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## **Route 35 Bridge over Ashley Avenue project completed in Brielle** Traffic restored to its original configuration with two lanes in each direction

**(Trenton)** - New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the completion of final paving and restoration of the original traffic pattern on the Route 35 Bridge over Ashely Avenue as the bridge replacement project nears completion in Brielle, Monmouth County.

On Thursday, April 2, NJDOT's contractor Ritacco Construction, Inc., shifted northbound and southbound Route 35 traffic from the right lanes into the newly-repaved left lanes to complete final paving and roadway striping. By the end of the day, the right lanes and shoulders were reopened and traffic was restored to its original configuration with two lanes. Daytime lane closures may be required in the coming weeks for sign installation or removal.

The \$6.8 million dollar federally-funded project replaced the girders, deck, parapets, and sidewalk, which were in poor condition. Other improvements were made to the superstructure, substructure, lighting, and approaches to the bridge.

Advance warning and variable messaging 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 real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter <u>@NJDOT info</u> or on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>.

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