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Route 202/Route 23 overnight lane closures as Old Newark Pompton Turnpike bridge project advances in Wayne Southbound left lane will reopen Saturday following bridge pier repairs

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced overnight lane closures and a traffic shift on Route 202/Route 23 southbound as the Old Newark Pompton Turnpike/CR 683 bridge rehabilitation project advances in Wayne, Passaic County.

Beginning at 8 p.m. tonight, Friday, November 20, NJDOT's contractor, Ritacco Construction, Inc., is scheduled to close one lane on Route 202/Route 23 southbound near the Old Newark Pompton Turnpike/CR 683 Bridge over Route 202/Route 23. This closure will allow the contractor to remove construction barrier to prepare for a traffic shift. At least one lane of traffic will be maintained overnight.

By 6 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, November 21, the left lane will reopen and traffic will be shifted back to its original configuration with three southbound lanes open. The left lane has been closed for several months to allow the contractor to repair the center pier on the Old Newark Pompton Turnpike/CR 683 Bridge. Traffic was shifted back to its original configuration on Route 202/Route 23 northbound last weekend, with three lanes of traffic open.

The \$6.4 million federally-funded Old Newark Pompton Turnpike/CR 683 Bridge over Route 202/Route 23 project includes bridge deck replacement and steel repairs. The project will increase the vertical under clearance of the bridge by 6 inches, and create two 12-foot lanes in each direction with a three-foot shoulder on both sides. In addition, the new bridge will have a four-foot wide concrete island, as well as a five-foot sidewalk on both sides of the roadway. The project is anticipated to be complete by Spring 2021.

Portable Variable Message 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 www.511nj.org for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news and updates follow us on the NJDOT Facebook page or on Twitter www.NJDOT info.