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Route 9 southbound lane closures as Bridge over Route 440 ramp deck replacement project advances One lane to be closed and traffic shifted left overnight

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced overnight lane closures and a traffic shift on Route 9 southbound as the Route 9 southbound Bridge over the Route 440 ramp project advances in Woodbridge.

Beginning at 11 p.m. tonight, Friday, March 13, NJDOT's contractor, Rencor, Inc., will close one lane on the Route 9 southbound Bridge over the Route 440 westbound exit ramp to Route 9 southbound. The overnight closure is necessary to install construction barrier in the right lane, creating a work zone to demolish and reconstruct the right side of the bridge. At least one lane will be maintained overnight while work is taking place.

By 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, March 14, traffic will be shifted onto the newlyreconstructed left side of the Bridge, with two lanes of traffic open utilizing the left and center lanes. This configuration will remain in place until fall 2020.

The \$4.1 million federally-funded Route 9 southbound Bridge over Route 440 Ramp project will replace the existing bridge deck and demolish and reconstruct the abutment walls and bearing pedestals. Minor steel repairs and guiderail improvements also will be completed as part of the work.

The existing structure was built in 1972 and carries three lanes of traffic with a right shoulder. The bridge deck is in poor condition and most of the bearings are showing signs of corrosion. The project will advance in stages and two lanes of traffic will be maintained throughout construction. The project is expected to be completed in fall 2020.

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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