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## Route 1&9/Tonnele Avenue southbound lane closure tonight as Hudson Tunnel project advances in North Bergen Closure necessary to install construction barrier and shift traffic for Gateway Project

**(Trenton)** – Route 1&9/Tonnele Avenue southbound is scheduled to have overnight lane closures to shift traffic tonight in North Bergen, Hudson County as part of the Gateway Program Hudson Tunnel Project.

Beginning at 10 p.m. tonight, Friday, April 19 until 6 a.m., tomorrow, Saturday, April 20, and continuing Monday, April 22; Tuesday, April 23; and Wednesday, April 24 at the same time, the right lane on Route 1&9/Tonnele Avenue southbound is scheduled to be closed between Route 3 and the Taco Bell in North Bergen. The closure is necessary to install construction barrier to create a work zone in the right shoulder and to shift traffic. One lane southbound will be maintained overnight.

By 6 a.m. Saturday, April 20, Route 1&9 traffic in both directions will be shifted toward the northbound shoulder. This configuration is expected to be in place for approximately six months. The traffic shift is necessary to construct a new bridge over the new train tracks. The bridge is being built in three stages, with the west side being built first, then the middle of the bridge, and finally the east side of the bridge. The remaining work is expected to take approximately 18 months.

The work is part of the Hudson Tunnel Project as part of the Gateway Program that will replace and update rail infrastructure along a 10-mile stretch of the Northeast Corridor, including building a new two-track Hudson River rail tunnel between the Bergen Palisades in New Jersey to Manhattan. For more information about the Gateway Program, go to <a href="https://www.gatewayprogram.org">www.gatewayprogram.org</a>.

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 <u>www.511nj.org</u> for real-time travel information and for NJDOT news follow us on X (Twitter) <u>@NewJerseyDOT</u> or on the <u>NJDOT Facebook page</u>.

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