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## Route 37 westbound/Tunney Bridge to have daytime lane closures next week for bridge deck repairs At least two lanes will be maintained during the day

**(Trenton)** – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the Route 37 westbound/Tunney Bridge is scheduled to be closed next week for bridge deck repairs in Ocean County.

Beginning at 7 a.m. Monday, October 18 and continuing until 5 p.m. Thursday, October 21, NJDOT's contractor PKF Mark III, will close one lane on Route 37 westbound/Tunney Bridge between Sunset Drive and Douglas Avenue in Toms River for bridge deck and joint repairs. At least two lanes of traffic will be maintained. The work is expected to take several weeks with work starting on the right lane and then moving to the left and center lanes.

The westbound Tunney Bridge and eastbound Mathis Bridge are a pair of bridges carrying Route 37 over Barnegat Bay between Toms River and Seaside Heights. The work is part of a \$9.6 million federallyfunded preventative bridge maintenance contract that will make repairs to 11 bridges to improve safety and extend the useful life of the bridges.

NJDOT will be using Variable Message Signs to provide advance notification to motorists of 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>@NewJerseyDOT</u> and on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>.

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