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Route 42 northbound lane closures tonight as Bridges over Timber Creek project advances Closures necessary for traffic shift onto new northbound bridge

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced overnight lane closures to shift Route 42 northbound traffic onto the newly built bridge as the Bridges over Timber Creek and Lower Landing Road project advances between Gloucester, Camden County and Deptford, Gloucester County.

Beginning at 9 p.m. tonight, Friday, July 24, NJDOT's contractor, Richard E. Pierson Construction Company, is scheduled to close the left and center lanes on Route 42 northbound in the vicinity of the Bridges over Timber Creek. One lane of northbound traffic will be maintained in the temporary roadway between the two bridges. This closure will allow the contractor to install construction barrier to prepare for a traffic shift.

By 5 a.m. the next day, Saturday, July 25, the temporary roadway between the two bridges will be closed and all northbound traffic will be shifted back onto the newly reconstructed bridge, with three lanes of traffic maintained. This shift will allow the contractor to dismantle the temporary roadway and continue work in the median.

The \$9.6 million federally-funded project, which began in September 2017, will demolish and replace the two bridge deck spans on the Route 42 Bridges over Timber Creek and Lower Landing Road and make repairs to the piers and abutments. The project has been designed in stages with the bridge deck replaced one side at a time to reduce the impact to motorists. The project is anticipated to be complete by 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 construction updates and 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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