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Route 9 to be closed and detoured as the Jobs Creek Bridge replacement project advances in Burlington County Closure to be in place Friday morning into Saturday

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced Route 9 will be closed in both directions beginning on Friday as the Bridge over Jobs Creek replacement project advances in Bass River, Burlington County.

Beginning at 7 a.m., tomorrow, Friday, April 10, until approximately 9 a.m. Saturday, April 11, NJDOT's contractor, PKF Mark III, is scheduled to close and detour Route 9 in both directions between East Greenbush Road and Munion Field Road to pour concrete bridge approach slabs at the Bridge over Jobs Creek. The closure is necessary to give the concrete time to properly cure. Emergency vehicles will still have access to cross the bridge if necessary. The following detours will be in place:

Route 9 northbound detour:

- Motorists on Route 9 northbound will be directed to turn left onto East Greenbush Road
- Turn right onto Stage Road
- Turn right onto Otis Bog Road back to Route 9

Route 9 southbound detour:

- Motorists on Route 9 southbound will be directed to turn right onto Otis Bog Road, <u>which is</u> <u>about 3 miles before the bridge</u>
- Turn left onto Stage Road
- Turn left onto East Greenbush Road back to Route 9

The \$6.2 million federally-funded project is replacing the piles, abutment, beam, deck, parapets, and other improvements to the superstructure, substructure and approaches to the bridge that was in poor condition. Construction will occur in stages, allowing for traffic to be maintained with minimal impact. The new bridge will have wider 12-foot lanes and an eight-foot wide shoulder in each direction. In addition, a section of the roadway curve will be realigned to enhance safety. The project is expected to be complete by summer 2020.

Portable variable message signs are being utilized throughout the project limits to provide advance notification to motorists of all traffic pattern changes associated with the bridge replacement. Throughout the project, NJDOT will provide information before upcoming road closures.

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</u> <u>page</u>.

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