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Route 47 traffic shift required as Route 47 Bridge over I-295 replacement project nears completion in Gloucester

I-295 southbound Exit 25B to remain closed for another month

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced daytime lane closures with alternating traffic on Route 47 as the Bridge over I-295 replacement project nears completion in Deptford, Gloucester County.

Beginning at 9 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, January 16, NJDOT's contractor, South State, is scheduled to close one lane on the Route 47 Bridge over I-295 and set up alternating traffic to facilitate a traffic shift. In addition, the ramp from I-295 southbound to Route 47 southbound will be closed temporarily while alternating traffic is in effect. The following signed detour will be in place until approximately 3 p.m.:

I-295 southbound Exit 25A to Route 47 southbound detour:

(Wednesday, January 16 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

- Motorists on I-295 southbound wishing to take Exit 25A to Route 47 southbound will be directed to take Exit 24B/CR 551 (Westville/Woodbury Heights)
- Bear left onto CR 551 South/Woodbury Heights
- Continue on CR 551 South which becomes North Evergreen Avenue
- Turn left onto CR 642/Red Bank Avenue, which becomes Tacoma Avenue to Route 47

By 3 p.m., traffic on the bridge will be shifted into the final configuration, with one lane open in each direction. The I-295 southbound Exit 25A ramp to Route 47 southbound will reopen.

The I-295 southbound Exit 25B ramp to Route 47 northbound will remain closed to allow for overhead sign installation. The following detour will remain in place for approximately one month:

I-295 southbound Exit 25B to Route 47 northbound detour:

(Will remain in place for approximately one month)

- Motorists on I-295 southbound wishing to take Exit 25B to Route 47 northbound will be directed to take Exit 24B to CR 551/Broadway (Westville/Woodbury Heights)
- Keep right at the fork onto CR 551 north/Broadway toward Westville
- Continue on CR 551 north which becomes Broadway
- Turn left onto Route 47 northbound

The \$7.7 million federally-funded project will replaced the existing concrete bridge deck, parapets and superstructure, which were in poor condition. It also increased the vertical clearance of the bridge up from 14 feet 4 inches, to meet current standards of 16 feet 6 inches.

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 www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news and updates follow us on the NJDOT Facebook page or on Twitter @NJDOT_info.

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