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Fish House Road northbound ramp to Route 7 eastbound to be closed and detoured Saturday

Closure necessary for painting

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced the Fish House Road northbound ramp to Route 7 eastbound will be closed Saturday in Kearny.

From 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday, July 30, NJDOT's contractor, CCA Construction, is scheduled to close the ramp from Fish House Road northbound to Route 7 eastbound in Kearny before the Wittpenn Bridge. The closure is necessary to paint the tower on the west side of the bridge and complete other work in the area. The following detour will be in place:

Fish House Road northbound to Route 7 eastbound detour:

- Motorists from Fish House Road wishing to access Route 7 eastbound will be directed to stay right and continue onto Route 7 westbound
- Bear left onto CR 508 westbound, Newark/Jersey City Turnpike by following signs for Harrison/Newark/I-280/NJ Turnpike
- Take first exit ramp on the right to Route 7 eastbound/Routes 1&9 Jersey City
- Continue onto Route 7 eastbound

About the Project

The Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge over the Hackensack River project replaced 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 <u>five separate contracts</u>. 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 nearing completion. The Newark Avenue ramp in Jersey City, the last major element of the project, is under construction.

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.