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River Road/CR 622 southbound to be closed as the bridge over I-287 replacement project advances in Piscataway Two-way traffic to be maintained on northbound side of road

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced a long-term closure of River Road/CR 622 southbound starting tonight as the River Road/CR 622 Bridge over I-287 replacement project advances in Piscataway, Middlesex County.

Beginning at 11 p.m. tonight, Friday, December 3, NJDOT's contractor, Ritacco Construction, Inc., is scheduled to close River Road/CR 622 southbound between Haywood Avenue to just past the River Road southbound ramp to I-287 southbound. One lane of southbound traffic will be shifted to the northbound side of the road to allow for the demolition and reconstruction of the southbound side of the bridge.

While the traffic shift is being established, the ramps from River Road/CR 622 southbound to I-287 southbound and to I-287 northbound will be closed and detoured from 11 p.m. tonight, Friday, December 3 until 5 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, December 4. Motorists are advised to follow the signed detours which will be in place.

By 5 a.m. Saturday, December 4, River Road/CR 622 southbound traffic will be shifted onto the northbound side of the road with one lane of traffic maintained in each direction. The River Road/CR 622 southbound ramps to I-287 southbound and northbound will also be reopened. This traffic pattern is anticipated to remain in place until summer 2022.

The \$13.5 million federally-funded project will reconstruct the River Road/CR 622 Bridge over I-287, which is in poor condition. The bridge will be reconstructed with two lanes in each direction and six-foot sidewalks with pedestrian fencing. The project is designed to advance in stages to minimize the impact to motorists. The project is expected to be complete by winter 2024.

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. For NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NewJerseyDOT and our Facebook page.