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Gordon Street Bridge to be closed between Route 28/Westfield Avenue and West 1St Avenue in Roselle Park Route 28 westbound jughandle to remain open for U-turns

(Trenton) – New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) officials today announced the Gordon Street Bridge between Route 28/Westfield Avenue and West 1st Avenue is scheduled to be closed next week in Roselle Park, Union County.

Beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, March 21, Union County's contractor, Railroad Construction Company, is scheduled to close and detour the Gordon Street Bridge between Route 28/Westfield Avenue and West 1st Avenue in Roselle Park. In addition, the shoulder on Route 28 in both directions will be closed. **The jughandle from Route 28/Westfield Avenue westbound will remain open to allow U-turns**. The following detours will be in place:

Route 28/Westfield Avenue westbound to Gordon Street detour:

- Traffic on Route 28/Westfield Avenue westbound wishing to take the Gordon Street Bridge to West 1st Avenue will be directed to turn left on Linden Street, <u>which is approximately 1.5 miles before Gordon Street.</u>
- Turn right onto West 1st Avenue

Route 28/Westfield Avenue eastbound to Gordon Street detour:

- Traffic on Route 28/Westfield Avenue eastbound wishing to take the Gordon Street Bridge to West 1st Avenue will be directed to continue on Route 28/Westfield Avenue
- Turn right on Linden Street
- Turn right onto West 1st Avenue

West 1st Avenue westbound to Gordon Street detour:

- Traffic on West 1st Avenue westbound wishing to take the Gordon Street Bridge to Route 28/Westfield Avenue will be directed to turn right on Linden Street, <u>which is approximately 1.5 miles before Gordon Street.</u>
- Turn left onto Route 28/Westfield Avenue

West 1st Avenue eastbound to Gordon Street detour:

- Traffic on West 1st Avenue eastbound wishing to take the Gordon Street Bridge to Route 28/Westfield Avenue will be directed to continue on West 1st Avenue
- Turn left on Linden Street
- Turn left onto Route 28/Westfield Avenue

The \$7.4 million Union County project, funded in part through an NJDOT Local Aid Grant, will replace the 110-year-old Gordon Street Bridge. The new bridge will be wider to allow for a new left turn lane in the center of the bridge, along with one travel lane in each direction. There will also be a 5-foot-wide sidewalk along the east side of the bridge. Other improvements include adding signals and lighting at the intersection of Gordon Street and West 1st Avenue, as well as improvements to the existing signals and lighting at Route 28/Westfield Avenue and Gordon Street. In addition, new sidewalks, curbs, and ADA ramps will be installed, and utilities and drainage upgrades will be made. The project is expected to be completed in the summer 2023.

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 construction updates and real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on Twitter @NewJerseyDOT and our Facebook page.

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