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Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge to be closed Saturday, August 19 and Sunday, August 20 Closure necessary for lift span testing

(Trenton) – The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) today announced a full closure of the Route 7/Wittpenn Bridge between Jersey City and Kearny this weekend as testing of the lift span machinery continues. These full closures will continue for most weekends through the summer and into early fall.

Beginning at 5 a.m. tomorrow, Saturday, August 19, until 9 p.m. Sunday, August 20, Route 7 is scheduled to be closed and detoured in both directions before the Wittpenn Bridge to test and make adjustments to the lift span machinery on the new bridge. If the work is completed early, the bridge will reopen sooner. 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 northbound
- 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 to Communipaw Avenue where it bears right to the Hackensack River Bridge
- Follow Route 1&9 Truck southbound across the Hackensack River Bridge
- Turn right onto Central Avenue northbound
- 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 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 [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 nearing completion.

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