay right and follow the sign for Fieldcrest Avenue/Raritan Plaza
- Turn right at the traffic signal onto Fieldcrest Avenue
- Turn right at the traffic signal to take the ramp onto CR514/Woodbridge Avenue east
- Take the ramp to Rt 440 north to Route 9/GSP Perth Amboy/Staten Island
- Take the exit for the Garden State Parkway south

The \$14 million federally-funded Route 440 Bridges over Route 9/Garden State Parkway project, started in May 2017. The replacement of the five-span bridge deck, approach slabs, guiderails, parapets, and repair of the substructure is complete. The final work remaining is replacing the bridge bearings. The project is expected to be completed by the end of fall 2019.

Construction signing will be utilized to direct motorists of all traffic pattern changes associated with this bridge deck replacement 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 <u>www.511nj.org</u> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NJDOT info</u>.

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