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Route 30 over Beach Thorofare Bridge lane closures as rehabilitation project begins in Atlantic County Left lane to be closed in both directions for first phase of the project

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced lane closures beginning tonight on the Route 30 over Beach Thorofare/Absecon Boulevard Bridge as a bridge replacement project begins in Atlantic City, Atlantic County.

Beginning at 8 p.m., tonight, Monday, November 15, until 5 a.m., tomorrow, Tuesday, November 16, NJDOT's contractor, PKF Mark III, Inc., is scheduled to close two lanes in each direction on Route 30/Absecon Boulevard to install construction barrier for the start of a project to rehabilitate the bridge and lift span over Beach Thorofare Bridge. One lane will be maintained overnight. By tomorrow morning, the left lane in each direction will be closed with a center work zone. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained. This configuration will be in place until the end of the year.

The work is part of a \$19.6 million project that will rehabilitate the bridge to improve its safety and reliability. Structural repairs will be made to the movable bascule span. Mechanical equipment and electrical components will be upgraded to meet current standards and improve performance, while adding redundancy. The project includes extended the sidewalk across the Venice Lagoon to Grammercy Avenue, as well as improvements to barrier and warning gates, railings, and drainage. Route 30 is an evacuation route for Atlantic City and a major access, vital to the city's economy.

Construction is being done in stages to minimize the disruption to vehicular and marine traffic. Work will be suspended during the peak summer season with all three lanes of traffic open in each direction.

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 follow us on Twitter @NewJerseyDOT or on the NJDOT Facebook page.