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I-80 eastbound traffic shift on Bridges over Rockaway River as replacement project advances in Morris County Lane closures necessary Friday night to set up traffic shift

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a traffic shift on I-80 eastbound as the I-80 Bridges over Rockaway River replacement project advances in Roxbury, Jefferson, and Rockaway, Morris County.

Beginning at 8 p.m., Friday, December 6, NJDOT's contractor IEW Construction Group, Inc., is scheduled to close the left lane of I-80 eastbound in the vicinity of the bridge and shift traffic onto a newly-constructed temporary roadway located between the eastbound and westbound spans. At 10 p.m., the center lane on I-80 eastbound will be closed and shifted. Crews will be working overnight to install construction barrier and complete roadway striping necessary for the traffic shift.

By 6 a.m., tomorrow morning, Saturday, December 7, all three eastbound lanes will be shifted onto the temporary bridge to allow for demolition and reconstruction of the eastbound span. This traffic pattern is anticipated to be in place until Summer 2020.

The \$20.8 million federally-funded project will replace both eastbound and westbound spans, which are in poor condition. In addition, the existing guiderail will be brought up to current standards. The project was designed to advance in stages to minimize impact on motorists, beginning with the eastbound span. Construction of both bridges is expected to be completed by the end of 2021.

Variable Message Signs will provide advance notification to motorists of 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 real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NJDOT info</u> and on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>.

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