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Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge to be closed this weekend Closure necessary for demolition of old bridge & testing new bridge

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced a full closure of the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge between Jersey City and Kearny for demolition of the old bridge lift span and to test the new bridge lift span.

Beginning at 4 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, January 8 until 11 p.m. Sunday, January 9, NJDOT's contractors CCA Construction and Georges Harms Inc., are scheduled to close and detour Route 7 in both directions before the Wittpenn Bridge for demolition of the lift span on the old bridge and to allow testing of the lift span on the new bridge. The following detours will be in place:

Route 7 eastbound detour:

- Route 7 eastbound traffic will be directed to take the exit to Fish House Road southbound
- Fish House Road becomes Pennsylvania Avenue
- Turn left onto Central Avenue
- Take the ramp to Route 1&9 Truck north
- Bear left at the traffic signal at Communipaw Avenue to stay on Route 1&9 Truck
- Follow Route 1&9 Truck to Route 1&9

Route 1&9 Southbound to Route 7 westbound detour:

- Route 1&9 southbound traffic wishing to take Route 7 westbound over the Wittpenn Bridge will be directed to take the exit for Route 1&9 Truck southbound (also known as Charlotte Circle)
- Follow Route 1&9 Truck southbound across the Bridge over the Hackensack River
- Turn right onto Central Avenue north
- Turn right onto Pennsylvania Avenue, which becomes Fish House Road
- Follow Fish House Road to Route 7 westbound

About the Project

The Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge over the Hackensack River project is replacing the existing bridge with a new, wider vertical lift bridge. The new bridge doubles the vertical clearance over Hackensack River from 35-feet to 70-feet, resulting in fewer openings and less congestion.

Construction of the new bridge is being accomplished in [five separate contracts](#). The first three contracts have been completed and included advance utility work, and building the Fish House

Road Pump Station, roadway embankments, river piers, fender system and a portion of the approach spans for the new vertical lift bridge. The fourth and fifth contracts are currently under construction and will complete the approach spans, the Fish House Road flyover ramps, new roadways, and the new vertical lift bridge span and towers.

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