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Route 1&9 Truck to be closed in both directions this weekend to repair the Passaic River Bridge between Kearny & Newark Traffic to be detoured for structural repairs to the lift span

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today are reminding motorists that Route 1&9 Truck will be closed in both directions between Newark and Kearny this weekend and next weekend as structural repairs to the bridge across the Passaic River continue. This is the second of three weekend closures scheduled to make repairs. **Motorists can expect congestion and are advised to avoid the area.**

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Friday, March 20 until 5 a.m. Monday, March 23, NJDOT's contractor IEW Construction, will close and detour Route 1&9 Truck in both directions between Central Avenue in Kearny and Doremus Avenue in Newark to make structural repairs to the lift span portion of the Bridge over the Passaic River. The primary detour route will utilize the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge. This closure with these detours will be in place this weekend and next weekend – Friday, March 20 through Monday, March 23 and Friday, March 27 through Monday, March 30.

Local access between Jersey City and Kearny will be maintained. NJ Transit Bus Routes 1, 67, and 319 will not be operating for any of the three weekends. Shuttle service will be offered. For more information see NJ Transit's advisory. The following detours will be in place:

Route 1&9 Truck northbound from Newark:

- Traffic Route 1&9 Truck north will be directed to take the Doremus Avenue exit
- Turn left onto Doremus Avenue north
- Stay right and follow signs for Route 1&9 Truck South/Raymond Boulevard
- Stay right and take the exit for Raymond Boulevard
- Turn right Route 21 north/McCarter Highway
- Take the exit to I-280 eastbound
- Stay in the right lane cross Route 21, and follow signs for I-280 eastbound
- Follow I-280 eastbound and take Exit 17A CR508/Newark-Jersey City Turnpike
- Follow CR508 eastbound, which becomes Route 7 eastbound
- Take Route 7 eastbound across the Wittpenn Bridge to Route 1&9 Truck

Route 1&9 southbound from Jersey City detour:

- Traffic on Route 1&9 south in Jersey City will be directed to stay right and follow signs for Route 7 west/Wittpenn Bridge
- Cross the Wittpenn Bridge
- Stay left and follow signs for I-280/Harrison/Newark
- Take the exit ramp to I-280 westbound
- Take Exit 15 Route 21/Newark/Belleville

- Stay in the right two lanes and turn right onto Route 21 South/McCarter Highway
- Turn left onto Raymond Boulevard
- Merge onto Market Street
- Follow Market Street which merges onto Ferry Street
- Turn right onto Foundry Street
- Turn left onto Avenue P, which becomes Roanoke Avenue
- Turn left onto Doremus Avenue to Route 1&9 south or the New Jersey Turnpike

Route 1&9 Truck southbound from Kearny/Route 440 north/Communipaw Avenue detour:

- Traffic wishing to take Route 1&9 Truck south from Kearny, Communipaw Avenue, or Route 440 north will be directed to take Route 1&9 Truck north to Route 7/Wittpenn
 - o **Trucks** will be directed to take Route 1&9 Truck northbound toward Route 7
 - Keep right and take the ramp to James Avenue.
 - o Turn right onto Saint Paul's Avenue
 - Turn left after crossing the railroad tracks onto the ramp to Route 1&9 Truck southbound towards Route 7 westbound to Kearny/Bayonne/Newark
 - o Take the ramp to Route 7 westbound
 - Cars will be directed to take Route 1&9 Truck northbound toward Route 7
 - o Keep right and take the ramp to James Avenue
 - Turn left onto Saint Paul's Avenue
 - o Turn left onto the ramp towards Route 1&9 Truck southbound towards Bayonne
 - o Keep right and follow signs towards Route 7 westbound towards Kearny
 - o Take the ramp towards Route 7 westbound
- All traffic cross the Wittpenn Bridge
- Stay left and follow signs for I-280/Harrison/Newark
- Stay right to take the ramp to I-280 westbound
- Take Exit 15 Route 21/Newark/Belleville
- Stay in the right two lanes and turn right onto Route 21 South/McCarter Highway
- Turn left onto Raymond Boulevard
- Merge onto Market Street
- Follow Market Street which merges onto Ferry Street

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 construction updates and real-time travel information. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NJDOT info and our Facebook page

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