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Route 202/Route 23 ramp and lane closures required for Old Newark Pompton Turnpike/CR 683 Bridge project in Wayne

Overnight ramp closures will continue through next week

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced several overnight ramp and lane closures on Route 202/Route 23 as the Old Newark Pompton Turnpike/CR 683 Bridge over Route 202/Route 23 rehabilitation project advances in Wayne, Passaic County.

Tonight, Friday, November 15

Beginning at 9 p.m., tonight, Friday November 15, until 6 a.m. tomorrow morning, NJDOT's contractor, Ritacco Construction, Inc., will close the ramp from Old Newark Pompton Turnpike/CR 683 westbound to Route 202/Route 23 southbound and the right lane on Route 202/Route 23 southbound to install shielding to protect traffic while the westbound side of the bridge is demolished overhead. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on Route 202/Route 23 southbound. The following signed detour will be in place:

Old Newark Pompton Turnpike/CR 683 westbound to Route 202/Route 23 southbound detour:

- Motorists wishing to take Old Newark Pompton Turnpike/CR 683 westbound to Route 202/Route 23 southbound will be directed to continue on Old Newark Pompton Turnpike/CR 683 westbound
- Turn right onto Packanack Lake Road
- Turn right onto Route 202/Route 23 southbound

Monday, November 18

Beginning at 9 p.m., Monday, November 18, until 6 a.m. Tuesday morning, November 19, the two left lanes on Route 202/Route 23 southbound will be closed to complete shielding over the southbound roadway and traffic will be shifted to the right. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained at all times.

Tuesday, November 19

Beginning at 9 p.m. Tuesday, November 19, until 6 a.m. Wednesday morning, November 20, the ramp from Old Newark Pompton Turnpike/CR 683 eastbound to Route 202/Route 23 northbound and the right lane on Route 202/Route 23 will be closed to begin shielding installation over the northbound roadway. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on Route 202/Route 23 northbound. The following signed detour will be in place:

- Motorists wishing to take Old Newark Pompton Turnpike/CR 683 eastbound to Route 202/Route 23 northbound will be directed to take the ramp to Route 202/Route 23 southbound
- Keep right and take the ramp to Alps Road
- Turn left onto Alps Road
- Take the ramp onto Route 202/Route 23 northbound

Wednesday, November 20

Beginning at 9 p.m., Wednesday, November 20, until 6 a.m. Thursday morning, November 21, the two left lanes on Route 202/Route 23 northbound will be closed to complete shielding over the northbound roadway and traffic will be shifted to the right. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained at all times.

Traffic on Old Newark Pompton Turnpike/CR 683 was shifted last week onto the newly-reconstructed eastbound side of the bridge to prepare for demolition and reconstruction on the westbound side. One lane of traffic is being maintained in each direction on the bridge at all times. This phase of construction is anticipated to be complete by Spring 2020.

The \$6.4 million federally-funded Old Newark Pompton Turnpike/CR 683 Bridge over Route 202/Route 23 project includes bridge deck replacement and steel repairs. The project will increase the vertical under clearance of the bridge by 6 inches, and create two 12-foot lanes in each direction and with a three-foot shoulder on both sides. In addition, the new bridge will have a four-foot wide concrete island, as well as a five-foot sidewalk on both sides of the roadway.

Portable variable message signs are being utilized to provide advance notification to the motoring 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 <u>www.511nj.org</u> for realtime travel information and for NJDOT news and updates follow us on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u> or on Twitter <u>@NJDOT info</u>.

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