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Newark-Jersey City Turnpike/CR 508 ramp to I-280 westbound overnight traffic shift in Hudson County Bridge deck repair project advances in Kearny

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a traffic shift on the Newark-Jersey City Turnpike/CR 508 ramp to I-280 westbound tomorrow night as an Ultra-High Performance Concrete (UHPC) bridge deck repair and pavement overlay project advances in Kearny, Hudson County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tomorrow tonight, Friday, October 2 until 6 a.m., the next day, NJDOT's contractor, Joseph M. Sanzari is scheduled to shift traffic on the Newark-Jersey City Turnpike/CR 508 ramp to I-280 westbound to the newly constructed right lane and establish a work zone on the left side of the ramp. The shift will be done using a traffic control truck to slow down traffic and move the barricade from the right lane to the left lane. Once the shift is in place, work will begin on the left side of the ramp to remove and replace the existing deck surface. The work is expected to be completed this fall.

The \$2.7 million state-funded Ultra High Performance Concrete (UHPC) project is part of a pilot program that is testing the effectiveness of using UHPC as a bridge deck overlay to increase deck service life, enhance structural capacity, and reduce future maintenance. While UHPC is currently being used for joint repairs and other maintenance, this is the first time UHPC is being used as a bridge deck overlay in New Jersey. This contract will perform deck and joint repairs in addition to the application and performance evaluation of the UHPC as a thin-bonded overlay on existing bridge decks.

The pilot program is being carried out in two contracts. This first contract began on August 24 and will resurface the <u>I-295/Route 130 northbound bridge deck over Mantua Creek</u> in West Deptford, Gloucester County. This contract will resurface bridge decks on the following three structures:

- Newark-Jersey City Turnpike/CR 508 ramp to I-280 westbound in Kearny, Hudson County
- Route 57 Over Hances Brook in Mansfield, Warren County
- Route 159 over Passaic River in Montville, Morris County

Variable Message Signs are being used to provide advance notification to motorists 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 www.511nj.org for construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NJDOT info or on the NJDOT Facebook page.